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acceptalusion

delusional support of alternative facts

alterfacts

facts twisted for an agenda

altscience

false science

authiprop

a spokesperson with no special knowledge, presented as an authority

bait 'n snitch

create and disseminate a rumor to discredit a critic

bloviator

someone who pontificates about issues of which they are uninformed

convertafact

a newly invented alternative fact to fit a changing agenda

delusination

delusions that find a following

distortabi

turning negative accusations into positive advantage

factflip

reversing interpretation of factual data

factlesstistics

statistics based on alternative facts

foxiated

information disseminated by an untrusted source

gullamation

information tailored for the naive

hidafact

intentionally hiding facts

justibite

acceptance of unsubstantiated sound bites as fact

manipulure

strategic action to make alternative facts attractive

masterbaiter

drawing attention to oneself to prevent the notice of unfavorable facts or events

mismisinformer

female spokesperson whose primary role is to disseminate misinformation

mythfab

systematic fabrication of facts from a set of beliefs

newsyistic

sensationalizing minor events to distract attention from significant events

omnilie

a lie by an individual of stature

opinionesque

presenting opinion as fact

prerationalizer

accepting information as rational without caring if it is factual

rallyitis

addiction to political rallies regardless of purpose

scriptshift

changing a narrative to communicate something other than its original value or intention

speakspook

language that exaggerates outside threats

spintick

rise in poll numbers based on propaganda

truthiness

the quality of seeming or being felt to be true

truthyism

a theory believed to be true

tweedumbs

impulsive social media postings