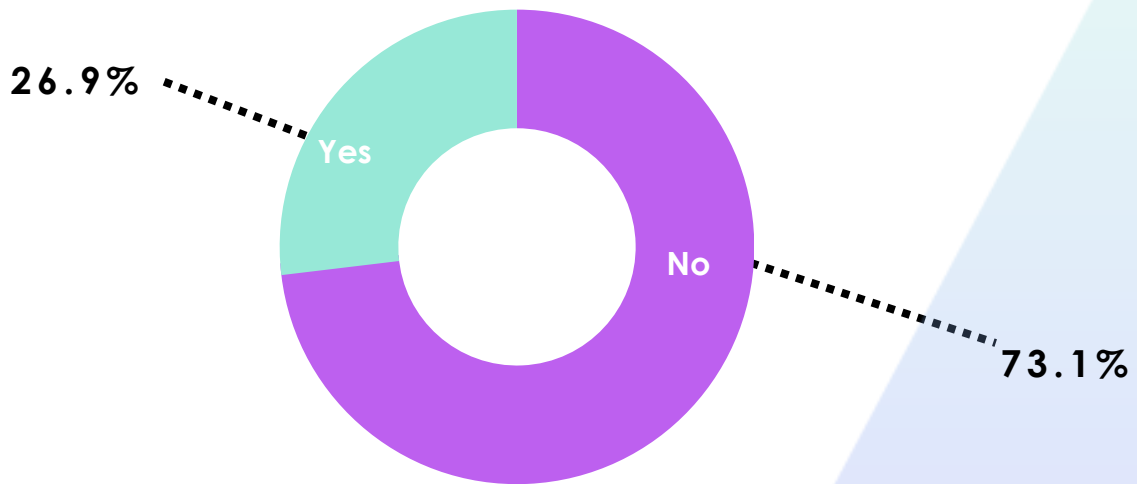


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YOUR LATEST RESULTS

Are Black British women's stories told in our history?



This VoteTopic received 58,470 total votes.

THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTIONS

Should opinions be shared as part of news reporting?

- Can you tell whether someone is sharing a fact or an opinion?
- Are there any benefits to hearing people's opinions when they tell you the news?
- What problems could it cause if opinions are shared as part of news reporting?

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

- *"High-profile presenters outside of journalism should be able to express views on issues and policies - including [sensitive political matters]." - John Hardie, former CEO of ITN.*
- *"It is surely time [to] invite the public to discuss how we can have news we can trust and if they want change to say so." - Nick Robinson, BBC Today Presenter.*

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A CLOSER LOOK: FAKE NEWS



Extra! Extra! Read all about it! In 2017, “fake news” became Collins Dictionary’s Word of the Year. But, it isn’t a recent invention: misleading or untrue stories that are have been around since Ancient Rome. The motivation behind fake news is usually to make money, change people’s views and opinions, cause us to question who we can trust, or all of the above.

The internet and social media have turbocharged fake news. It can spread in seconds without being verified or fact-checked, making it very difficult to correct.

It’s not exclusive to the written word, either. Recently, people concerns have been growing about the development of “deepfakes”. These realistic videos can replicate the appearance of people, giving the impression that they have said or done something entirely fictional.

YOUR COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

- Why do people produce fake news?
- What has increased the presence of fake news?
- Why do fake news stories spread so quickly?
- True or false: Fake news only applies to news articles.
- Challenge: What event in 2017 might have led to “fake news” being Collins’ Word of the Year?

THIS WEEK'S OTHER NEWS STORIES



Thousands killed in Israel & Gaza

Violence in Israel and Gaza has made news headlines this week, after a surprise attack sparked new conflict.

On 7th October, many fighters from a militant group called Hamas (who have been in charge of Gaza since 2007) crossed into Israel. Over 1,000 Israeli people were killed by these fighters.

Israel responded with air strikes, which killed and injured hundreds of people in Gaza. Over 123,000 Palestinian people have also now been displaced by the conflict, the United Nations have said.

Israel has cut off water, electricity, food and medical supplies to Gaza. Aid agencies are concerned because at the moment, hundreds of thousands of people in Gaza rely on this aid daily.

Tension between Israel's Government and Hamas has been longstanding, but this is the most significant violence seen there in many years.

The Prime Minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu, said in a video message that they are "at war".

For more on this story, we recommend checking out [CBBC Newsround](#).

THIS WEEK'S OTHER NEWS STORIES

Labour take centre stage

Party Conference season has continued, with the Labour Party recently holding their Conference in Manchester. During his speech, Party leader Sir Keir Starmer had glitter thrown on him by a protester who stormed the stage.



UK & Ireland to host Euro 2028

The men's Euro 2028 tournament is officially coming to the UK and Republic of Ireland. Matches will be played across six venues in England, and one each in Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, Scotland and Wales.



Airport fire sparks chaos

Over 40,000 people had flights delayed, cancelled or diverted after a fire broke out in Luton Airport's car park. The blaze also caused part of the car park to collapse and damaged 1,500 cars. Luckily, no one was hurt.



Running away with a record

A nine-year old boy from Dorset has set a new world record for a 5km Parkrun. Louis, from Poole Runners Juniors, ran the distance in 17 minutes and 40 seconds, which is 13 seconds faster than the previous record!



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