

## Pentagon Joins the War on Alternative Media

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"Fake news" is so threatening to America's national security, the Pentagon's DARPA research agency has announced it will launch a project to repel "large-scale, automated disinformation attacks," according to <u>Bloomberg</u>.

The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency wants custom software that can unearth fakes hidden among more than 500,000 stories, photos, video and audio clips. If successful, the system after four years of trials may expand to detect malicious intent and prevent viral fake news from polarizing society.

As usual, a translation is in order. DARPA is working on a system that will prevent news and analysis contrary to the establishment narrative from rising above the mosh pit that is the lower depths of social media.

U.S. officials have been working on plans to prevent outside hackers from flooding social channels with false information ahead of the 2020 election. The drive has been hindered by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's refusal to consider election-security legislation. Critics have labeled him #MoscowMitch, saying he left the U.S. vulnerable to meddling by Russia, prompting his retort of "modern-day McCarthyism."

It should be obvious there isn't any "election-security." Even with alleged Russian interference—which has zero credibility and is remarkably evidence-free—can't overcome the fact the election system is rigged in favor of the establishment's handpicked "public service" careerists. **Bernie Sanders** knows about this and **Tulsi Gabbard** is learning.

No amount of "fake news" will change or even marginally impact the system. An astute eleven-year-old, after examining the evidence or lack thereof, would conclude the Russians are not hijacking elections. That job is left up to the DNC, RNC, and the corporate propaganda media.

President Donald Trump has repeatedly rejected allegations that dubious content on platforms like Facebook, Twitter and Google aided his election win. Hillary Clinton supporters claimed a flood of fake items may have helped sway the results in 2016.

Hillary Clinton followers are simply sore losers. In order to push the fallacy we live in a pluralistic democracy, the state provides the appropriate cover to effectively obfuscate the "deep fake" that is performed every election cycle.

This cover allowed Donald Trump to win the election. Trump didn't collude with the Russians, he didn't need to. He took advantage of the widespread discontent of the American people and promised the Make America Great Again.

Beyond Trump's egotistical flourishes and daily tweet diatribes against enemies real and imagined, he has done little to move the MAGA agenda forward. He is little different than his predecessors—the national debt is in the stratosphere, the wars continue and expand, and the Federal Reserve scam of pumping up the stock market to make it appear all's well while facilitating the upward shift of wealth to the elite.

But never mind that.

"Where things get especially scary is the prospect of malicious actors combining different forms of fake content into a seamless platform. Researchers can already produce convincing fake videos, generate persuasively realistic text, and deploy chatbots to interact with people. Imagine the potential persuasive impact on vulnerable people that integrating these technologies could have: an interactive deepfake of an influential person engaged in Al-directed propaganda on a bot-to-person basis," **Andrew Grotto** at the Center for International Security at Stanford University told Bloomberg.

Because "vulnerable people" are supposedly at risk, the state and its agencies are prepared to implement some sort of fantastical (and likely ineffectual) Al solution to stop unacceptable content from going viral.

The target is not Russians per se, it's millions of American citizens the state and its secret political police, the FBI, are attempting to prevent from participating in social media and the larger political discussion that is ostensibly democratic but is, in fact, a form of hippodroming, that is to say rigging the political process for a favored outcome by the fixers.

Meanwhile, the state and its Silicon Valley partners are picking off targets one by one, the latest victim being Daniel McAdams at the Ron Paul Institute. His account was permanently suspended for the crime of criticizing Sean Hannity.

"They said I would not be reinstated. My crime? I called Sean Hannity 'retarded.' But do a Twitter search on use of the term and you will see its use millions of times with impunity," <u>McAdams emailed</u> Robert Wenzel after the suspension.

The corporate propaganda media has marginalized dozens of people and ruined careers and reputations by characterizing them as white nationalists, peddlers of fake news and conspiracy theories, and now, directly from the FBI, as national security threats, evil conspiracy-bearing domestic terrorists bent on filling every American head with the illusion of "deep fakes," fomenting and spreading lies, misinformation, participating in Russian collusion, and keeping company with bad actors (paid agents or dupes for Russia) steering the nation into a white supremacist nightmare.

I was wrong about Hillary. I thought she'd win the election hands-down with the help of the Deep State and its media. I'm making another prediction, but I could be wrong again.

**Donald Trump** will be roundly defeated next November.

If Democrats take control of the House and Senate, we will witness an inquisition against those of us not on-narrative, beginning with revenge exacted on hardcore MAGA supporters. How effective this jihad is will remain to be seen.

As we have witnessed over the last few months, the state is serious about taking back the narrative and disallowing any contrary narratives put out by "bad actors," largely libertarians like Daniel McAdams, dissidents on the "New Right," and disillusioned former MAGAites opposed to endless war and a bankster-dominated state drifting into total authoritarian control freak mode.

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