The big lie lie: why a warning about "Disinformation" is itself a form of Disinformation

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IF SKEPTIC HAS AN EVIL TWIN, IT may be The Disinformation Company, a U.S.-based print and Internet publishing house whose titles include You Are Being Lied To: The Disinformation Guide to Media Distortion, Historical Whitewashes and Cultural Myths, Everything You Know is Wrong: The Disinformation Guide to Secret and Lies, 50 Things You’re Not Supposed to Know, and Abuse Your Illusions: The Disinformation Guide to Media Mirages and Establishment Lies.


According to the authors, editors, and readers of these books, there's been an incredible amount of deception and coverup lately, generating a cottage industry of iconoclasts, muckrakers, and fact-finders who have now emerged to tell the truth. Calling them "skeptical" hardly describes their zeal: these people want to blow the lid off reality itself.

This fetish for debunking was first identified by Richard Hofstadter in his 1965 classic The Paranoid Style in American Politics, but its roots extend to Aldous Huxley's Brave New World, and it also draws on historical trends and events like the Sixties counterculture and the Watergate scandal. Liberals,...
Mein Kampf, about the use of a lie so "colossal" that no one would believe that someone "could have the impudence to distort the truth so infamously". Hitler believed the technique was used by Jews to blame Germany’s loss in World War I on German general Erich Ludendorff, who was a prominent nationalist and antisemitic political leader in the Weimar Republic. That “ongoing Russian disinformation effort” is a story again sourced, as so many stories of the last four years have been, to assessments of intelligence officials. Thus the essence of these new headlines comes down to, “Intelligence officials are checking to see if the new story can be connected to prior claims of intelligence officials.” Even if it isn’t a Russian influence operation, we should act like it is. Johns Hopkins “Professor of Strategic Studies” Thomas Rid came up with the most elegant construction in a Washington Post editorial, stating bluntly: “We must treat the Hunter Biden l What the word ‘disinformation’ means. What sets disinformation apart from other forms of manipulative or persuasive content. Why today’s information environment amplifies disinformation. What is Disinformation? Is it Different from Propaganda? Disinformation is a relatively new word. Analysts generally agree that disinformation is always purposeful and not necessarily composed of outright lies or fabrications. It can be composed of mostly true facts, stripped of context or blended with falsehoods to support the intended message, and is always part of a larger plan or agenda. Abuse Your Illusions: The Disinformation Guide to Media Mirages and Establishment Lies. Unrelated but of a comparable slant axe volumes like Paul William Roberts’ A War Against Truth: An Intimate Account of the Invasion of Iraq, Norman Solomon’s The Habits of Highly Deceptive Media: Decoding Spin and Lies in Main-stream News, Don’t Believe It! How Lies Become News, by Alexandra Kitty, Gag Rule. On the Suppression of Dissent and the Stifling of Democracy, by Lewis Lapham, and Paul Waldman’s Fraud. The Strategy Behind the Bush Lies and What the Media Didn't Tell You. The lies were much simpler. The control of information flow was easily directed. Rules were enforced with the threat of property confiscation and execution for anyone who strayed from the rigid socio-political structure. Thus, the complex art of disinformation was born. The technique, the "magic" of the lie, was refined and perfected. The mechanics of the human mind and the human soul became an endless obsession for the establishment. The elitist co-opting of news has been going on in one form or another since the invention of the printing press. However, the first methods of media disinformation truly came to fruition under the supervision of newspaper magnate William Randolph Hearst, who believed the truth was “subjective” and open to his personal interpretation.