

10 Commandments of News

“Thou shalt not...”

1. Lie or misrepresent information in any medium (also means not using technology to alter photos, video, audio, etc.).
2. Lie to or threaten a source.
3. Report rumors or other unverified information.
4. Suppress or omit opinion with which one disagrees.
5. Show favoritism or personal bias in one's reporting or writing.
6. Misrepresent oneself or use deception to get a story (without having extremely powerful reasons to do so).
7. Plagiarize words or ideas (journalists can use the words with attribution).
8. Record telephone conversations without permission.
9. Use one's position for personal gain (e.g., accepting gifts from sources).
10. Do anything that may be construed as a "conflict of interest" (e.g., write political speeches for the candidate being covered in an election).

Adapted from John Maxwell Hamilton and George A. Krinsky, *Hold the Press* (1996, Louisiana State University Press)

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

- Purpose: “to ensure informed citizens, vital to the functioning of a democratic society”
- This is federal – every state has different rules
- Federal agencies must make information available to the public, with some exceptions
 - National security, internal personnel files, etc.
- Must respond within 20 working days
 - Doesn't mean must provide info that soon – just yes or no
- If denied, journalists may appeal
 - Must stress importance of info to public
- Even if approved, it takes time
 - Government agencies work slowly – backlogs
 - Turnaround time guidelines are vague, often exploited
 - Can take months before get info
 - Sections often redacted for security reasons

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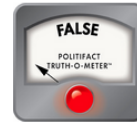


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stated on September 3, 2023 in in an Instagram post

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“CNN just said Cash App went bankrupt and any funds you had in your account would have to be awarded to you through bankruptcy court.”

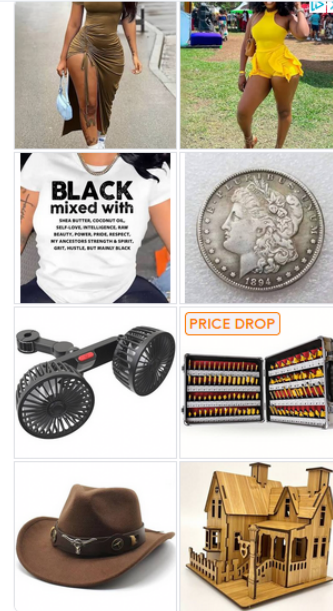
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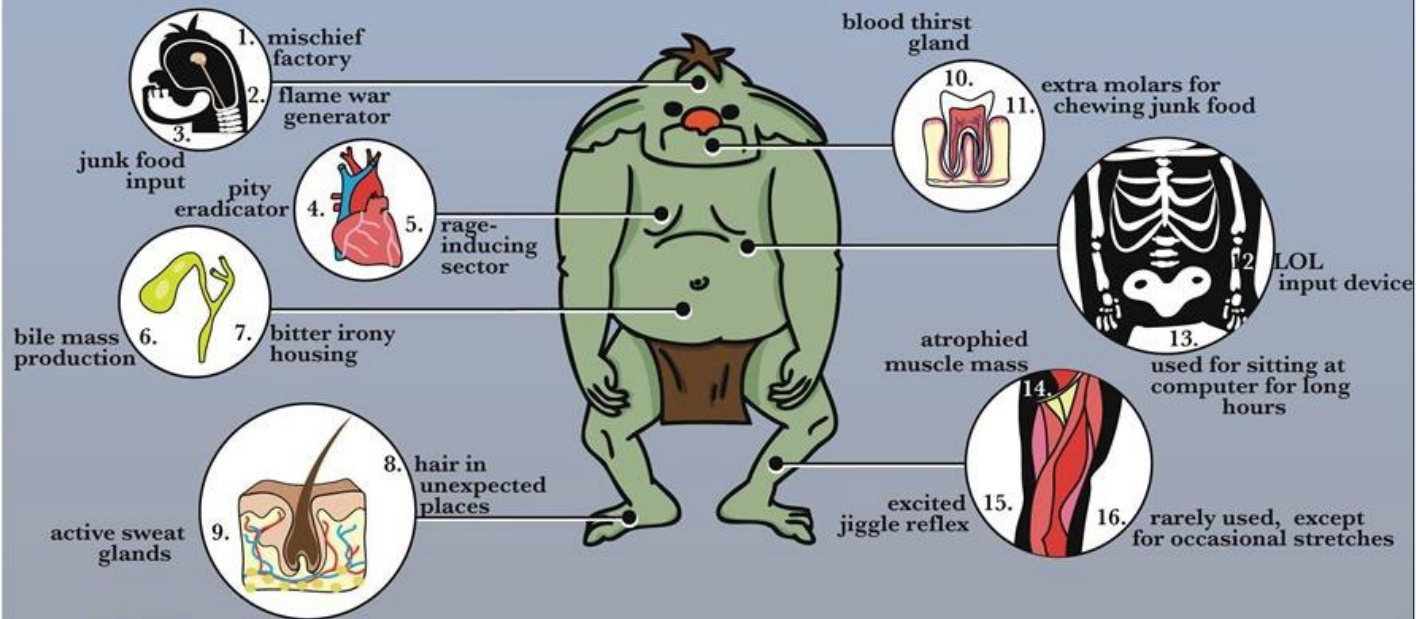


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