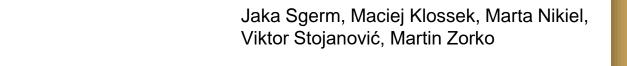






### INFODEMIC





# Conspiracy theories

- More popular than expected
- Can be very dangerous





### Countries dealing with the pandemic

- Many different approaches
- How much do restrictions even help?





#### Fake news lead to mental problems



Health experts and government authorities are concerned about the increasing amount of misinformation online regarding COVID-19 and the effect this is having on the mental wellbeing of internet users.



Dr. Imelu Mordeno (professor of MSU-IIT) said that people exposed to "fake news" online during the COVID-19 pandemic are found to have experienced anxiety and depression, a result of a phenomenon called "information traps".

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In times of global pandemics like COVID-19, crisis communication can play a key part in reducing fear and uncertainty while inspiring a unified fight against health threats.

# **Spotting fake news**

- Source
- URL
- Text
- Information
- Author



- Supporting Sources
- Date
- Your Bias
- Experts



