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Stolen Scholarship? Correction/Clarification request

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Bryan White <zebrafactcheck@gmail.com>
To: truthometer@politifact.com

Thu, Sep 15, 2022 at 11:43 AM

Dear Truth-O-Meter,

You audience engagement newsletter sent out a couple of hours ago [looks like](#) it contains a false statement:

[Prebunking is effective at fighting misinfo, MediaWise study finds](#). A study that dropped last month strongly suggests "prebunking" is an effective way to counter the propaganda techniques at the center of mis- and disinformation.

"MediaWise study finds." I can't find any evidence attaching [the study](#) to MediaWise. As a result I am not sure how you established a connection and urge you to double-check your work and correct/clarify as necessary (that is, in accord with PolitiFact's policy on corrections).

If it turns out that I'm wrong, please alert me to the evidence that I overlooked. Thanks!

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Sincerely,

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Josie Hollingsworth <jhollingsworth@poynter.org>
To: zebrafactcheck@gmail.com

Thu, Sep 15, 2022 at 12:40 PM

Hi Bryan,

Thanks for catching this. My mistake - I was conflating the prebunking study with [MediaWise's participation in a recent survey about media literacy](#) and their [course on prebunking](#). I'll issue a correction in next week's issue of the weekly newsletter.

Sincerely,
Josie

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From: **TruthOMeter @ PolitiFact** <truthometer@politifact.com>
Date: Thu, Sep 15, 2022 at 12:27 PM
Subject: Fwd: Stolen Scholarship? Correction/Clarification request
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Would this be for you? (Remember this is Bryan White, so handle with care.)

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Bryan White <zebrafactcheck@gmail.com>
To: Josie Hollingsworth <jhollingsworth@poynter.org>

Thu, Sep 15, 2022 at 12:55 PM

Thanks for the reply. 😊

| (Remember this is Bryan White, so handle with care.)

lmao

Your response is perfect, Josie, assuming the follow-through matches.

I do have a concern about correcting a newsletter mistake with an announcement in the following newsletter. I realize that's current policy at Poynter. It just seems like there should be a better option. A lie can travel around the world before the truth can get its shoes on, it's said, and in cases like this we make sure the lie gets an excellent head start. 😊

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