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Sharing On Social Media May Hinder Assessing Accuracy of News | Psych Central

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A new study finds that our itch to share on social media helps spread misinformation about the COVID-19 pandemic.

The study discovered that when people are consuming news on social media, their inclination to share that news with others interferes with their ability to assess its accuracy.

However, there's good news from the study: While sharing on social media affects news judgment, there is a quick exercise to reduce the problem, according to researchers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and Regina University in Canada.

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