

## Book review

Lee McIntyre

*On Disinformation. How to Fight for Truth and Protect Democracy*

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Lee McIntyre's book manages to encapsulate the essence of fighting disinformation in a pocket-sized manual. We live in a world where epistemic truth is constantly under siege, and it is our duty to do everything in our power to defend the essence of democracy. This book captures only a small part of the author's efforts who has written before about what post-truth means and how we can dialogue with a science denier. The book is divided into six chapters, which explain what a truth killer is. The chapters explain how denialism has been strategically promoted, who the creators are, who the amplifiers are, who the believers (or rather, the victims) are, and how it is possible to win this battle against disinformation. This review aims to make accessible the whole strategy that we can adopt on an individual level against disinformation.

The present book is a call to action, providing us with the tools to make a difference and to educate others in turn. It is a gesture of decency in this unfortunate context in which we find ourselves.

The first chapter explains the term truth killer, pointing out that recent events in America (including the invasion of the US Capitol) are the result of many decades of scientific denialism. Such as the strategic use of denialism, as in the case of the tobacco industry, evolution theory, global warming, and the vaccine. This erosion of the nature of truth has paved the way for politicians to use disinformation for their own purposes. The author warns that there is a real danger when truth is ideologically subordinated, as misinformation can undermine democracy

