

Misinformation and Cost of it

Outline

(a) Introduction

Thesis Statement: Misinformation is caused by cross border propaganda, media illiteracy, and social media algorithms. Its consequences includes social turmoil, reduced trust in government institutions, and it threatens journalism.

(b) Causes of Misinformation

- i) Misinformation is caused by cross-border propaganda, by enemy state to create provocation.
- ii) The lack of media literacy is contributing in misinformation.
- iii) Absence of state wait in misinformation spread is contributing in its proliferation.
- iv) Social media algorithms amplify misinformation resulting in its spread.
- v) To gain political leverage false narratives are spread to distort public understanding.

(c) Consequences of Misinformation

- i) Misinformation is resulting in social turmoil by increasing sectarianism and polarization.

(ii) Misinformation is reducing people trust in governing institutions as it polarize the people and creates confusion. As it polarizes

(iii) Misinformation threatens journalism by making people skeptical and eroding trust.

(iv) Misinformation is a significant non-traditional threats as it undermines national security.

(v) Misinformation is adversely affecting the health sector.

(d) Conclusion.

In the World Economic Forum's Global Risks Report 2025, misinformation and disinformation ranks as the top short term risk and fifth is a severe in the long term risk. Misinformation is a global global threat and its impacts are significant in developed as well in developing countries. The causes of misinformation includes lack of media literacy in people and social media algorithms. Moreover, misinformation is also spreading due to cross border

phenomenon by enemy states to undermine the state's progress. In addition to this, some populist spread misinformation to gain political leverage. Consequences of misinformation include reduced people trust in governing institutions and government. It threatens the mainstream media and journalism as it makes people skeptical; and causes confusion. Further, it has become a significant non-traditional threat to states as it undermines the national security. Misinformation caused by crossborder propaganda, media illiteracy, and social media algorithms. Its consequences includes increased social turmoil, reduced trust in government institution, and threatens journalism.