1. **Introduction**
2. **Topic:** An Educated Public as a Plausible Recommendation for the Solution to Fake News as a Social Problem
3. **Thesis:** Educating people on how to identify fake news themselves, and think critically in their consumption of the same, is the most plausible recommended solution to this social problem.
4. **The Context and Salience of Fake News**
5. Today, the outcomes of such public affairs such as political affairs are often dictated by popular ideas, and news media.
6. Donald Trump elections and modified information in the media.
7. Vulnerable society
8. With the power that the internet has accorded to individuals, fake news peddlers have become the more influential groups, and it is not uncommon for a site that reports fake news to accuse mainstream media of lying, when it is they who are reporting the actual facts.
9. The truth of fake news is very evident on the world’s largest internet search engine, Google.
10. With the modem social media and internet algorithms, fake news is often recommended to people in line with the things they associate most with.
11. As a result, people acquire confirmation bias from these fake news pieces, and end up supporting the spread of these news as opposed to legitimate sources of information.
12. **Appraisal of Existing Alternatives to Dealing with Fake News**
13. Putting the pressure on media and social medial companies is not a plausible solution.
14. If the fake news sites are giving more money to these companies, these solutions end up being futile.
15. Fake news is deep-rooted in society.
16. Wrong information being reported as become as lucrative a business as mainstream media, and the bodies that are benefitting from are bent on ensuring that the solutions to the problem do not last.
17. The plausible solution to this problem is one that does not involve the media being pressured into not reporting the fake news, but sensitizing people to reduce their consumption of the same in a way that reduced the dissemination of fake news entirely.
18. **Proposed Recommendation**
19. The current approach needs to be complemented with educating the public on the effects of fake news on the society, and how they can individually help in mitigating the problem, by educating them on critical thinking and self-analysis of fake news.
20. The existing solutions to fake news as a societal problem are technical.
21. The recommended solution is to include digital literacy and critical thinking in relation to fake news into curriculums in schools to ensure that people are savvy in identifying and dealing with sites reporting fake news.
22. **Conclusion**
23. Educating people on how to identify fake news themselves, and think critically in their consumption of the same, is the most plausible recommended solution to this social problem.
24. Based on the reviews of fake news origins, the people affected and the expected long term outcomes of the same on the society, it is possible to conclude that an educated society is the best weapon in the long term and eventual fight in the mitigation of fake news.