**[Fear of Misinformation](https://youtu.be/dNP88Yvj0gU)**

**Narrator:**

This Vignette concerns Psychological Risks.

Interviewees will be discussing the Fear of misinformation.

This risk perception is associated with the ability to detect misinformation or ‘fake news’ online – in particular on social media. It manifests through a reluctance to participate on social media and a generalised distrust in any information coming through online channels.

In this section, you will hear a number of video vignettes extracted from interviews with older Australians.

Our first interviewee Eda, aged 77, speaks to the issues of misinformation on social media.

**Eda:**

But I also think that there's a lot more misinformation on some of the things I watch rather than going out an operating it to things I watch like, Facebook, or some of the social media, or YouTube. I do worry of... about misinformation on that, and how if you say something often enough people tend to believe it.

**Narrator:**

Noel, aged 64, further discusses the issue of finding valid and true information online, and how much at hand isn’t as well considered or communicated as it could be.

**Noel:**

Now it's like reading PR piece. You're just presented with whatever the PR piece that came out of a government department was, and they just present this and if there's another opposite side to it, they just write that down and leave it to you to sort out what's real, what's not, what's relevant, what's not.

**Narrator:**

Reiterating this concern for social media and news coverage, our last interviewee, Peter, aged 69, reflects on why he’s moved on from Facebook but still hears of its negative influence globally.

**Peter:**

No. I actually have a Facebook page and this is many years ago, I started a Facebook account and I was a bit dubious then. So my first name is Bald, B-A-L-D. And my second name is Oldfat. And I've actually never opened it. Partly because I really am virtually dismayed by what I see is a terrible role of social media influencing people in echo chambers is one thing. And on the same theme, I get quite upset about very few relatively unbiased media resources to the communities around the world.

**Narrator:**

These vignettes were developed by the Shaping Connections Research Program at RMIT University’s School of Economics, Finance and Marketing.

Our research develops insights on social inclusion and technology use among older Australians.

Please find additional information about these vignettes in the video description below.

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