What are the dangers of fake news?

Talking Points
1. What do these cartoons say about a pizzeria shooting linked to a fake news story?
2. Who was fired from Donald Trump’s transition team over tweeting about the fake story?
3. Have you ever repeated something as fact because you “saw it on the Internet”?
4. How do prejudices influence which tales a person believes?
5. Can you find examples of how false stories and conspiracy theories have lead to violence and mass murder?

Between the lines
“There are an alarming number of people who ... form beliefs based on the latest thing they’ve read.... Fake news has the effect of getting people not to believe real things.” - Prof. Michael Lynch

Additional resources
More by Rob Rogers
http://editorialcartoonists.com/cartoon/browse.cfm/RogerR
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