

# Truths and lies: Five concepts of information

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# Knowledge

“Knowledge is justified true belief”

*Plato*

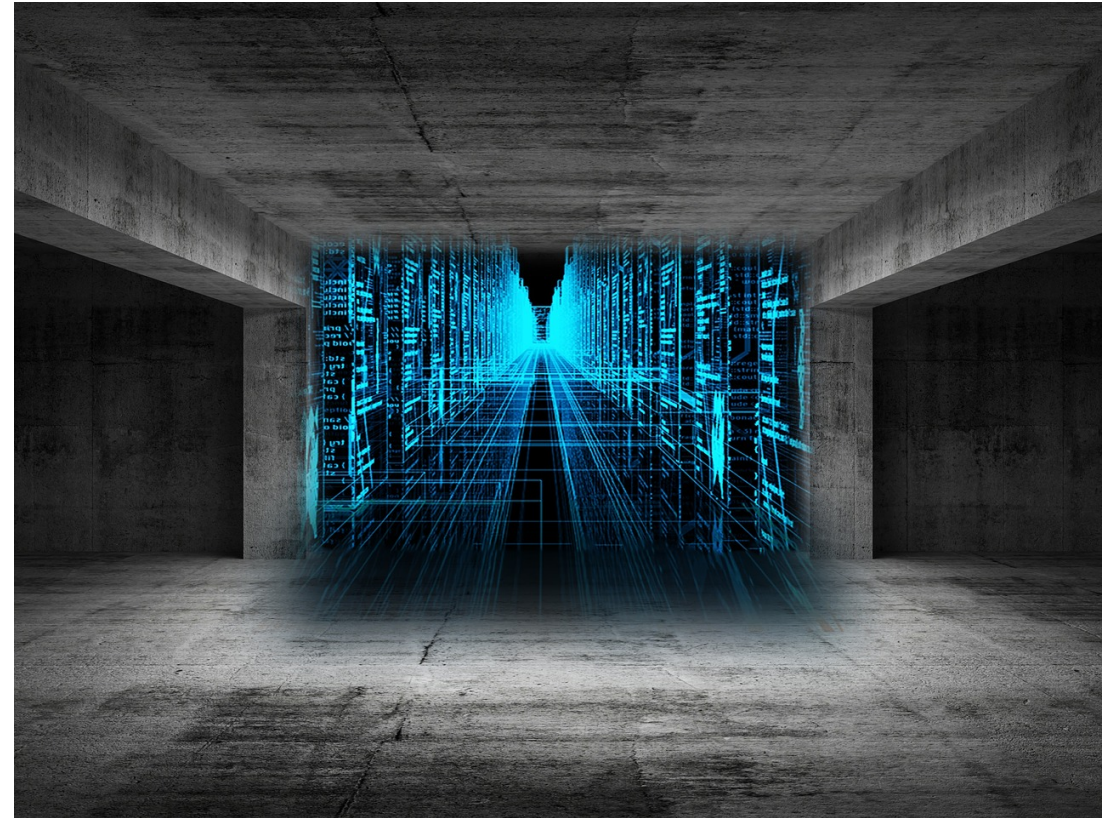


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# Five types of information

- Disinformation
- Misinformation
- Malinformation
- Disnormative information
- Normative information



# Disinformation and misinformation

- **DISINFORMATION**

- Deceptive information
- E.g. propaganda, pseudoscience
- Deliberately false information (OED)

- **MISINFORMATION**

- Inaccurate information
- Partly true, incomplete, inaccurate, uncertain, unclear, ambiguous
- It is not intended to deliberately mislead

- Karlova & Fisher 2013, Kapantai et al. 2021.



# Misinformation and disinformation

	<b>Information</b>	<b>Misinformation</b>	<b>Disinformation</b>
<b>True</b>	Y	Y/N	Y/N
<b>Complete</b>	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N
<b>Current</b>	Y	Y/N	Y/N
<b>Informative</b>	Y	Y	Y
<b>Deceptive</b>	N	N	Y

**Table 1: A summary of features of information, misinformation, and disinformation.**

▶ *Y = Yes; N = No; Y/N = Could be Yes and No, depending on context and time*



# Malinformation

- Reconfigured true information
- Intention is to harm a person, institution, country etc.
- E.g. rumours which actually are true can be an example of malinformation

# Disnormative & normative information

- Normative information = supports the values of society and is equal to majority's opinion. E.g. scientific information, information given by the authorities etc. (Haasio 2015, 2019, 2021)
- Disnormative information = Information which is illegal, against the values of the majority E.g. anti-vaccination information, information encouraging to use drugs etc. (Haasio 2015, 2019, 2021)
- Burnett & Lloyd (2020) speak about Dark Knowledge which is a related concept

# Disnormative information

- The Dark Net (Tor) is nowadays the most important channel where to find disnormative information together with different discussion forums and groups
- Is not a new phenomenon and there has always been printed disnormative information distributed via leaflets etc.
- Disnormative information varies in different cultures
- May also vary at different times
  - Politically correct and incorrect information



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