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“…keeping gays from marrying is not discrimination, but an enforcement of God’s idea”


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FAKE!

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Mike Pence - blast from the gay past — with Mike Pence.
“If I were to run, I’d run as a Republican. They’re the dumbest group of voters in the country. They believe anything on Fox News. I could lie and they’d still eat it up. I bet my numbers would be terrific.” – Donald Trump, 1998


http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/election-us-2016-37987306

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Walkerville, MD — An FBI agent believed to be responsible for the latest email leaks “pertinent to the investigation” into Hillary Clinton’s private email server while she was Secretary of State, was found dead in an apparent murder-suicide early Saturday morning, according to police. Investigators believe FBI agent, Michael Brown, 45, shot and killed his 33-year-old wife, Susan Brown, late Friday night before setting the couple’s home on fire and then turning the gun on himself. Brown was a 12 year veteran of the Washington D.C. Metropolitan Police Department before spending the last six years in the FBI.

NPR: We Tracked Down A Fake-News Creator In The Suburbs

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568,000 shares
“It is difficult to get a man to understand something when his salary depends upon his not understanding it”

Upton Sinclair 1935

The advertising industry thinks stories do have influence!

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http://thelittlelowerlayer.weebly.com/upton-sinclair.html
Think before you share! Don’t ‘incite’ things without fact checking

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https://www.facebook.com/theincitement/videos/1451715818191603/
Challenges facing “wisdom of the crowd”

• “Falsehood flies, and the Truth comes limping after it”
  – Jonathan Swift (1710)
• Online media magnifies the speed of spread of falsehood
• Great ingenuity goes into encouraging people to click on news stories and to share them – the evil genius of ad tech
• Anger prevents cool thinking
  – “When your heart’s on fire, smoke gets in your eyes”
• Anger reinforces feelings of “us and them”, and prompts us to signal our connections to the tribes we identify with
• To reinforce our standing within our own tribes, we are ready to deceive ourselves (lowering our standards of reasoning)
• An escalating divisive negative feedback cycle awaits

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To regain “wisdom of the crowd”?

• How can we collectively decide the best restrictions, regulations, subsidies, incentives?

1. Automated, trustworthy real-time fact checkers
2. Prosecutions / fines for misleading political articles?
3. Reasoning coaches (AI reviewing how we argued)
4. Tech to help us think coolly (nootropics, tDCS...)
5. An inspiring, credible, integrative, uplifting vision
   – Technology enhancing human experience (for all)
   – Sustainable abundance for all

Technoprogressive transhumanist vision
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