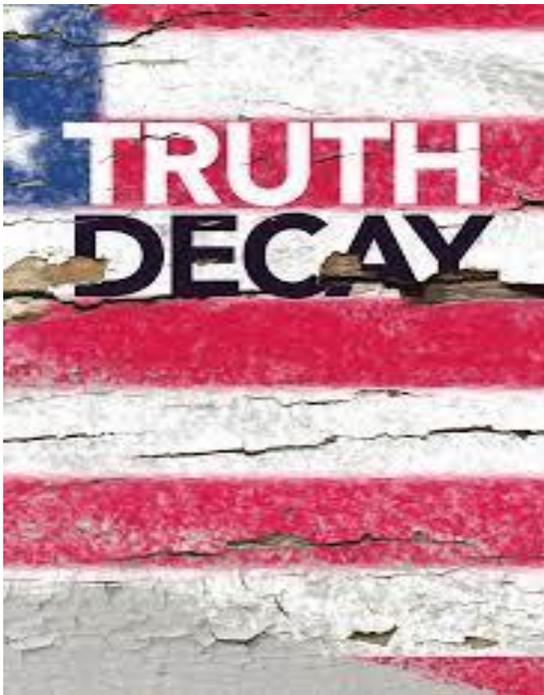


# Truth Decay - The Supply and Demand for Malinformation in the United States

September 1, 2022 | 12:15pm-1:45pm

Club Kwench (2031 Store St. Victoria) – Virtual Live Stream Available



**Description:** We are excited to host Jennifer Kavanagh for an updated talk on her book, *Truth Decay: An Initial Exploration of the Diminishing Role of Facts and Analysis in American Public Life*.

Over the past two decades, national political and civil discourse in the USA has been characterized by “Truth Decay”, defined as a set of four interrelated trends: an increasing disagreement about facts and analytical interpretations of facts and data; a blurring of the line between opinion and fact; an increase in the relative volume, and resulting influence, of opinion and personal experience over fact; and lowered trust in formerly respected sources of factual information. The book explores the causes and consequences of Truth Decay and how they are interrelated, and examines past eras of U.S. history to identify evidence of Truth Decay’s four trends and observe similarities with and differences from the current period.



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