
Personal Opinion About The Power Of Fake News

The concept that was chosen for this paper is Fake News. Fake News is something new to me in the last couple of years. I have seen plenty of Fake News articles especially around the 2016 U.S. Elections. Fake news can be defined as a political story used to slander an agency, entity, or person. Fake news stories can have consequences to everyone involved. An example of this is that were reports of Pope Francis endorsing Donald Trump.

An example that was found online is about a Neo Nazi named Joshua Witt in Colorado who made a Facebook post claiming he was stabbed in a fast food restaurant parking lot. This was directly after what happened in Charlottesville. This Neo Nazi reported to the police that a black man in his mid-20s, who was 5ft 10in, wearing a green shirt and blue pants was the one who committed the assault. He claimed he was stabbed because he looked like a Neo Nazi and had a haircut like one would. This story was eaten up by the Alex Jones Show, Inside Edition and Fox News. Police figured out this situation was fake due to the fact that he did not have the haircut that he claimed started the altercation. As well as there being no witnesses and nothing being documented on the surveillance cameras. But the cameras did pick up Witt buying a knife. Witt admitted to stabbing himself. He was arrested for making a false report and now faces up to a year in jail and a \$2,650 fine. My only explanation for this to happen is that the Alt-Right are trying to justify their reasoning of holding their white supremacist's rallies all across the nation. This kind of slander promotes violence against African-Americans and does no good for the world. Witt did this because he was seeking attention. Witt was trying to slander African-American men who live in the United States and tried to make everyone believe he was attacked because he looked like a Neo-Nazi. This is a prime example of Fake News and we should not believe everything and anything people put on the internet. He wanted to create reason for the Neo-Nazis to attack these innocent African-American men. What Witt did is extremely terrible, he deserved the punishment he got.

Every article I have read has strong opinions against what he did. Saying that if you accidentally stab yourself don't blame it on others. Witt overreacted tremendously after accidentally stabbing himself. This man is the scummiest kind of person on the planet for falsifying a report to get an innocent man in trouble with the law. African-Americans are already living in fear after what has been going on in Charlottesville and this story could spark some more attacks in the near future. All in all, Joshua Witt created a story about being attacked by a black man because he looked like a Neo-Nazi. His reports were false and he ended up having to serve up to a year in jail and pay a fine of \$2,650. Witt did this because he wanted to gain national attention and create some sort of spark so that the Neo-Nazis have something to use as a reasoning to keep on protesting. What he did was so wicked and he overreacted after stabbing himself. He created this fake scene to get an innocent black man in trouble.