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Schools Must Equip Students to Navigate Alt-Right Websites that Push Fake News | The Conversation US

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> More than 60 percent of America's middle and high school students rely on altright internet sites as credible sources for their research papers. The students are using alt-right sites to write papers on topics that range from free speech and the Second Amendment to citizenship, immigration and the Holocaust.

These were among the key findings of a preliminary survey of 200 teachers I conducted recently to develop a snapshot of how common it was for middle and high school students to turn to alt-right websites.

As a researcher who specializes in teaching what is known as "<u>hard histories</u>," including slavery, the Holocaust and other genocides, this finding is of concern, particularly as the nation approaches the one-year anniversary of the <u>tragedy in</u> <u>Charlottesville, Virginia</u>.

Source: <u>Schools must equip students to navigate alt-right websites that push fake news</u>