



## Infodemic during Pandemic: An empirical study on the current scenario of infodemic during corona pandemic

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**Abstract:** *The study on Infodemic during Corona Pandemic is a research work done to understand the rise in the number of misinformation during the COVID 19 pandemic and to analyze the reasons behind its occurrence. This research work has been carried out with certain objectives highlighting its existence in the society, the actual reason behind this practice, knowing the government's strategy on fake news, analyzing the success rate of such plans and reaching out to people and making them aware of the magnitude and consequences of the current scenario.*

*For this, the hypothesis of our research work has been listed below:*

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1. *Infodemic is on the rise.*
2. *Bystander inaction encourages the proliferation of fake news.*
3. *Social media is most responsible for the current infodemic scenario.*

*We have used two major methodologies for our study:*

1. *Primary research*
2. *Secondary research*

*Referring to the Primary Research, we have carried out a survey of our study on the general masses. The required information on infodemic during Pandemic was collected with the help of an online survey. We conducted an online survey of 519 people consisting of ten questions.*

*In the context of Secondary Research, we read a number of news articles reported by various news organizations and agencies on the internet and we also referred to WHO findings on fake news during the corona pandemic.*

*After the completion of our Research work, the conclusion would be drawn depending upon the outcome, that is, on the basis of our hypothesis which would either turn out to be correct or incorrect.*

**Keywords :** *COVID 19, Pandemic, social media, infodemic, fake news, misinformation, credibility, different forms of media*