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How Do I Survive in an Era of “Fake News”



President Trump frequently uses the term “fake news” to mock news outlets and reporters who provide unfavorable coverage of him. This practice and his antagonistic relationship with select media is intended to erode trust in a free press, often called the “fourth branch” of government by political scientists. Are Trump’s attacks eroding the operations of the press that is protected by the First Amendment? How can conscientious citizens spot and protect themselves from actual “fake news”?

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