

Misinformation and Disinformation Regarding Corona Virus in Social Media
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There is no doubt that a global pandemic is a scary phenomena. Hence, it is not surprising that many stories regarding the event will surface and be communicated. For COVID 19 a number of stories containing inaccurate or misleading information have populated social media. We list here the stories of this type that have been identified. Whether they are being spread by those knowing they are inaccurate maliciously, as a joke, or simply to discuss the inaccuracy is under study at this time. The point here is simply that these stories are not accurate.

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

- 1) Stories relating inaccurate information about cures or preventative measures
- 2) Stories relating to the virus. Such stories have not been tracked

a list of stories of each type.

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relating inaccurate information about cures or preventative measures
gargling with bleach will prevent/cure – also appears as satire
drinking corona beer will prevent/cure – also appears as satire
taking acetic acid will prevent/cure
taking steroids will prevent/cure
taking colloidal silver will cure
taking MMS (which contains chlorine dioxide) can cure
using essential oils will prevent
gargling with salt water will prevent/cure
gargling with ethanol will prevent/cure
eating raw garlic will prevent
spraying normal drinking alcohol on body will prevent
spraying chlorine on body prevents coronavirus
drinking or washing in sesame oil prevents coronavirus
using a hand dryer will kill corona virus
drinking water every 15 minutes will wash virus to stomach where it will die
drinking

using cocaine prevents/cures

2) Stories relating inaccurate information about the nature of the virus

Corona virus is just a cold

Covid 19 is a normal flu

Children cannot catch corona virus

3) Stories relating inaccurate information about weaponization and the bio engineering of
COVID 19

about information