# AVOIDING A HOAX DURING PANDEMY COVID-19

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### Abstract

A hoax is a falsehood deliberately fabricated to masquerade as the truth. It is distinguishable from errors in observation or judgment, rumors, urban legends, pseudosciences, and April Fools' Day events that are passed along in good faith by believers or as jokes. You understand by now that fake news and other types of false information can take on different faces. They can also have major impacts, because information shapes our world view: we make important decisions based on information. We form an idea about people or a situation by obtaining information. So if the information we saw on the Web is invented, false, exaggerated or distorted, we won't make good decisions. This paper was wrote for tells wherever people in the world to looking for to the trustable sources before they share the unkown information by serving a sample of 242 fake news item was collected from Meldita based on the Criteria and danger With this writing, he hopes that before spreading the news it is better to look for reliable sources as well as educate the public, especially Indonesia to be more careful in spreading the news, because it will be dangerous if we spread hoaxes and it will be misused by certain people.

**Key words:** Fake, Danger, Trustable, Hoaxes

### INTRODUCTION

Have you ever received the information especially during this Pandemy Covid-19, but you don't know where the information from, or what the source is (Ahluwalia, 2020; Guru et al., 2021; Isnain et al., 2021; Panganiban1 & Madrigal, 2020). If yes, you are one of the target victim of Unfactual information or Hoax (Mastan et al., 2022; Nani et al., 2021; Susanto & Puspaningrum, 2019). Based on your experience, after that what did you do? Share it to your friends by What's App group, looking for the source, and check out those information is unfactual or factual, or just let it be since you don't care of that, and it's ignoring you (Dealer et al., n.d.; Dewi et al., 2021; Ismatullah & Adrian, 2021). As we know that hoaxes are wrong news and do seem to be made up deliberately by certain individuals and for certain purposes which of course, as we already know, the aim is to make public fooling, which is to plunge the community, and the worst effect of hoaxes (Jasmin, 2021; Kurniawan & Susanto, 2019; Nani & Lina, 2022). This is causing social unrest, and this must be prevented or someone must be in charge of preventing hoaxes and catching the mastermind behind this hoax (Arief Budiman et al., 2021; Hendrastuty, Ihza, et al., 2021; Yanuarsyah et al., 2021).

Since we know after Corona Virus has outbreak especially here (Indonesia) there are many hoaxes that spreading through the Internet (Hootsuite, 2019; Novitasari et al., 2021; Satria & Haryadi, 2018). Unfortunatelly many Indonesian people believed it, and directly did broadcast to others (A Budiman et al., 2021; Febrian et al., 2021; Novitasari et al., 2021). It is bad, if this situation is still go on (Hendrastuty, Rahman Isnain, et al., 2021; Munthe et al., 2018; Strategi Pengembangan Bisnis Usaha Mikro Kecil Menengah Keripik Pisang Dengan Pendekatan Business Model Kanvas, 2020). Indonesian people gonna blind of the factual information, and if this accident is still going that will be danger, because what is feared is that this will be used by irresponsible elements, and are only looking for profit to spread this news (Fadilah & Kuswoyo, 2021; Purwaningsih & Gulö, 2021; Utami & Rahmanto, 2021). Now here, I have prepared one of the example a Hoax during Covid-19 "Minum air putih tiap 15 menit" (Alita, 2021; Novawan et al., 2020; Suprayogi & Pranoto, 2020). Information on social media is also circulating, citing a "Japanese doctor" who drank plain water every 15 minutes to eradicate the virus in the mouth. However, there was no biological mechanism to support the idea that 15 minutes of drinking water could eradicate the virus (Adhinata et al., 2021; Nabila et al., 2021; Sari & Oktaviani, 2021). Corona virus can enter the body through the respiratory tract (Isnain et al., n.d.; Liu et al., 2020; Sohrabi et al., 2020). Although it is possible to enter through the mouth, that does not mean that drinking water in this way can killpeople (Gumantan et al., 2021; Oktavia & Suprayogi, 2021; Risten & Pustika, 2021).

## LITERATURE REVIEW

That is an example of a Hoax especially cummon hoax ,that the most hoax which broadcasted in social media (Lina & Permatasari, 2020; Rahman Isnain et al., 2021; Tuhuteru, 2020). This is why it provides education about hoaxes, how to avoid them, and what you need to do when you find hoax news like this (Juliarti et al., 2021; Putri, 2021; Sulistiani et al., 2021). To ordinary people this is very important, because otherwise it will be dangerous if people continue to be consumed by hoaxes, especially seeing the current situation (Juliarti et al., 2021; Lina & Ahluwalia, 2021; Schrape, 2018). Sharing health-related information is normal. We want to prevent the spread of infection and tackle the problem by supporting each other (Anuar et al., 2020; Febria Lina & Setiyanto, 2021; Mahfud & Gumantan, 2020). This is generally done with good intentions. Sometimes people trust and share information even though it is not trustworthy. We may do this

because the information is similar to our own beliefs or views, there is a sense of urgency to help others, particularly with the elderly or vulnerable during the COVID-19 pandemic, it seems accurate because other similar information and announcements have been shared online.

### **METHOD**

Researchers are currently interested in carrying out research. How would it be if Hoaxes occurred during this Covid-19 pandemy. Because he once received false information about how to prevent Covid 19, as previously reviewed in the Introduction section why this article was written. In a difficult situation like this, it turns out that there are still those who use it to look for a mere sensation, when everything is difficult and worried that this hoax can worsen the situation, which must be handled quickly and the truth of the news is sought. for some reason it's a little hard to know. Has this hoax reached the community? then has the public started to be affected by this fake news. Like inflamed hoaxes about "holding your breath for 15 seconds can reduce the risk of contracting the corona virus. But the facts: Covid-19 detection is not as easy as detecting the common cold or checking pregnancy with a testpack. Equipment to detect Corona virus infection is configured for research laboratories. In Indonesia., examination of the Corona virus case consists of eight steps, starting from taking, sending, to examining patient samples. Patient specimens are examined using the RT-PCR (Real Time - Polymerase Chain Reaction) method and sequencing according to journals that have been published with specific targets for the corona virus. Covid-19. The results of this examination will come out in 1-2 days. Thus, detection of the Corona Covid-19 virus cannot be done alone by taking a breath and holding it for more than 10 seconds. Literacy and knowledge about misinformation and hoax is needed to stop the chain that will mislead people.

To find out the opinions and also the experience of some people, researchers conducted research using qualitative data. The researcher use Google form questionnaire to collect the data with the type Mixing question. This paper will conduct a research on how the public perception (Academic writing class students) in the University. Especially English Education students class of 2018 regarding the disruption or decline in the academic development of elementary school students / children during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Questionnaire of Public's Experience of Hoax In Pademy Covid-19

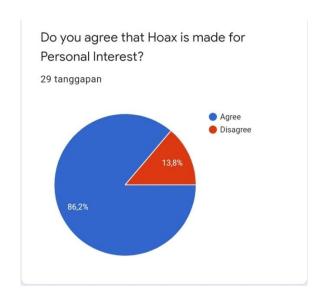
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1	Do you agree that Hoax is made for Personal Interest?
2	Have you ever received a Hoax News during this pandemy?
3	What will you do when received this Hoax?
4	Do you agree that each schools must be tells the students. How dangerous a Hoax News?
5	Is giving the knowledge for the society is important to do? And why? (write briefly based on your opinion)

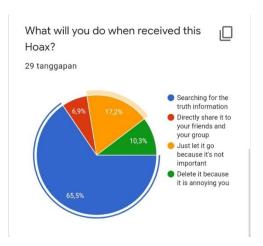
# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

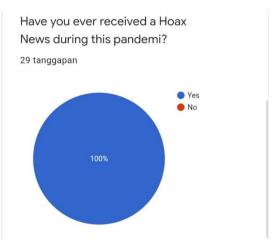
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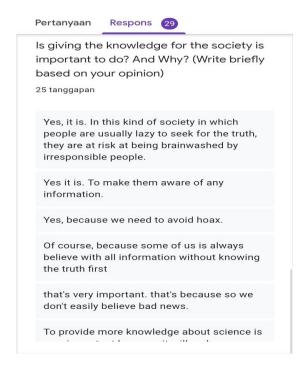
No	Question	Percentages
1	Do you agree that Hoax is made for Personal Interest?	86,2 % are agree  13, 8% are disagree
2	Have you ever received a Hoax News during this pandemy?	100%
3	What will you do when received this Hoax?	65,5 % 6,9 % 17,2 %

		10,3 %
4	Do you agree that each schools must be tells the students. How dangerous a Hoax News?	100 %
5	Is giving the knowledge for the society is important to do?  And why? (write briefly based on your opinion)	25 Replies









### 2. Discussion

This paper was created to prove and show that Hoax during Covid-19 was very disturbing, unsettling, and also dangerous for the general public based on research that has been proven by conducting interviews with several people in my class. The important role of the government must also take part in taking fair action in handling this case, so that this incident does not continue, and it is very important for the government to provide education about what hoax is, and how to avoid hoaxes themselves. The importance of knowledge about hoaxes is expected so that people can be careful and aware that there are many hoaxes that exist, especially the internet and social media.

## **CONCLUSION**

Fake news and other types of false information can take on different faces. They can also have major impacts, because information shapes our world view: we make important decisions based on information. We form an idea about people or a situation by obtaining information. A sample of 242 fake news item was collected from Meldita based on the Criteria and danger With this writing, he hopes that before spreading the news it is better to look for reliable sources as well as educate the public, especially Indonesia to be more careful in spreading the news.

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