Civic Education and Media Literacy

Increasing the public’s media literacy and civic educational understanding has been viewed as a critical solution to the misinformation problem American society is facing. Studies by research institutions and programs by schools and libraries have reflected an increasing demand for civic engagement and digital media literacy, and hopes that it can push back against political polarization and online radicalization.

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Reading Resources:

Media and Information Literacy: Reinforcing Human Rights, Countering Radicalization, and Extremism (UNESCO report)

Why Civic Education Is Key to Protecting Democracy (Douglas F. Challenger, New England Board of Higher Education)

Massive investment in social studies and civic education proposed to address eroding trust in democratic institutions (Joe Heim, Washington Post)

Want to Stop the Next Crisis? Teaching Cyber Citizenship Must Become a National Priority (Time)