

# EXAMPLES OF FAKE NEWS RELEVANT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

FOSTERING INTERNET LITERACY FOR YOUTH WORKERS AND TEACHERS WITH A FOCUS ON FAKE NEWS





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#### **EXAMPLES OF FAKE NEWS** RELEVANT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

As we are dealing with the fake news here in the project it is important to recognize how the real fake news look like, faced or confronted by children and young people on an everyday basis. To do this, we have asked European youth to send us the fake news. Below are the examples of topics young people are interested in and through which they are exposed to fake news. They are divided in the following spheres of their interest:

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#### **AREA FUN AND ANIMAL**

#### Ducks are waiting for the green traffic light



Summary: The video shows ducks who are waiting for the green traffic light. The video is video-animated as proofen by gizmodo. (<a href="https://gizmodo.com/thttps://gizmodo.com/thtps://gizmodo.com/thttps://gizmodo.com/thtps://gizmodo.com/thtps:/

Network: Facebook & Twitter Target group: Young adults

Area: Fun / Animal

Link: <a href="https://twitter.com/wawinaApr/status/996347705399001093">https://twitter.com/wawinaApr/status/996347705399001093</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/edsaarland/videos/1687032091373111/">https://www.facebook.com/edsaarland/videos/1687032091373111/</a>



#### **AREA STARS AND SOCIETY, CELEBRITIES**

#### How does Bibi Beautypalace Baby look like?



Summary: May 2018 one of the biggest german youtuber announced that she and her boyfriend Julienco are expecting a baby. This immediately caused speculations among her fans: How does the baby look like?

The fake news was that she posted ultrasound scan in her story, but deleted it a few minutes later. The german text in black says "And NO, i haven't posted an ultrasound picture..." "Everything is FAKE, i haven't posted anything in my Story and deleted it afterwards"

Network: Instagram

Target group: kids and teenagers Area: Stars and society, celebrities

Link: https://www.instagram.com/bibisbeautypalace

### Are they still in love?



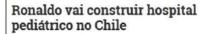
Summary: Breakup stories are quite often posted. Some of them base on fake news, some might be true.

Network: Snapchat/Bunte

Target group: Young people, teenagers Area: Stars and society, celebrities



#### Ronaldo builds a hospital in Chile



Projeto previsto para 2020





Cristiano Ronaldo vai construir um hospital pediátrico no Chile, anunciou a Brafman Associates Law Firm, de Nova lorque, empresa que se ocupa dos interesses do campeão do Real Madrid, citada pela Agência de Notícias Efe.

«O jogador português Cristiano Ronaldo vai construir um hospital pediátrico em Santiago do Chile em 2020», diz o documento, adiantando que o capitão da Seleção Nacional terá como sócio Alessandro Proto, um empresário italiano com quem o jogador já fez transações imobiliárias.

Santiago do Chile será a primeira de outras cidades da América do Sul onde Ronaldo e Proto vão construir hospitais pediátricos, adianta o texto da empresa.

Summary: The news reports that Cristiano Ronaldo will build a pediatric hospital in Chile. The people representing the player guaranteed the falsity of the news.

Network: Facebook, Web

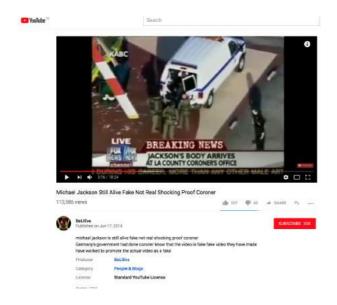
Target group: Young people, teenagers, adults

Area: Celebrities

Link: http://www.tvi24.iol.pt/internacional/made-in/ronaldo-vai-construir-

hospital-pediatrico-no-chile

#### Michael Jackson still alive



Summary: The video published in 2014 claimed that Michael Jackson is still alive and escaped to LA. His mysterious death is still raising discussion between those who believe he is alive and those who do not, in a series of comments under the video. The respectable music magazine New Musical Express claims that it is user BeLiEve who posts regular videos claiming Jackson's death was a hoax, and officially, Michael Jackson is dead and buried, but the discussion still exists and these youtube videos attract many viewers each year.

Network: YouTube

Target group: Young people and adults Area: Stars and society, celebrities

Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0NjtoNOoPEg&feature=youtu.be



#### **Chester Bennington was murdered**



Summary: The news that police investigates into the murder of Linkin Park singer Chester Bennington was fake but shared close to 1 million times on Facebook!

Network: yournewswire.com

Target Group: Young people, adults

Area: Celebrities

Link: <a href="https://yournewswire.com/chester-bennington-murdered/">https://yournewswire.com/chester-bennington-murdered/</a>

#### Dj Avicii and Anthony Bourdain were about to expose pedophile rings





Summary: In the same website, two different people (Dj Avicii and Anthony Bourdain) were about to expose pedophile rings.

Network: Facebook / Web Target group: Everybody

Area: Stars and society, celebrities

Link: <a href="http://www.neonnettle.com/features/1365-swedish-dj-avicii-tried-to">http://www.neonnettle.com/features/1365-swedish-dj-avicii-tried-to</a>

<u>-expose-pedophile-ring-in-video-before-he-died</u>

http://www.neonnettle.com/news/4269-anthony-bourdain-was-about-

to-expose-an-elite-pedophile-ring-before-he-died



#### Vasco Rossi hospitalized after the concert for hard respiratory problems!

Summary: Vasco Rossi is a very popular Italian singer with fan of all ages. Last year in Modena he had a concert and 3 different fake news was created in that occasion. This was the most forwarded and followed.

Network: GenteVIp /FB Target group: social users

Area: Celebrities

Link: <a href="https://gentevip.it/notizie-ultima-ora/vasco-rossi-malore-ricovero-">https://gentevip.it/notizie-ultima-ora/vasco-rossi-malore-ricovero-</a>

e-operazione-dopo-il-concerto-modena-park/208805/

# One of the singers representing Spain in Eurovision is declared "catalan independentist"



Summary: In January 2018, Periodista Digital published an article saying that the singer Alfred, one of the Spanish representatives in Eurovision Song Contest, was pro-Catalonia independence. The newspaper took pictures of his Instagram from years ago, and Periodista Digital showed them as a clear proof of it: <a href="http://www.periodistadigital.com/ocio-y-cultura/musica/2018/01/30/el-pasado-independentista-del-catalan-alfred-el-representante-de-espana-en-eurovision-2018.shtml">http://www.periodistadigital.com/ocio-y-cultura/musica/2018/01/30/el-pasado-independentista-del-catalan-alfred-el-representante-de-espana-en-eurovision-2018.shtml</a>

The director of Periodista Digital launched some messages on social media saying: "This loser will win not win, but you will see how he shows a Catalan independentist flag on the stage to make an independentist joke"

The singer had to declare publicly that he wasn't independentist. Photos were taken years ago, and he changed as well as political reality in Catalonia. He insisted "I am not independentist". Here is his declaration: <a href="http://www.elmundo.es/loc/famosos/2018/02/07/5a7abe3ae2704ebf1f8b457b.html">http://www.elmundo.es/loc/famosos/2018/02/07/5a7abe3ae2704ebf1f8b457b.html</a>

Network: Press release. Twitter

Target group: Eurovision fans, young people, Alfred's followers, Periodista

Digital readers Area: Celebrities

Link: https://twitter.com/AlfonsoRojoPD/status/958440456572063744



#### A popular spanish singer "dies"





Summary: In May 2014, the hashtag #DEPRaphael ("R.I.P. Raphel") became viral in Spain. The influence of such fake new became so high that the public TV announced on news broadcast.

The new also appeared on websites of some online editions of newspapers. However, such publications were fake as well. In fact, a journalist who signed one of the news said that she didn't even write the article: <a href="http://www.elmundo.es/blogs/elmundo/enredados/2014/05/12/la-tarde-en-que-no-murio-raphael.html">http://www.elmundo.es/blogs/elmundo/enredados/2014/05/12/la-tarde-en-que-no-murio-raphael.html</a>

Network: Twitter, newspapers, TV Target group: Raphael's fans, followers

Area: Celebrities

Link: https://twitter.com/search?q=%23depraphael&src=typd

#### Roberto Benigni, Oscar for 'La vita è bella' died!

# «Roberto Benigni è mort in un incidente stradale» ma è una bufala

Lutto nel mondo della TV Incidente stradale Piotello: morto Roberto Benigni Perde il controllo e si schiar contro un camion



di Ida Di Grazia

Venerdì 1 Giugno 2018 12:49 Ultimo aggiornamen 19:42











Summary: This fake news was spread also in other years, actually seems that Benigni died exactly about 3 times in total (in 2014 and 2016). This article was published by different 'fake news maker website'.

Network: http://news24roma.altervista.org and Repubblica.it

Target group: website surfer and social users

Area: Celebrities



#### **AREA FOOD AND DIETS**

#### Detox tea helps to lose weight



Summary: In the account diyfoodys there are lots of diy for making food stuff, also for losing weight. This commercial is clearly labelled as such, but cannot be distinguished among all the other postings. It suggests that this detox tea helps losing weight.

Network: Instagram

Target group: Young girls, teenagers

Area: Food and Diets

#### AREA BODY IMAGE AND SEXUALITY

#### A man in China has sued his wife for bearing him ugly children







Summary: A Chinese man has divorced and sued his wife for £55,000 after discovering she'd had plastic surgery before they met. Jian Feng, 38, was said to have been "horrified" when she gave birth to an ugly baby daughter. He suspected her of having an affair. His wife then confessed to having plastic surgery costing £70,000 in South Korea before they met and showed him a picture of how she used to look. He filed for divorce two years after marrying her following a whirlwind romance. The Heilongjiang Morning Post said Jian successfully sued for deceit.

This item really picked up steam in 2012 when someone finally attached a picture to the story, and it has now been circulating on the Internet for over a decade, periodically resurfacing when some news outlet unaware of its background picks it up and runs it as a current and true news story. More recent outbreaks of this tale typically reference "children" rather than a single daughter and are accompanied by the purported photograph of the family in question, comprising three children

Network: Newspapers, Digital Newspapers, Facebook, Twitter

Target group: Digital readers and Social Media users

Area: Body image

Link: <a href="http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2223718/Chinese-man-sues">http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2223718/Chinese-man-sues</a>

-wife-ugly-court-AGREES--awarding-120-000.html



#### China recognizes the profession of masturbation "nurse" in a sperm bank

# China reconhece emprego de "punheteira"



As senhoras que fazem o serviço não são enfermeras nem profesionais de saúde, são mesm "punheteiras", uma profesão que é reconhecida na República Popular da China.

Nos Estados Unidos por exemplo, fornecem aos homens revistas pornográficas para ajudar ao serviço, na China são mais avancados.

Para isto, elas recebem um salário de cerca de 1200€ e é uma profissão de risco 4, devido à probabilidade de lesão por movimentos repetitivos.

A intenção com a criação desse novo emprego, é diminuir a taxa de desemprego e consequentement aumentar a taxa de doadores nos bancos de esperma.



Summary: China recognizes the profession of masturbation "nurse" in a sperm bank. In the end of this news they have a question: Is it true or false this news? The answer is in the end of the news: It is fake news. There is no such profession in the country. The images are part of a pornographic film.

Network: Facebook, Web Target group: Everyone

Area: Sexuality

Link: https://www.jornaldoestadoms.com/2013/09/china-reconhece-

emprego-de-punheteira.html

#### That is my penis



Summary: This short video suggests that a penis can be so long that the policeman can feel it in the area of a jeans pocket. It is published by one of the many "fails"-accounts, which indicates the fakeness, but does not clarify.

Network: Instagram Target group: boys, men Area: body image, sexuality



#### Is Katja Krasavitche photoshoped?



Summary: Katja krasavice is a very famous youtube influencer from czech republik, mainly active in german speaking world. Her content is nearly soft porn, but never explicit enough to be able to report it. The question is always, whether her images are manipulated (as seen in this screenshot). But the question is, does the audience really care?

Network: Instagram Target group: teenagers

Area: Body image, rumors, sexuality

#### You can do everything with Katja



Summary: This lottery indicates that winners can have private contact with the influencer. But instead it leads to an app, where you have to pay for entering and a chat-bot reacting.

Source: <a href="https://omr.com/de/katja-krasavice-snapchat-abo/">https://omr.com/de/katja-krasavice-snapchat-abo/</a>

Network: Instagram

Target group: Young men/boys

Area: Sexuality, Lottery

Link: https://www.instagram.com/p/BRGcoOVhq3Z/?taken by=katjakrasa-

vice.mrsbitch



#### **AREA SOCIAL NETWORKS AND MANIPULATION**

#### Instagram is so dead



Summary: Social media news are posted by influencer in order to direct their audience.

Network: Snapchat Target group: Follower

Area: Social networks, Manipulation

#### WhatsApp-Chain-Letter: You cannot use WhatsApp anymore

Liebe Whatsapp-user!

Wir, (Das Facebook-team) haben (wie ihr sicherlich schon bemerkt habt) Den kostenlosen Messenger 'whatsapp' für Insgesamt 16 Milliarden Dollar gekauft.

Da wir nun Whatsapp besitzen, wollen wir nur die User haben die Whatsapp auch wirklich nutzen. Deswegen, möchten wir alle die DIESE Nachricht erhalten haben darum bitten, sie an alle Kontakte weiter zu leiten. Geschieht die's nicht, nehmen wir Das als Bestätigung Das dieser User Whatsapp nicht mehr nutzt, und somit wird sein Konto entfernt.

Das Facebook Team hat sich alle Nummern rauskopiert (gestern von ca. 11:30 bis 23:30) Sodass wir alles kontrollieren

Summary: Chainletters in WhatsApp always argue that something bad will happen, if the person does not send this image to at least 5-10 personen. in this case, that the account will be closed.

Network: WhatsApp

Target group: Young children

Area: Social networks



#### Facebook will close accounts containing misspellings...



Summary: If you were told that Facebook is going to close the accounts of users who commit misspellings, possibly you would celebrate it but you would also distrust it. Absurd, right? Well some Spanish digital media gave it as news although, unfortunately for them, it is not true. Apparently, El Universal (online newspaper) took the news of a website that jokes and many journalists replicated it from there.

Network: Online Newspapers

Target group: Facebook and Social Media Users

Area: Social Media, New Trends

Link: http://www.lne.es/vida-y-estilo/tecnologia/2015/04/21/facebook-

cerrara-cuentas-tengan-faltas/1744712.html

#### **AREA HEALTH**

## **Treating Cancer Naturally**



Summary: This accounts suggest that cancer can be treated completely naturally without any chemical support.

Network: Instagram

Target group: Young adults

Area: Health



#### Morgue employee cremated by mistake while taking a nap

# MORGUE EMPLOYEE CREMATED BY MISTAKE WHILE TAKING A NAP



Beaumont, Texas | An employee of the Jefferson County morgue died this morning after being accidentally cremated by one of his coworkers.

According to the Beaumont Police Department, 48-year old Henri Paul Johnson decided to take a nap on a stretcher after working for sixteen hours straight.

While he was sleeping, another employee mistook him for the corpse of a 52-yearold car accident victim and carried him to the crematory.

Summary: The story was fake but was shared on Facebook close to 1 million times.

Network: worldnewsdailyreport.com

Target Group: greater public including youth

Area: Health and accidents

 ${\bf Link:} \ \underline{https://worldnewsdailyreport.com/morgue-employee-cremated-by-}$ 

mistake-while-taking-a-nap/

#### Chemical snow! What are we breathing?

The video shows using 'scientific' (?) method how the snow contains particular metals and focusing to the relation to the chemtrails. But looking to the video there are different elements that deconstruct the news as expalined in: <a href="https://www.wired.it/attualita/ambiente/2017/01/12/neve-metallica-sciechimiche/">https://www.wired.it/attualita/ambiente/2017/01/12/neve-metallica-sciechimiche/</a>

Network: youtube / ATTIVO TV

Target group: Everyone

Area: Health, Government conspirancy Link: <a href="https://youtu.be/zdjiYBFySnA">https://youtu.be/zdjiYBFySnA</a> (video)



#### Babysitter transported to hospital after inserting a baby in her vagina

# BABYSITTER TRANSPORTED TO HOSPITAL AFTER INSERTING A BABY IN HER VAGINA



Cincinnati, Ohio | A 31-year old woman was admitted to the University of Cincinnati Medical Center yesterday after the 14month old toddler she was babysitting got stuck in her vaginal cavity.

Summary: The news was completely invented but got more than 1 million shares on Facebook

Network: Worldnewsdailyreport

Target Group: great public including youth

Theme: Health /sensationalism

Link: https://worldnewsdailyreport.com/babysitter-transported-to-

hospital-after-inserting-a-baby-in-her-vagina

#### Fake sugar cane!

https://youtu.be/xSyUH1YubjE (video)

A video that should present a food industry conspirancy about sugar and rough sugar.

The question is not about the healthiest sugar but about the production process that the video hidden to create a different 'reality' and create a fake fact.

Network: 'alternative information' website

Target group: FB users / specific web site surfer

Area: Health and Food

Link: <a href="http://www.libertadiparola.com/video-zucchero-verita/">http://www.libertadiparola.com/video-zucchero-verita/</a> / FB



#### No deaths by marijuhana ever



Summary: The facts in this post show, that marijuhana is healthy, since no death ever occured. No prove is given or source is shown in the comments.

Network: Instagram

Target group: Young adults, those who consume marijuhana

Area: Health

#### **Bananas infected with AIDS**





Summary: In 2016, there was a well-known fake new saying that we were eating bananas infected with AIDS.

It started in USA, where a lady shared some pictures of bananas with a red colour inside. The lady assured that it was blood infected with AIDS. The rumour came to Spain because it was said that such bananas were imported to Spain from Latin-American countries, so we were all at risk.

The fake new was so spread that even the Police shared a tweet confirming that it was an unfounded rumour.

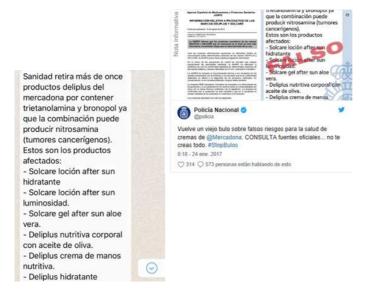
Network: Facebook, Twitter Target group: social media users

Area: Health, food

Link: https://twitter.com/policia/status/686233801140273152



#### Some Cosmetics produce cancer



Summary: In January 2017, an unfounded rumour about Deliplus cosmetics, which are available in the Spanish biggest mall with the highest number of supermarkets (Mercadona), came back. The rumour talked about the risk of getting cancer if you use cosmetics products of such brand. The Police determined that it was fake, and it was announced on social media.

Network: WhatsApp

Target group: Mercadona consumers, Deliplus consumers

Area: Health

Link: https://pbs.twimg.com/media/C242-0vXEAEUkH5.jpg

### AREA LIFE-STYLE, BEAUTY, SHOPPING, FASHION

#### Ikea coupon!



Summary: Fake message and posts about Ikea coupon that was spread in 2016 but that appeared at the beginning of 2018, in two different socials. Note the difference depending on the channel of communication.

Ikea-Italy also needed to make an official press release to declare that it has nothing to do with this.

Network: WhatsApp and Facebook

Target group: WhatsApp and Facebook users

Area: shopping



#### How Italians will get the new Iphone for 1€!



Summary: Fake news spread in Twitter and Facebook trough a 'fake news maker web site' about getting the new Iphone model for 1 euro!

Important to note how the web site uses the same logo of an important Italian information channel and news paper (La Repubblica).

The same post run in Facebook under another fake-page, using the same style of a famous one Fanpage.it followed by a lot of young people ( the link that talk about the cheat <a href="https://tech.fanpage.it/iphone-x-a-1-euro-attenzione-alla-truffa-che-sfrutta-il-nome-fanpage-it/">https://tech.fanpage.it/iphone-x-a-1-euro-attenzione-alla-truffa-che-sfrutta-il-nome-fanpage-it/</a>)

Network: Twitter and Facebook Target group: tech passionate

Link: <a href="https://tech.fanpage.it/iphone-x-a-1-euro-attenzione-alla-truffa-che">https://tech.fanpage.it/iphone-x-a-1-euro-attenzione-alla-truffa-che</a>

-sfrutta-il-nome-fanpage-it/

#### Sale of iPhones for 1 euro



Network: Facebook, Web Target group: young people

Area: technology

Link:

https://tips499.money-and-business.com/pt-rc/ptip1-359/?site=84556&b=Generic&md=Android%20 7.0&ua=Mozilla%2F5.0%20(Linux%3B%20Android%207.0%3B%20 6060X%20Build%2FNRD90M)%20AppleWebKit%2F537.36%20 (KHTML%2C%20like%20Gecko)%20Chrome%2F67.0.3396.68%20 Mobile%20Safari%2F537.36&ct=Lisbon&cty=Portugal&brn=Chrome%20 Mobile&osv=Android%207.0&dt=MOBILE&ip=79.169.20.176&tr=go.bloggateway.com&tsi=bb9800eb-17b4-43d9-b059-8fe770bdee25&bnid=313150 8&hlidx=r3&lpn=t1-pt-ip1-359&voluumdata=deprecated&eda=deprecated& cep=piY4viOSnZI6maOe2eREKP-jMalvEWMGfDgACENchzbsUOyhWlrCOM3o6 rcgSOHVHwUwngxz7yWrg1LaDnJ0uwnSDfnJj6nxbysU0zaggDvug1EL5SMuG LKrOouKNjm5WK8c8DpKXReuX\_dM5sMlrXNIU\_toLOYTMWTq87fvLs03LCOx mInORtda7HbghNBKWYnohgWUHsimPEOMHtj3W0drkDZy3B17qdhoyG2muW e6tFG5ok5iN3qTJ1qql-vD8yrOy-5rjdb1LkXZ4FnVd9-1cNMOYhf0ZbpeDaz0Oeb-0k-n\_CPt5wPoEy74f6eur&widget\_id=84556&content\_id=3131508&boost\_ id=470965&adv\_targets=editorial\_new



### AREA WORLD, TECHNOLOGY AND CRIME

#### Client's mobile phone exploded





Summary: This news reports that a client's mobile phone exploded in his pocket while he was at the mall. Also has a video with a person on fire.

Network: Facebook / Web / Twitter

Target group: Everybody Area: Technology, World

Link: http://www.boatos.org/tecnologia/celular-fogo-bolso-shopping-

video.html

#### Woman accused her 65 cats to steal

#### ELDERLY WOMAN ACCUSED OF TRAINING HER 65 CATS TO STEAL FROM NEIGHBORS



Columbus, Ohio | An 83-year old woman was arrested this morning and accused of training dozens of cats to steal jewelry and other valuables from her neighbors.

The Columbus Police Department opened an investigation on Ruth Gregson and her 65 cats in October after several neighbors reported small objects being stolen from their homes.

Several victims reported being visited by Ms. Gregson's cats before noticing the disappearance of several shiny objects, like valuable cutlery and pieces of jewelry.

Despite their skepticism, investigators began a surveillance operation and were amazed by what they discovered.

According to Columbus Police Chief Kim Jacobs, dozens of cats were constantly coming and going, bringing home "anything that shined",

"She was like Fagin in Oliver Twist, but she was using cats as thieves instead of children. In less than three hours of surveillance, the detectives saw the cats bring home more than a hundred objects."

Network: worldnewsdailyreport.com

Target Group: Everybody Area: World, crime

Link: https://worldnewsdailyreport.com/elderly-woman-accused-of-

training-her-65-cats-to-steal-from-neighbors/



# Learning foreign languages in 2 weeks

# Nova fórmula automática de 2 semanas de Leo Anders para aprender línguas estrangeiras



Leo Anders aprendeu 23 linguas estrangeiras de forma permanente

Leo Anders de 64 anos, poliglota fala fluentemente 23 línguas e apresentou aos portugueses a sua fórmula famosa de 2 semanas para aprender línguas estrangeiras. Permite em tão pouco tempo dominar o material didático que equivale a um curso de línguas de um ano. O método do poliglota sueco lança um desafio às escolas tradicionais de línguas.

Já 75 000 portugueses abandonaram os métodos tradicionais ineficazes de aprendizagem de linguas estrangeiras e juntaram-se a Leo. independentemente da idade, habilitações académicas ou capacidades intelectuals, em apenas 2 semanas poderá ver caras



Joana Sousa foi uma das primeiras pessoas que úsaram a firmaria de aprendizagem automática de 2 semanas de Leo Anders. Graças a ela, começou a dominar a lingua francesa tilo bem que encontrou emprego no estrangeiro e mudou-se para a cidade dos

# Summary:

Website that claims: New Leo Anders 2-week automatic formula for learning foreign languages. Says that Leo Anders is a polyglot who speaks 23 languages.

Network: Web

Target group: Everybody

Area: World / Learning languages

Link: https://fattiquotidiani.eu/formula-dell-apprendimento-linguistico-

automatico-ob-pt/

# Man arrested for Barbecuing Pedophiles to Death





A Florida man was arrested after rounding up pedophiles and burning them alive on a barbecue.

Network: Facebook / Web Target group: Everybody Area: World / Crime

Link: https://www.snopes.com/fact-check/arrest-barbecuing-pedophiles



# Foreign language in 30 days



Summary: This news claims that we can learn a foreign language in less than 30 days. And also claims that science proves that it is possible.

Network: Facebook / Web Target group: Everybody Area: World / Communication

Link: http://bestdailyscience.com/pt/gp1/lingua-estrangeira-em-

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campaign=pt-zemanta-maxcpc-ron-2018-05-29&utm\_target=b1\_

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content=2282562

# Charles Manson to be released on parole



Summary: According to California Board of Parole Hearings Commissioner John Peck, prison overcrowding forced the prison board to re-evaluate prisoners that are elderly or those with serious illnesses. In February a panel of federal judges ordered California Gov. Jerry Brown (D) two more years to reduce chronic prison overcrowding that has cost the state billions of dollars. The News that one oft he US most notorious killer gets released on parole was completely fake, but was share about 1 million times on Facebook.

Network: breakingnews365.net

Target Group: greater public including youth

Area: Crime and World

Link: http://www.breakingnews365.net/59690fb994b9c/charles-manson-

to-be-released-on-parole-to-johnson-county-tx.html



# FBI seizes over 3000 penises during raid at a morgue employee's home

# FBI SEIZES OVER 3,000 PENISES DURING RAID AT MORGUE EMPLOYEE'S HOME



FBI agents made an astonishing discovery this morning while executing a search warrant at the residence of a Houston mortician: 3,178 embalmed human penises.

Summary: The story was completely invented but shared close to 1 million times on Facebook!

Network: worldnewsdailyreport.com

Target Group: greater public including youth

Area: crime and world

Link: <a href="https://worldnewsdailyreport.com/fbi-seizes-over-3000-penises-">https://worldnewsdailyreport.com/fbi-seizes-over-3000-penises-</a>

during-raid-at-morgue-employees-home/

### AREA PROPAGANDA AND POLITICS

"6 Moroccans Refugees brutally beat a young Danish girl in Marbella"



Summary: The Spanish newspaper "El Occidental" on May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2016 published a story about a young woman from Denmark who was attacked by refugees. The same note was published by "La Sexta" National TV Channel on May the 2nd 2016. As evidence of the fact show the video where a group of young people attacking a young woman by hitting her with a bottle. The interesting fact is that for the first time the story about the 15-year-old Danish girl who was attacked in Marbella near a nightclub was published in August 2013. The girl has the same name and age, 15-year-old Nicole Zanlith. But at that time no one cared about the alleged religion of the criminals who had attacked the child, who must now be 18 years old. Indeed, Nicole Zanlith's Facebook profile shows that the young woman is doing well.

Network: Spanish Newspaper & TV

Target group: Spanish and European Citizens

Area: Politics, News, Immigration

Link:

http://www.lasexta.com/noticias/sociedad/ofrece-2000-euros-encontrar-que-agredio-hija-botella-marbella\_20130822572763254beb28d44602 de33.html



# Volcano fears for Brit tourists after 270 earthquakes strike near holiday hotspots Tenerife and Gran Canaria



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Albert Rivera propone la vuelta del servicio militar obligatorio para ninis

Summary: THE popular Brit holiday spots of Tenerife and Gran Canaria could be ravaged by volcanic eruptions - after scientists detected what could be warning signals One of the proposals that the leader of 'Ciudadanos' Party (C's) has proposed to Mariano Rajoy has been the possibility that in Spain he would return compulsory military service for young people over 18 who neither study nor work (Not in Education, Employment, or Training - NEETs). This proposal, according to Rivera, serves to lower the youth unemployment rate in which Spain is the leader in Europe.

Network: Digital Newspapers, Facebook

Target group: Digital readers and Social Media users

Area: Politics

Link:

https://haynoticia.es/albert-rivera-propone-la-vuelta-del-servicio-militarobligatorio-ninis

# President Macron said: "The british were lucky to have had Margaret Thatcher"



Summary: For years there is a quote of President Macron repeated in many media platforms which is something he in reality never said: "The british were lucky to have had Margaret Thatcher" This video (in French) on the ARTE channel in the special emission "Desintox" shows the origins and how it came to this repeated false accusation and how this quote got repeated over and over again.

Network: Twitter & Facebook

Target group: Young people and adults (mainly in France)

Area: Propaganda and politics

Link:

https://www.facebook.com/Liberation/videos/1839144469481005



# Shakira boycotts Israel



Summary: The singer Shakira boycotts Israel and cancels a concert in Israel. Social Media was full of this news, but in reality it's wrong and she had never even scheduled a concert in Israel, as this video (in French) on Desintox explains

Network: Facebook

Target group: Young people and adults Area: Propaganda and politics, Celebrities

Link:

https://sites.arte.tv/28 minutes/fr/israel-boycotte-par-shakira-28 minutes





# Pope Francis Shocks World, Endorses Donald Trump for President, Releases Statement

Summary: VATICAN CITY – News outlets around the world are reporting on the news that Pope Francis has made the unprecedented decision to endorse a US presidential candidate. His statement in support of Donald Trump was released from the Vatican this evening:

"I have been hesitant to offer any kind of support for either candidate in the US presidential election but I now feel that to not voice my concern would be a dereliction of my duty as the Holy See. A strong and free America is vitally important in maintaining a strong and free world and in that sense what happens in American elections affects us all. The Rule of Law is the backbone of the American government as it is in any nation that strives for freedom and I now fear that the Rule of Law in America has been dealt a dangerous blow. The FBI, in refusing to recommend prosecution after admitting that the law had been broken on multiple occasions by Secretary Clinton, has exposed itself as corrupted by political forces that have become far too powerful. Though I don't agree with Mr. Trump on some issues, I feel that voting against the powerful political forces that have corrupted the entire American federal government is the only option for a nation that desires a government that is truly for the people and by the people. For this primary reason I ask, not as the Holy Father, but as a concerned citizen of the world that Americans vote for Donald Trump for President of the United States."

Sources within the Vatican reportedly were aware that the Pope had been discussing the possibility of voicing his concern in the US presidential election but apparently were completely unaware that he had made a decision on going forward with voicing this concern until his statement was released this evening from the Vatican. Stay tuned to WTOE 5 News for more on this breaking news.

Network: Facebook / Web

Target group: USA electors / World

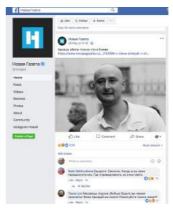
Area: Politics / Religion

Link: <a href="https://web.archive.org/web/20161115024211/http://wtoe5news.com/us-election/pope-francis-shocks-world-endorses-donald-trump-for-president-releases-statement/">https://web.archive.org/web/20161115024211/http://wtoe5news.com/us-election/pope-francis-shocks-world-endorses-donald-trump-for-president-releases-statement/</a>



# Arcadiy Babchenko shot dead in Kiev





Summary: The news of famous Russian journalist in exile Arkadiy Babchenko being shot dead in Kiev, Ukraine, headlined the social media like Facebook and Twitter on 29 May 2018. Many people mourned publicly the murder allegedly done by the Russian secret service and shared the news in their timeline. On 30 May 2018, the news was called fake by the Ukrainian government who confirmed that murder was fabricated in order to spot the killers and that Arkadiy Babchenko is alive. Although it is not a fake news made by the media in the classical sense, it is an example of manipulation with information in order to evoke public reaction. In this case, the role of the media turned out to be the recipients, and not creators, of intentionally false information.

Network: Facebook

Target group: Young people and adults

Theme: Propaganda and politics

Link: https://www.rt.com/news/428167-russian-journalist-killed-ukraine

# A political leader involved in a "popular affair"



Summary: In September 2017, a relevant Spanish journalist (Alfonso Ussia), who has always been linked to conservative political parties and newspapers, launched a fake new saying that Pablo Iglesias (leader of Podemos -left wing political party) was going out with a popular TV presenter, Paula Vazquez. Ussia wrote a poem:

"Irene Montero cries.

and I guess,

that there is a TV presenter.

wanting to become an actress.

who lies on the bed that she misses"

Suddenly, many magazines and newspapers spread the rumour:

After couple of days, the TV presenter published a video with her father to deny such "romance": <a href="https://twitter.com/PaulaVazquezTV/status/908269291283341312">https://twitter.com/PaulaVazquezTV/status/908269291283341312</a>

Network: Twitter

Target group: Alfonso Ussia's followers, voters, Podemos' supporters

Area: Politics

Link:

https://twitter.com/alfonso\_ussia/status/907562580020936704?tfw\_creator=hola&tfw\_site=hola&ref\_src=twsrc%5Etfw&ref\_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.hola.com%2Factualidad%2F2017091399282%2Fpaula-vazquez-pablo-iglesias-rumor%2F



# President cheered for football by playing vuvuzela





Summary: This news states that the former Brazilian president cheered for football by playing vuvuzela in prison. It was an assembly of two photos.

Network: Facebook / Web / Twitter Target group: Brazilian electors / World

Area: Politics / Humor

Link: http://www.e-farsas.com/a-foto-do-lula-torcendo-para-a-copa-

atras-das-grades-e-real.html

# Six sisters pregnant because of asylum seeker!



In Perugia in a Monastery hosting asylum seekers, 6 sisters got pregnant.

Network: Facebook

Target group: Facebook user Area: immigration / Politics



# Old woman slaughtered by immigrants

Questa donna potrebbe essere nostra madre o nostra nonna massacrata di botte dagli extracomunitari che devono spari' dall' italia ......condividete per favore e i tg non ne parlano . CONDIVIDETE



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Summary: "This woman could be your mother or your grandmother slaughtered by immigrants, they must go out Italy...share please and Tvnews do not speak about this. SHARE.

Network: Facebook

Target group: Facebook user Area: immigration/Politics

# Nine years old Muslim children given in marriage and raped. It happens in Padua

Summary: This Fake News affected all Italy and especially our city and nearer Municipalities (Padua is our Province). What is surprised our young contact was that some famous web site, knew as fake news maker web site (VOX, see the upper link), deny strongly that is fake news, trying to give some elements and detail to support the trusthfulnees of the news.

Network: ilfattoquotidiano.it / vox.it /

Target group: website surfer

Area: immigration/violence/Politics

Link: https://voxnews.info/2017/11/22/notizia-confermata-bimba-9-anni-

data-in-sposa-e-stuprata-a-padova/







# The Minions in the film "Despicable Me" were inspired by photographs of young Nazi poison gas test subjects

On 19 July 2015, social media users shared the photograph seen above, along with a caption (translated from Spanish to English) reporting that it depicted young Holocaust victims who were subjected to Nazi gas experiments:

"[MINIONS]" was the name with which you called Jewish children who were adopted by Nazi scientists TO EXPERIMENT WITH THE SAME CYCLON-B gas component used in gas.

Earlier versions of the photograph presented it in a humorous context by tagging it as depicting a live-action film version of Despicable Me from the 1920s.

In actuality the photograph was taken around 1908 (well before the advent of the Nazi Party), and the unusual gear depicted was known as the Hall and Rees Submarine escape apparatus:

Early submarines had a tendency to sink, and a number of accidents before the First World War made the Admiralty look into the possibility of developing an escape apparatus for use by trapped crews. One of these, designed by Captain S.S. Hall and Fleet Surgeon O. Rees, and manufactured by Siebe Gorman, briefly went into production.

It incorporated a canister containing 'Oxylithe', a special chemical which when breathed upon gave off oxygen and absorbed carbon dioxide. In 1903 to 1907 the Swiss Professor Georges Jaubert, invented Oxylithe, which is a form of sodium peroxide (Na2O2) or sodium dioxide (NaO2). As it absorbs carbon dioxide, it emits oxygen. It consisted of a hard helmet and a belted, long-sleeved tunic. Inside the tunic was a canister of sodium peroxide which gave off oxygen while absorbing carbon dioxide. The use of sodium peroxide was an interesting choice as it had a tendency to ignite when wet. The equipment was very bulky and doubts existed about the wearer's ability to exit through the upper hatch of a submarine when wearing it. Despite its workable design, the Hall-Rees apparatus was phased out — one for each crew member simply took up too much room in a cramped submarine.

Network: Youtube, Facebook, Twitter Target group: Social Media users

Area: Politics, history

Link: <a href="https://www.voutube.com/watch?v=wVwaI7wTogY">https://www.voutube.com/watch?v=wVwaI7wTogY</a>

# Catalan school indoctrinating children to promote the independence movement



Nos llega esta imagen. Colegio en les Borges Blanques.

Ayúdanos compartiendo. Os necesitamos. Para los que dicen que no se usan las escuelas como medio de adoctrinamiento en Cataluña.



No, this is not a Catalan school indoctrinating children. A photograph of an independent act that takes place in the street of a town in Lleida is disseminated on social networks as proof that sovereignty is instilled in schools.

"This image comes to us. School in les Borges Blanques [Lleida]. Help us by sharing. We need you For those who say that schools are not used as a means of indoctrination in Catalonia ". This message, shared on social networks and accompanied by an image that undoubtedly shows a Catalan independence act, has been disseminated since Tuesday to denounce that sovereignty is inculcated in schools. Societat Civil Catalana has added a tweet to the complaint. However, the act did not take place in a school, but in a village street.

Network: Twitter

Target group: Social Media users

Area: Politics

Link:

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### He's a Miner, not an "independentist"!



Summary: The photo of the bleeding man, published on Twitter on the 1st of October 2017 during the referendum on the independence of Catalonia, is accompanied by an explanatory text in which it is said that the person was injured in the Barcelona neighborhood of Gracia by a rubber ball (used by riot police) so the resignation of the president of the government of Spain, Mariano Rajoy, was requested. The image served to denounce to the world the supposed excesses committed by the Spanish security forces in their attempt to stop the vote of the Catalan separatists where according to the regional authorities there were more than 800 injured. However, it has a problem: the graphic was taken in 2012 during the repression in Madrid of a protest by miners that ended with 76 injured.

Network: Twitter

Target group: Spanish and European Citizens, Youth and Adults interested in

politics

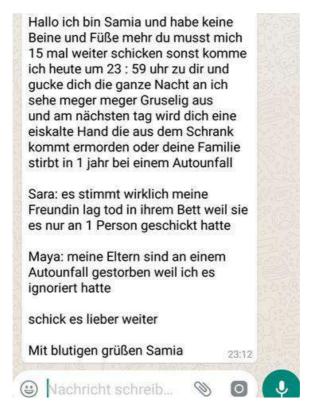
Area: Politics

Link: https://okdiario.com/espana/2017/10/01/independentismo-difunde-

falsas-imagenes-heridos-twitter-1373564

# AREA SCAREMONGERING, HOAX AND GROUP PRESSURE

Horror chain letter via WhatsApp: "Hello my name is Samia ..."



Summary: It is the WhatsApp message by Samia who has no legs and feet anymore. If the message won't send to 15 contacts Samia will visit you at night and kill you. Furthermore your family will die in a traffic accident.

Network: WhatsApp

Target group: Young people Area: Scaremongering

Link: https://www.mimikama.at/allgemein/hallo-ich-bin-samia



# Get 100 new WhatsApp smileys

6 Whats App wird 11Jahre alt. Du bekommst 100 neue Smileys wenn du diesen Brief an 10 andere Leute schickst also auf was wartest du leg sofort los sonst wird Whats App noch 12 Jahre alt also beeil dich

Info: Wenn du diesen Brief an 10 Kontakte geschickt hast Leuchtet dieser Hacken Grün auf!!!

Summary: WhatsApp's 11th birthday is coming up. Send this message to 10 contacts and get 100 new smileys.

Network: WhatsApp

Target Group: Young people

Area: Hoax

Link: https://www.mimikama.at/allgemein/11-jahre-whatsapp-smileys

# WhatsApp Gold update



Summary: Don't install the WhatsApp update Gold. It is a trojan. This message is circulating since 2015. In 2015 it was a justified warning. WhatsApp Gold was a fake-version of WhatsApp. Nowadays it is not relevant anymore. It doesn't exist a WhatsApp Gold-version.

Network: WhatsApp

Target Group: Young people

Area: In 2015 malware was included. For now it is a hoax.



# WhatsApp will charge 0,01€ per message

Desde hoy sábado WhatsApp será facturado. Si tienes al menos 10 contactos enviales este mensaje. Así verán que eres un asiduo utilizador y tu logo se volverá azul y quedará gratuito. Se ha hablado de ello hoy en la prensa. WhatsApp costará 0,01 euro por mensaje. Envía este mensaje a 10 personas. Cuando lo hagas la luz se volverá azul de lo contrario WhatsApp activará la facturación.

Summary: In 2017, there were many fake news about WhatsApp in Spain. In this case, this fake new announce that WhatsApp will charge messages (0,01€ per message). The message says:

"Since today Saturday, WhatsApp will charge you. If you have at least 10 contacts on your WhatsApp agenda, send them this message so they will know you are a regular user. Then, your logo will turn blue and your account will keep free. It appeared on news broadcasts today. WhatsApp will cost 0,01€ per message. Send this message to 10 people. Once you do it, screen will turn blue. Otherwise, WhatsApp will activate the invoicing system"

WhatsApp Spain has denied such news and they have even referred to available information on WhatsApp Spain website, where clearly says that sending and receiving WhatsApp messages are for free:

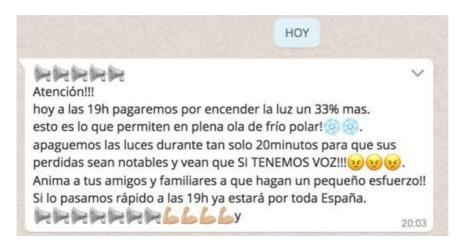
Network: WhatsApp

Target group: WhatsApp users

Area: Hoax

Link: https://faq.whatsapp.com/es/general/20965922/?category=5245246

# Watch out for the Electricity bill!



Summary: It is possible that during this January 8 a chain of WhatsApp has reached you in Spain, calling to turn off the light at 7:00 p.m., as a measure of protest for the rise in the prices of electricity. It may sound to you, because it is not new: this chain also spread massively in January 2017. It was not completely true last year, neither it is now!The message begins by saying that "today at 7:00 p.m. we will pay to turn on the light 33% more". It is true that in 2017 the broadcast of the chain coincided with the highest level of electricity prices since 2013, but this is not the case in 2018: when the message spread in January of last year, prices were around 90 euros per MW / H, while currently, in the same time zone (20:00), they are around 70 euros per MW / H. This means that electricity costs in Spain reduced a 23% in 2018 compared to the previous year (instead of increasing 33%).

Captura de la cadena mensajes que, un año después, ha vuelto a WhatsApp <u>VERNE\_8 ENE 2018 - 20:19 CET</u>

Network: Whatsapp Chain Target group: Social Media users

Area: Hoax, Social Media

Link: https://verne.elpais.com/verne/2018/01/08/articulo/1515434786\_

742426.html



# Do not answer to this number, it is a virus!





# Narcisa Gampacorti

19 mag alle 13:33 · 3

Sta girando la foto di Buffon morto in un incidente non aprite è un virus passaparola Per favore avvisa tutti i contatti della tua lista di non accettare la chiamata di +39-347-6301066 è un virus che formatta il tuo cellulare. Attenti è molto pericoloso.. L'hanno annunciato oggi alla Rai TV. Diffondi più che puoi.





"It is running around a photo showing Buffon died in a crash, do not open it is a virus, spread the word..."

This fake news is about a fake photo of a famous Italian football player that if open will infect your mobile phone.

Also here the recall to important TV channels ('L'hanno annunciato alla Rai TV).

Network: Facebook

Target group: Facebook user Area: Hoax, Social Media

# 500€ Coupon for shopping in supermarkets



Summary: In May 2018, the Spanish Police has warned about a fake coupon of 500€ that Mercadona (main supermarkets' chain in Spain) gifts to people. The reason behind of this coupon is a fraud to get bank accounts information of people.

Network: WhatsApp, Twitter

Target group: supermarket customers

Area: Hoax



#### The new Emoticons



Ciao! Guarda le nuove Emoticon
Animate di WhatsApp :P
Sono Troppo fiche!
http://snip.li/Emoticon

Summary: This messagge about new emoticos that can be download for free was spread regularly since 2015 and is still running. Some of our teens received a lot. Some also said that they received the same kind of message from the same friend (so young people sometimes forgot about the trick).

This is a link on one of several web site that declare this Fake News and explain that is a trick to install virus and malware.

Network: WhatsApp

Target group: WhatsApp users

Area: Hoax

Link: https://www.bufale.net/home/truffa-virus-bellissime-le-nuove-

<u>emoticon-animate-whatsapp-le-viste-scarica-bufale-net/</u>

# WhatsApp as paid service!

### AVVISO IMPORTANTE A TUTTI GLI LITENTI WHATSAPP

I Dopo la nuova vendita del servizio finora gratuito offerto da whatsapp, il nuovo direttore Yong Lin, durante la conferenza a stampa tenuta stamani 03 Gennaio 2018 a Shangai ha annunciato che da sabato mattina 13 Gennaio 2018 whatsapp diventerà a pagamento! Se hai almeno venti contatti manda questo messaggio a loro. Così risulterà che sei un utilizzatore assiduo e il tuo logo diventerà blu e resterà gratuito (ne hanno parlato al tq). Whatsapp costerà 0,01€ al messaggio. **FATE GIRARE** 

Summary: This year Young people we involved in this research receive a different kind (in whatsapp) about getting a new color of whatsapp status by forwarding that specific 'promotional' messagge to avoid the payment of the APP.

02:13 PM

Also here the Fake News Makers put some details to make the message credible "ne hanno parlato al tg" ('TVnews channels talked about it').

This is one of the web site in which this Fake News is declared and explained https://tecnologia.libero.it/whatsapp-a-pagamento-dal-13-gennaio-2018ma-e-una-bufala-18051

Network: WhatsApp

Target group: WhatsApp users Area: Hoax, Social Media



# Need for blood after the earthquake!

Mi hanno chiesto di diffonderlo dal policlinico per il reparto pediatria...
Mi aiuti a diffonderlo? C'è bisogno di sangue A RH negativo x una bambina che sta molto male.. Sopravvissuta al terremoto. Aiutate a diffonderlo.
La referente è Elisa Montagnoli
- tel. 345 0857172. Mandalo ai tuoi contatti WhatsApp per favore. grazie.

Summary: It refers to a request for blood for a kids hosted in the paediatric area of an hospital probably near the cities affected by the earthquake in Centre of Italy 2 years ago. This message appears to some of our young people in different period/seasons.

But the most interesting thing is that it is a message that circulate since 2014; checking in the web the guys discover in different website like this <a href="https://www.bufale.net/home/bufala-serve-sangue-bimba-sta-male-bufale-net/">https://www.bufale.net/home/bufala-serve-sangue-bimba-sta-male-bufale-net/</a> that was spread 3 times in 4 years without discovering any info about the number inserted.

In some cases it appears as a massage spread by AVIS (the National Association for blood donation) or adding/changing details to make them more credible.

This Fake News in wahtsapp runs trough the whole Italy and appears differently in different times.

Network: WhatsApp

Target group: WhatsApp users

Area: Health, Hoax

# AREA NATURE, ENVIRONMENT

# S(N)ow in the Pyramids?





Summary: We love to think of snow in places where a snowflake almost never falls. That is the reason why the last snowfalls in the Sahara, both in 2017 and 2016, have attracted so much attention from the media. Since 2016 a photo on Facebook is circulating in which another place unaccustomed to snow appears in white: the pyramids of Egypt. But it is a montage. The post has been shared more than 300,000 times in a week since it was published. In the comments we find the original photo, edited to make it look like the pyramids are covered in snow. This is the real picture, widely used on the internet to talk about Egypt.

Network: Facebook & Twitter
Target group: Social Media users

Area: Nature, Environment

Link: https://verne.elpais.com/verne/2018/03/05/articulo/1520272578\_

<u>992500.html</u>



# "Mega eruption" of the Teide volcano on the Canary island of Tenerife



Summary: British media outlets have been warning their readers this week of a possible "mega eruption" of the Teide volcano on the Canary island of Tenerife. Alarmist headlines included "Tenerife volcano alert: Shock as 270 earthquakes hit Brit holiday favorite Canary Islands" and "Earthquakes near Tenerife and Gran Canaria spark fears of volcanic eruption." The stories included images of the eruption of the Kilauea volcano in Hawaii on May 3, alongside photos of Tenerife.But these warnings were not repeated by Spanish media, first because there were never 300 earthquakes in the Canary Islands – it was an invention of the British tabloids – and secondly, because there is no threat of an eruption of Mount Teide.

Network: Newspapers, Digital Newspapers Target group: Readers (UK), Digital readers

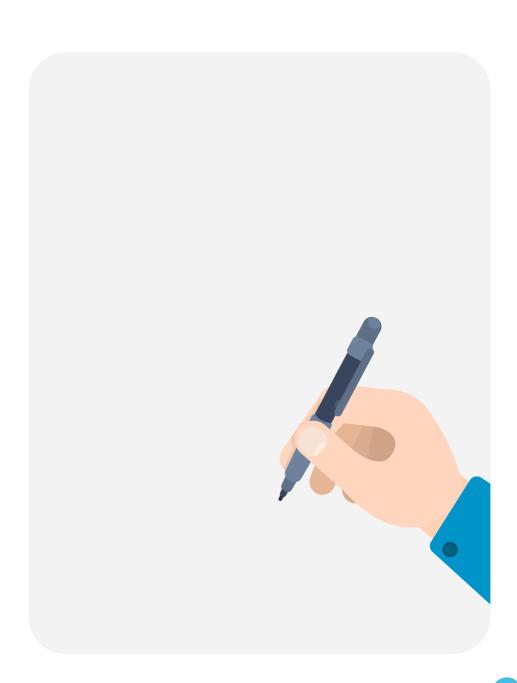
Area: UK, tourism, entertainment

Link: https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/6236222/volcano-earthquakes-

spain-tenerife-gran-canaria-mount-teide/

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