

Why Do Our Brains Love “Fake News”?

Watch the following KQED video -- [Why Do Our Brains Love Fake News?](#) In this video, host Myles Bess shares some key research on why our brains can so easily make us believe that “fake news” is real. After watching, fill out the video column of the following chart:

Reflective Questions	Video -- Confirmation Bias and Your Brain!	Infographic -- Civics in a Partisan Age
1) Summarize the piece in 2-3 sentences.		
2) Do you think we are hardwired to believe what we want to believe regardless of the facts? Why or why not?		
3) Do you think facts can change our minds? Why or why not?		
4) Do you think it's harder in the digital age to tell whether news is real or fake? Why or why not?		
5) What do you think we can do to prevent confirmation bias from clouding our judgement?		

Next, read and analyze the following infographic based on a recent study of approximately 2,000 youth nationwide: [Civics in a Partisan Age: Media Literacy and the Challenge of Misinformation.](#)

Then write your responses to the reflection questions above in the infographic column.

