

History of Misinformation and Elections in the United States

Misinformation has been a part of elections since the beginning of our democracy. Political rivals often publish propoganda through newspapers and published letters, from Washington onward.

The advent of the internet meant more people found more information without a reputable source linked to what they are seeing. Over the past 20 years, that proliferation of information has caused growing distrust. **Up to 76% of voters** think political distrust rather than outside influence is the greatest threat to American democracy.

Modern distrust with the election process, democracy, and information began with the *Bush v. Gore* election results, retabluation, and required a Supreme Court case to finally delcare a winner.