

# Do these examples constitute as fake news?

- a) **Fake news is news without sources that can be checked - maybe because the sources don't exist.**

Examples of this could be articles from the infamous 'news' site Denver Guardian. A fake article about a dead FBI-agent involved in Hillary Clinton's email scandal quickly spread via Facebook. The article can be found [here](#).

- b) **Fake news is news that states opinions rather than facts - or states opinions as facts.**

Some of Donald Trump's tweets may be placed within this category, for example the one below about Obama wiretapping Trump Tower.



From Donald Trump's  
Twitter feed:  
<https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/837989835818287106>

- c) **Fake news is news that unintentionally presents wrong data.**

This example is from the 89<sup>th</sup> Academy Awards, 2017, when the film *La La Land* was mistakenly announced the winner of best picture. The mistake was quickly corrected, but several media had still broadcasted this piece of wrong information.



JUST IN: "La La Land" wins Best Picture at the 89th Academy Awards #Oscars 🏆  
[cnn.it/2mtJjO7](http://cnn.it/2mtJjO7)

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From Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/CNN/status/836080753419173888>

- d) Fake news is news that obviously has never happened, exaggerating a tendency in society in order to indirectly criticize this (in a humorous way). This example of [‘Acoustic-Guitar-Wielding-Trump Tells Congress ‘This Here’s The Story Of America’](#) is to be found on the satirical news site The Onion.
- e) Fake news is news that uses right data in a wrong context. The Danish TV- and radio show Detektor and fact checkers in general work to expose the use of wrong data or right data in the wrong context. Especially during political debates, fact checkers play a large role. You can see an example of fact checking from the newspaper The Guardian [here](#).