The term “fake news” became popular during the 2016 election. It refers to skewed reporting: the facts are twisted to fit the writer’s and/ or the news outlet’s narrative. CBS, NBC, and ABC all think that Fox reports fake news, while Fox maintains that CBS, NBC, and ABC produce fake news. Fake news is an issue because people are not educated about the facts.

Our fake news combatting app will present the full, fact-based story to its users. All the facts will be provided, as well as viewpoints from the liberal (left), conservative (right), and independent (middle) factions. The reporter’s opinion will not be displayed.

This app will allow readers to form their own opinion. Currently, the media is categorized as either conservative or liberal. Articles reflect the bias of the reporter and the news outlets. The fake news combatting app will be an alternative to biased reporting. If adopted by the press, the public may once again be able to view the media as the oversight/watchdog it was intended to be.

Users of this app will have access to verified information. Good news and bad news will be reported accurately and without bias. Blunders, lies, and mishaps will be exposed. The individuals or groups responsible for the information being reported will be identified. Anonymous sources will be eliminated, as will derogatory comments.

This app will have a positive impact on society: anonymous cruel statements will be greatly reduced because the originator will be identified; bad and illegal behaviors will be exposed, as will all the good that takes place. Problems might actually be solved because all involved parties would have the same accurate information. Name-calling would become a thing of the past.

Our app is going to look at all the media sources and collect all the facts/information. It’s going to find what’s included and what’s missing. The fake news combatting app will use a search algorithm to figure out what is fake news.

It will look at the different sources from the New York Times, New York Post, Washington Post, Fox News, NBC News, ABC News, and CBS news. The Algorithm will have a set of rules that it will follow to filter out fake news.

The Algorithm will check for the following:

* Dates of the article
* Biases
* Supporting sources
* Fact.org - covers the U.S.A Politics
* PoltiFact - verifies news
* Eliminate opinions
* Takes out bad data

After it goes through this process what will be left is just the facts.