

TOPICS FOR DIS-PLAY LARP SCENARIOS

The DIS-PLAY toolkit comes with three prepared topics for scenarios: Social Media & Self-Image, Discrimination and History Denial. Of course, these don't exhaust the areas that disinformation is spread in. You can create your own presentations, depending on what your group is interested in and what you think them capable of handling.

The following can be a few of real world examples:

-Climate change: A lot of different actors try to deny or downplay the effects of manmade climate change for different motives like financial gain or political profiling.

-Hostility toward science: Closely related to climate change, a trend has been intensifying over the last few years: Discrediting scientific findings to promote one's own opinion.

-Conspiracy theories: There are wild ideas out there as to what really is behind certain historical events, but some conspiracy theorists are actually dangerous. Sometimes, they even serve as a framework for other fields of disinformation

-Coaching & Trading: Promises of quick and easy fortune have been infesting the internet over the recent years. Behind most of them lies a scheme to cheat people out of their money.

-Chain letters: Appealing to emotions to scare or manipulate people is the intention of most chain letters. Once set free, they haunt their victims with spooky stories, and force them to pass the letter on through peer pressure, threats or absurd promises.

-Gender stereotypes: Outdated stereotypes live on through the internet and are often reinforced through social media. This creates unreasonable expectations and harmful feelings if they are not met.

-Guns: The myth that more firearms mean more safety may not be as prevalent here as in the United States, but it provides fertile ground for misleading information.

If you think your group can take an additional step of abstraction or does not want to face topics from the real world, you can shift the scenario to a completely fictional world to match the setting of trolls and faeries. The following table provides a suggestion for each of the aforementioned topics.

Social Media & Self-Image	Every year, the creatures of the magic forest leave an image of themselves in the magical mirror for others to admire. However, someone found a way to manipulate the mirror however they want to...
Discrimination	The group that is discriminated against is a special fantasy race like goblins, that has a lot of false stereotypes assigned to it, such as greed and a lack of intelligence.

History denial	An event, like the ruthless attack of the orcs on the gnome village could be presented as something totally different, like a mission to help the gnomes with a vermin problem
Climate change	A dark energy threatens to drown the magic forest in the near future, but some creatures have found ways to harness it for their own profit, even though these increase its spreading.
Hostility toward science	The wizards who study multiple lifetimes at their academy and used to advise kings suddenly fall out of favor.
Conspiracy theories	Ideas for fantasy conspiracy theories could be that centaurs are just dressed up horses that want to feel special or that the witch controls other creatures with her magic.
Coaching & Trading	A few dwarfs sell very expensive “treasure maps” to other creatures, even though they lead to nowhere.
Chain letters	Imps can be used to spread magical notes that are meant to ensnare the other creatures and transform them into imps, too, once they accept the message.
Gender stereotypes	In the magical forest, giants always need to be very strong and brave, while dryads are expected to be caring and pretty.
Guns	The elves claim they need more crossbows to defend against the animals of the forest, even though violence between elves usually involves crossbows.



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