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The Forth
Estate

Media fun
facts

Fake
News

THE FORTH ESTATE

- When referring to fourth estate, you are referring to journalists as a whole. The fourth estate encompasses all of those who report the news. The first use of the term was by Edmund Burke in 1787 during a debate in parliament. It is used to accentuate the freedom of the press, not to be confused with the term "fourth branch" which proposes that they are not free from the government.
- The press is called the fourth estate in the United States usually because they observe the political process. They do this to make sure the participants do not exploit the democratic system. They play a crucial role in the outcome of political issues and candidates.

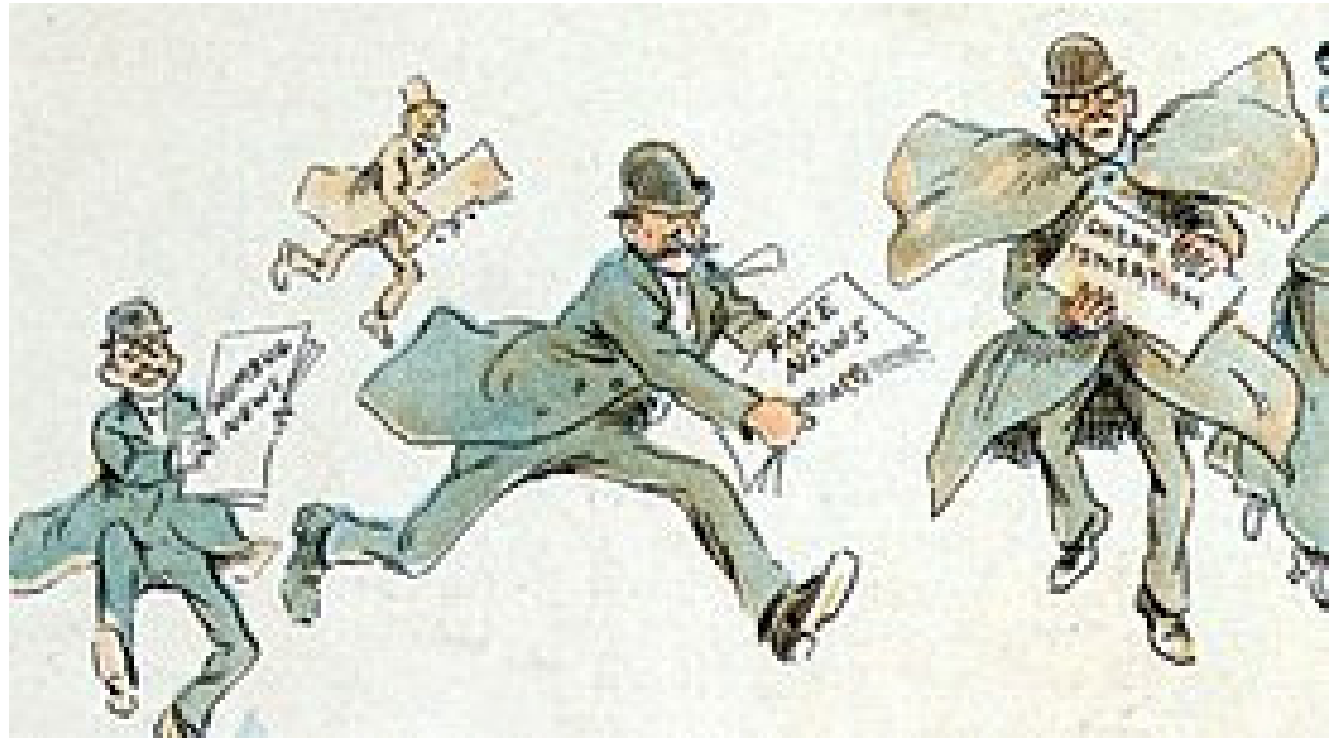


REMEMBER HOW NEWS USED TO BE?

- 3 Television Stations + PBS
- Everyone read newspapers



REPORTERS
WITH VARIOUS
FORMS OF
"FAKE NEWS"
FROM AN 1894
ILLUSTRATION
BY FREDERICK
JURR OPPER



Ask yourself

- Why are you interested?
- Why is this information being posted?
- Who's behind the information?
- What's the date of the information?

Analyze

Fact check help is here:

<http://factcheck.org>



<http://politifact.com>



<http://www.snopes.com>



<http://washingtonpost.com/news/fact-checker>

Fact Checker

Check sources

Did someone send this to you?
If so, do you trust that person?

If it's something on your
Facebook account, is it news?
or an ad?

Is someone sharing it?

Are the facts true?

Do you have doubts?

Check your local library!

Talk with your librarian!!

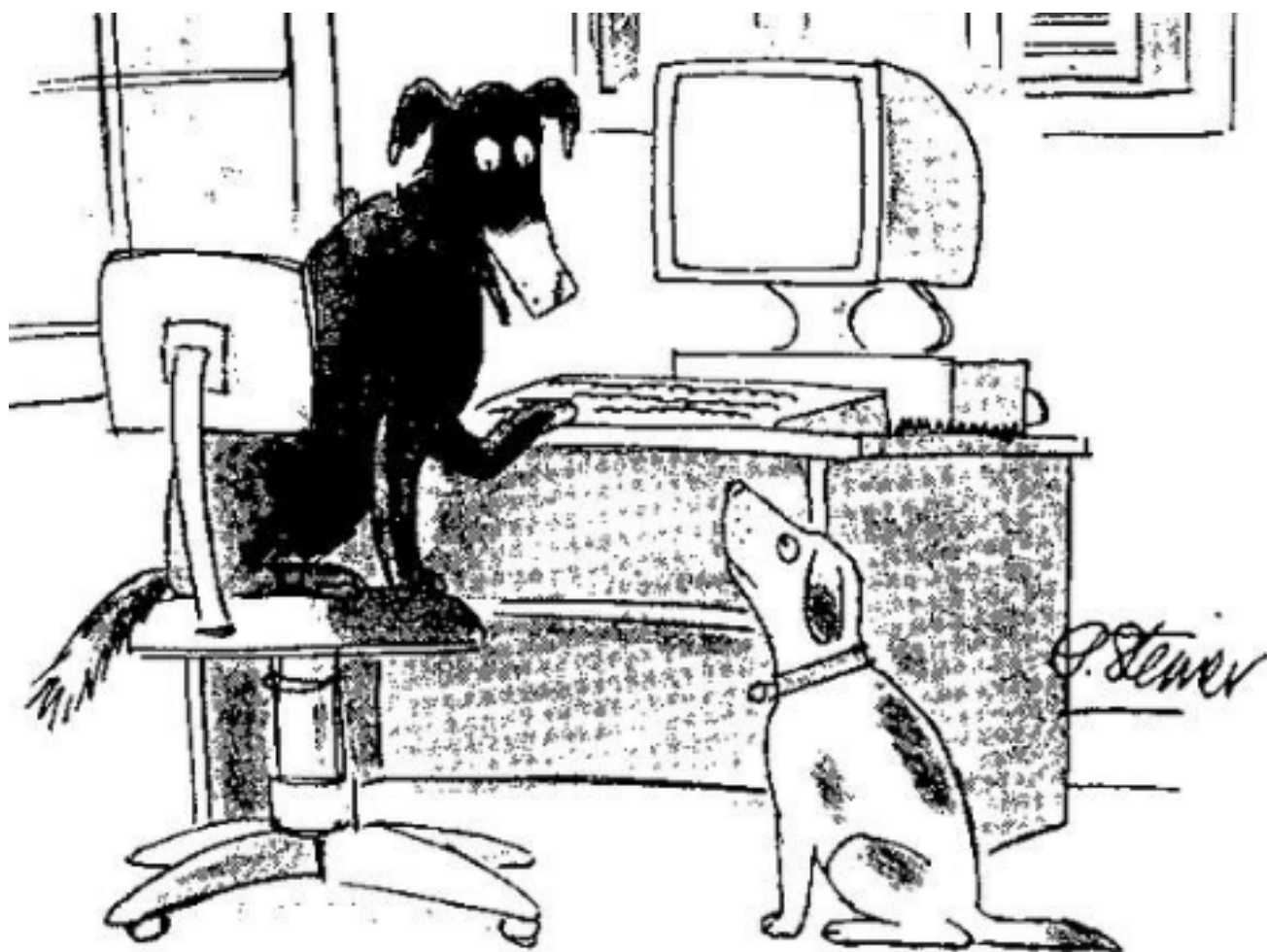
Think it through

Could what is reported really
have happened?

Could the information be

- propaganda or
- satire or
- humor

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"On the Internet, nobody knows you're a dog."