

# Opinion: Hunter Biden's laptop shows mainstream media's own information problem | The Washington Post

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When it comes to information, we are no longer one nation, undivided. The problem has been developing at least since 2010, when my friend Julian Sanchez noted the growing “epistemic closure” on the right.

“Reality is defined by a multimedia array of interconnected and cross promoting conservative blogs, radio programs, magazines, and of course, Fox News,” he wrote. “Whatever conflicts with that reality can be dismissed out of hand because it comes from the liberal media, and is therefore ipso facto not to be trusted.”

But those were days of comparative innocence, when it at least seemed as though Americans all wanted one set of common facts. Now when you peer rightward, you discover one of those bizarro-world alternate universes of comic book fame, where Ukraine is faking devastating civilian casualties and Joe Biden isn't necessarily the duly elected president of the United States.

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