Online Misinformation & Human Trafficking

The growth of conspiracy theories and the damage they cause
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Why this topic
Misinformation & the Growth of Conspiracy Theories

- Pizzagate
- QAnon
- Wayfair
- COVID
- And more
Examples

In a mask, an adult or child cannot "mouth" the words "Help me" who are being trafficked.

#PizzaGate is a world-wide citizen investigation now. It cannot be stopped. At this point, the truth being brought to light is inevitable.
- Resources intended for victims are misused
- Skewing the reality of human trafficking
- Acting on conspiracy theories (i.e. pizzagate gunman)
- False information leaking into other topics (i.e. mask wearing & kidnapping)
- Using human trafficking as an emotional distraction from COVID, Black Lives Matter, and other issues does a disservice to both
What can be done

- Share *correct* information
- Correct misinformation, when you can
- Learn / work with the issue in your own community
Q&A

Discussion

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