

# **Watch/Discussion Party**

## **Crash Course: Navigating Digital Information**

### **Episode 3: LATERAL READING**

# **League of Women Voters Mission**

Empowering Voters.  
Defending Democracy

# **League of Women Voters Vision**

We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge and the confidence to participate.

# Kittitas County LWV

- Established in 1968
- Membership open to anyone age 16 and older
- Website: <https://kittitasleague.org>
- YouTube Channel: [LWV Kittitas Channel](#)
- This program will be archived on YouTube, so if you do not want to be on the video, turn your camera off and rename yourself.

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- Trained since high school in research, journalism, debate, technical writing
- BA Anthropology
- MS – Human-Centered Design & Engineering
- 40+ years of patient advocacy

**YOU ARE NOT GOING TO BELIEVE...**

Did anyone read The Oatmeal comic or watch the video? What did you think?

# INFORMATION DOES NOT JUST **APPEAR**

- It comes from someone
- It was sent for a purpose
- It invites an action, reaction, response

# **“The Media”**

- Does not exist
- Is not a monolith



# **There is No Magic Arbiter of Truth**

- Snopes
- Factcheck.org
- Politifact.org
- NPR Factcheck

# Active Information Consumers

- Fact check
- Use lateral reading
- Are skeptical
- Pay attention to emotional responses
- Aware of their biases

# **What We Practice, We Become**

- How frequently do you check up on a story or post or tweet?
- What triggers this behavior?
- What new triggers did this episode suggest?



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**DECIDING**

**WHO TO TRUST**

## **Media Bias/Fact Check**

- Independent media outlet
- Dedicated to educating the public on media bias & deceptive news practices
- Goals: Inspire action, reject overtly biased media & return to an era of straightforward news reporting.

# Thank You

- To view again, visit our YouTube channel, [LWV Kittitas Channel](#)
- For slides/links, visit our blog at <https://kittitasleague.org>
- To continue the discussion, visit our League of Women Voters of Kittitas County on Facebook, @Kittitas\_LWV on Twitter, or @kittitas\_league on Instagram



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