

The Trump Presidency, Journalism, and Democracy: Routledge Research in Journalism

Trump's Attacks on the Media

Trump has repeatedly attacked the media, calling it "the enemy of the people" and accusing it of being biased against him. He has also singled out individual journalists, such as CNN's Jim Acosta, for criticism. These attacks have had a chilling effect on journalism, as reporters have become increasingly afraid to criticize Trump or his policies.

The Rise of "Fake News" and "Alternative Facts"

Trump has also been a major purveyor of "fake news," or false and misleading information. He has repeatedly made false statements about a wide range of topics, from the size of his inauguration crowd to the unemployment rate. He has also promoted conspiracy theories, such as the claim that former President Barack Obama was not born in the United States.

The rise of "fake news" has made it more difficult for journalists to inform the public about important issues. It has also led to a decline in trust in the media, as people become less sure about what is true and what is not.



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The Implications for Journalism and Democracy

The Trump presidency has had a profound impact on journalism and democracy. Trump's attacks on the media have eroded trust in the press, and the rise of "fake news" has made it more difficult for journalists to inform the public. These changes have implications for the future of democracy, as a free and independent press is essential for a healthy democracy.

The Decline of Trust in the Media

Trust in the media has been declining for years, but Trump's presidency has accelerated this trend. A 2018 Gallup poll found that only 32% of Americans have a great deal or quite a lot of confidence in newspapers, and only 18% have a great deal or quite a lot of confidence in television news.

This decline in trust is due in part to Trump's constant attacks on the media. He has repeatedly accused the media of being biased against him, and he has even called it "the enemy of the people." These attacks have taken a

toll on the media's credibility, and they have made it more difficult for journalists to do their jobs.

The Rise of "Fake News"

The rise of "fake news" has also contributed to the decline in trust in the media. "Fake news" is false and misleading information that is often spread through social media. It can be difficult to distinguish "fake news" from real news, and this has led to a decrease in public trust in all forms of media.

The Trump presidency has been a major factor in the rise of "fake news." Trump has repeatedly made false statements about a wide range of topics, and he has promoted conspiracy theories. This has created a climate in which it is difficult to know what is true and what is not.

The Implications for Democracy

The decline of trust in the media and the rise of "fake news" have implications for the future of democracy. A free and independent press is essential for a healthy democracy, and the erosion of trust in the media makes it more difficult for journalists to hold those in power accountable.

In addition, the rise of "fake news" makes it more difficult for citizens to make informed decisions about important issues. When people are unsure about what is true and what is not, they are more likely to make decisions based on emotion or prejudice.

The Trump presidency has been a watershed moment for journalism and democracy. Trump's attacks on the media, his use of "fake news" and "alternative facts," and his efforts to undermine trust in the press have all

raised serious questions about the future of journalism and its role in a democratic society.

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It is too early to say what the long-term effects of the Trump presidency will be on journalism and democracy. However, it is clear that the challenges facing journalism are significant. Journalists must find ways to rebuild trust with the public and to combat the spread of "fake news." They must also continue to hold those in power accountable, even in the face of adversity.



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