“Fake News” @ the University of Washington

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FIG “Fake News” Lesson Plan

- FIGs are First Year Interest Groups
- About half of all UW first year students enroll in a FIG (>3,000 students)
- FIG Curriculum includes a library research assignment
How One Man Accidentally Killed the Oldest Tree Ever

In 1964, Donal Rusk Currey killed the oldest tree ever. It was a Bristlecone pine, and here's why they live so long.

Students review two news stories

Determine evaluation criteria

Discuss reasons why fake news exists
What is your definition of a credible source?

When poll is active, respond at PollEv.com/lcwhang
Text LCWHANG to 22333 once to join
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Pros:
- Scalable
- Student-led

Next steps:
- Assessment
- More robust/nuanced
Other “Fake News” Activities

- Making Sense of the News exhibit
- Fake News LibGuide
- Going Public Workshop
- Provost’s “Fake News” commission
- UW Bothell and UW Tacoma lesson plans and guides
Thank you!

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