List of Known Misinformation and Disinformation Regarding Corona Virus in Social Media IDeaS Center and CASOS Center – Under Direction of Dr. Kathleen M. Carley Last updated 3/23/2020

Stories containing inaccurate information regarding COVID 19 fall into at least three categories:

- 1) Stories relating inaccurate information about cures or preventative measures or treatments that make it worse
- 2) Stories relating inaccurate information about the nature of the virus
- 3) Stories relating inaccurate information that are conspiracy stories
- 4) Stories relating false diagnosis procedures
- 5) Stories relating inaccurate information about emergency responses
- 6) Stories relating inaccurate but funny or feel

21. having a pneumonia shot will prevent

- 64. Arsenic album 30 homeopathic medicine can prevent coronavirus
- 65. Drinking boiled garlic water cures
- 66. A bovine vaccine can be used to inoculate people against coronavirus
- 67. Shaving your beard prevents
- 68. Turkish raki prevents
- 69. Constant sex kills coronavirus
- 70. An alkaline diet prevents
- 71. Volcanic ash kills coronavirus
- 72. Ketamine can cure
- 73. Putting an opinion in your room can prevent
- 74. Black tea can prevent
- 75. Pu'er tea can prevent
- 76. Environmental enzymes can prevent
- 77. Cocaine kills coronavirus

Nature of Virus or Disease

Stories relating inaccurate information about the nature of the virus

- 1. Corona virus is just a cold
- 2. Covid 19 is a normal flu and is no more dangerous than that
- 3. Children cannot catch corona virus
- 4. SARS CoV 2 is mutating faster than normal viruses
- 5. Pregnant women who have Covid 19 can pass the virus through the placenta to the unborn child
- 6. Covid 19 only affects the elderly
- 7. The SARS CoV 2 virus can be transmitted through mosquito bite
- 8. Africans are immune
- 9. Vegetarians are immune
- 10. People in India can resist the coronavirus
- 11. People with type A blood are more prone to get coronavirus
- 12. Everyone with Covid 19 dies
- 13. There is no corona (virus)
- 14. This is "fake news" invented by Trump to strengthen the dollar
- 15. Chloroquine in any amount can cure Covid 19
- 16. The outbreak of covid 19 is not real
- 17. COVID 19 breeds rapidly in toilet paper
- 18. Turks area immune to covid 19
- 19. Coronavirus is caused by snakes
- 20. Coronavirus activates all bacterias and viruses in your body

Conspiracy theories including bioweapons

Stories relating inaccurate information regarding weaponization or other conspiracies

- 1. It was created in a lab
- 2. It is a US/CIA created bioweapon
- 3. It is a Chinese bioweapon
- 4. It is a Russian bioweapon
- 5. It leaked from a bio weapons lab in China
- 6. It leaked from the Wuhan Institute of Virology in China
- 7. It was caused by an infected rat biting a student in the Wuhan Institute of Virology in China
- 8. March 12, Ayatollah Khamenei falsely claimed that there is evidence that COVID 19 might be a "biological attack."
- Electromagnetic fields and the introduction of 5G wireless technologies led to Covid 19 outbreaks
- 10. Washing hands is propaganda by soap companies
- 11. This was a plan from Gate Foundation to increase the Gate's wealth
- 12. Qatar knew abut Covid 19 since 2015 and Doha paid billions to China to "grow the virus"
- 13. Corona virus is being spread by Coca Cola
- 14. US military brought the virus to Wuhan on October 2019
- 15. Bill Gates and Vatican have a plan to depopulate world with coronavirus vaccine
- 16. Saddam Hussein in 90s told his cabinet that US threatened to spread coronavirus if he didn't follow US commands
- 17. Cuba gave a vaccine to China
- 18. Cuba has a vaccine called Interferon
- 19. Israel found the cure
- 20. China finds a vaccine 3/17
- 21. Institut Pasteur in France invented COVID 19
- 22. COVID 19 is no worse than other outbreaks, it is just being hyped to hurt Trump
- 23. COVID 19 is a scripted narrative to justify closed borders
- 24. COVID 19 is a scripted narrative to force people to stay at home
- 25. Egypt developed cure (doctor developed a fluid)
- 26. Egypt gave China the vaccine
- 27. US has 40 thousands troops immune to COVID 19 conducting an invasion of Europe
- 28. CDC admits coronavirus originated in the US
- 29. Cow urine and feces can cure
- 30. COVID 19 was created in 2014 by an English Institute
- 31. Ecuadorean doctor develops vaccine 3/3
- 32. Filipino student develops vaccine and gets 5million US from Alibaba founder Jack Ma
- 33. Raúl Rodolfo Abhduz Khan, biochemical engineer from Karmalah Laboratories, is the creator of coronavirus.

29. Chinese coronavirus patients are being cremated alive 2/25

Good News Stories

Stories relating inaccurate but funny or feel good stories

- 1. Pandemic caused Venice's water to be clear so the swans returned
- 2. Pandemic caused Venice's water to be clear so the dolphins returned
- 3. Elephants break into a village due to social distancing and get drunk on corn wine