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## Fake News in Contemporary Science and Politics

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- Explores both the scientific and political ramifications of living in a post-truth world
- Discusses the consequences of the current 'infodemic' and the way in which alternative facts have replaced reality
- Details how informational warfare has destabilised models of governance and contributed to emerging autocratic populism

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