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The Fox News Alternate Reality: The Stories it Covers Obsessively — and Those it Ignores | Vox

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Vox has curated a list of topics and headlines, analyzing how different Fox News is from other major media outlets in its coverage. Reporter Alvin Chang calls this "alternate reality," and leans on recent academic research to demonstrate the effects such an alternate reality might have on partisan sorting and perceptions of facts.

Fox News and its alternate reality is by far the <u>main source</u> of political news for many Trump voters. (The same survey found that Clinton voters did not congregate around a single media source in the way Trump voters did.) And Trump voters who live in the Fox News reality have been shielded from the plethora of reasons Trump is embroiled in scandal. If special counsel Robert Mueller indicts Trump, it will seem unreasonable; if Trump doesn't win reelection in 2020 by a landslide, it will seem like it's because the FBI and mainstream media colluded to smear Trump.

Why does this alternate reality resonate so much with its viewers? And why are those viewers so impervious to any story that clashes with the Fox News reality?

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