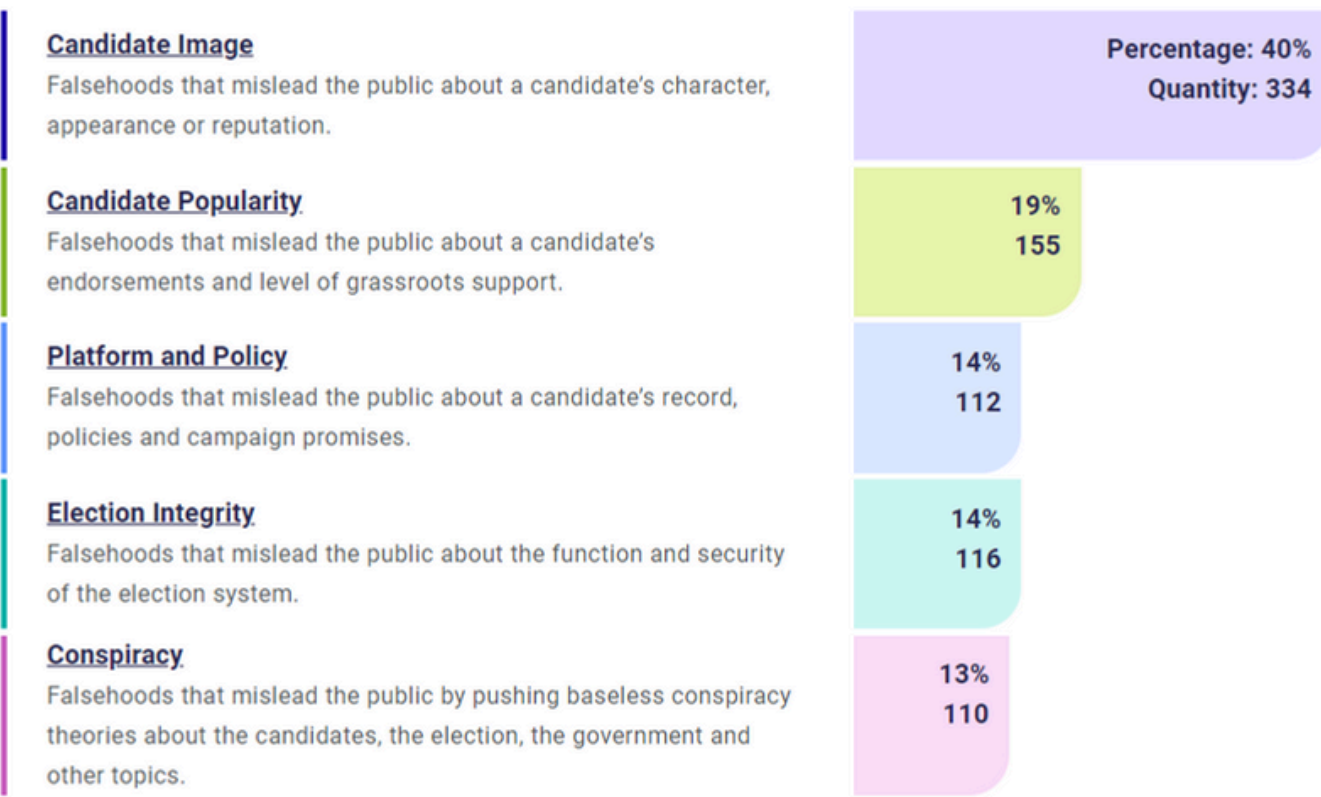


MISINFORMATION AND THE ELECTION

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Totals per theme

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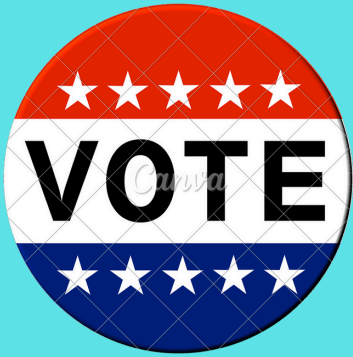


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WHO IS HELD RESPONSIBLE?

While its often not the candidate themselves spreading misinformation they will turn a blind eye to these actions if it helps them and their campaign



COMMON MISINFORMATION MEDIA TO BE AWARE OF

We'll look at 3 examples of common videos spreading misinformation about the election to dispel the lies around them and help you recognize what's trustworthy and what is not

NON- CITIZEN VOTING

You may have seen man on the street interviews showing non-citizens claiming they are registered and will or have voted. this stems from the 2016 election where Trump claimed illegal immigrants costed him the popular vote, these videos are staged or either cherry picked editing to make the problem seem worse

“A 2016 study of 42 jurisdictions estimated that about 30 of 23.5 million votes (0.0001%) were cast by non-citizens”
(go.nature.com/3nuhdzo)



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OFTEN MISINFORMATION IS SPREAD BY TAKING A MINOR ISSUE AND EXAGGERATING IT

BALLOT ERRORS

Due to the nature of the US voting system it is likely to have errors somewhere along the road, these small errors could be blown out of proportion to create falsehoods and vilify the opposing party

“about 250 electronic ballots e-mailed to military and overseas voters in late September by Palm Beach County, Florida, erroneously spelled Democratic vice-presidential nominee Tim Walz as ‘Tom Walz”

<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/09/22/us/politics/florida-ballots-tim-walz-misspelled.html>



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ELECTION RIGGING

Most rampant during the 2020 election, people would post “first hand accounts” of suspicious “counting equipment” and “white vans full of non-citizen ballots” to push a narrative that the election process cannot be trusted

“In reality, the equipment in the worrisome boxes turned out to belong to a photographer from a local news outlet in Detroit, Michigan. The white vans were rentals regularly used by election officials to transport ballots from polling locations to vote-counting centres.”

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