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My research about fake news and how fake news can influence our thoughts and opinions was, in my opinion interesting one. This research is quite relevant to our society of today. And also I want to find out what the consequences were of fake news and what the consequences could do to people and eventually a population or a nation.

I started this seminar quite on time. I had nothing else to do, so I had my full focus on this seminar. I began my seminar with writing all of the subjects that I would like to do. I had a bunch of subjects that I had on paper, but all of those subjects had something to do with photography. Then there was Donald Trump on Twitter. He started calling everyone fake news again. I couldn't think that fake news could be so influential. That was the time I realise that It probably could. Trump has used this word many times during his campaign, and now his the president. And that was the trigger for me to do my research about fake news.

Once I had my approval for the subject and my research question, I started to do my research. Before diving into my research, I made a clear which things I wanted. There are two things that I wanted to know. First, where do people get influenced by and second, what fake news is and what it does. I wanted to see if there's a connection between those two. For the psychological part of the research, I reached out to our psychological professor at Hogeschool Utrecht, Aletta Smits. I manage to sit with her and talk about on where people get influenced by and how to influence people and what kind of affect it can caused. After I had my interview, I wanted to back her facts up with the literature that we had to know from school. For the second part, I had to do a desk research about fake news. I pulled a bunch of interesting articles from big news organisation. During this research, I've gained a lot of new insights and some shocking insights about the effects of fake news. Insights that I wanted to share during my seminar.

Next time, I will add a social experiment on this seminar. I want to find out if the insights that I found really is true. I want to do this experiment because I want to see it with my own eyes effect of fake news. If fake news can be spread through school, than I believe that fake news can be spread to the whole world. Overall, I'm happy with the results that I had. I'm also happy with the seminar, but I think I can be and should have been more relaxed.