

**Web Verification /
Digital Info
Literacy Activity**



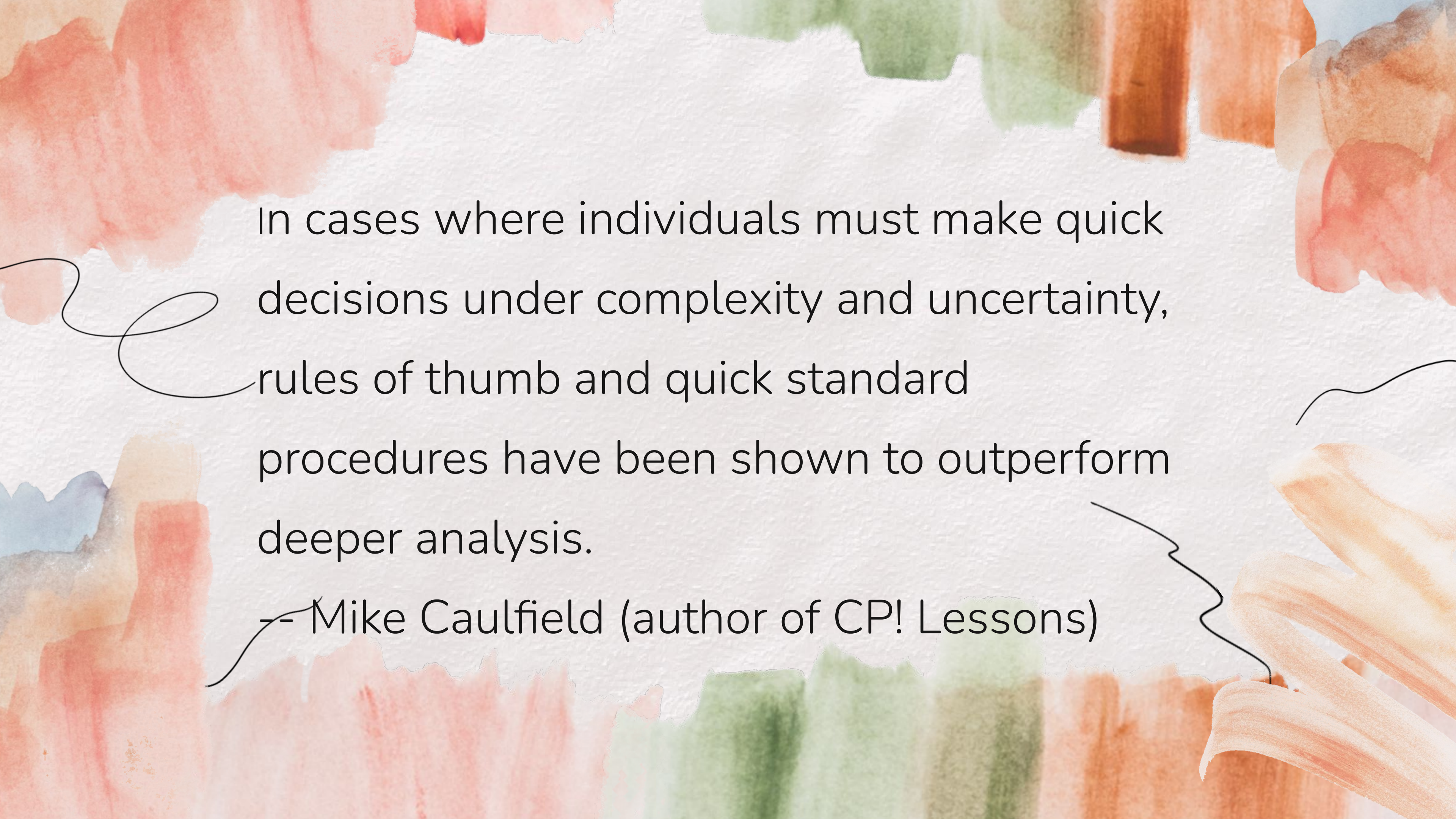
Activity

Directions

On a sharable document, perform the tasks as I move through the slides. Work from what you remember; there's not time to look up strategies or review the CP! Lessons

We'll discuss along the way.

Make sure you submit for participation credit.

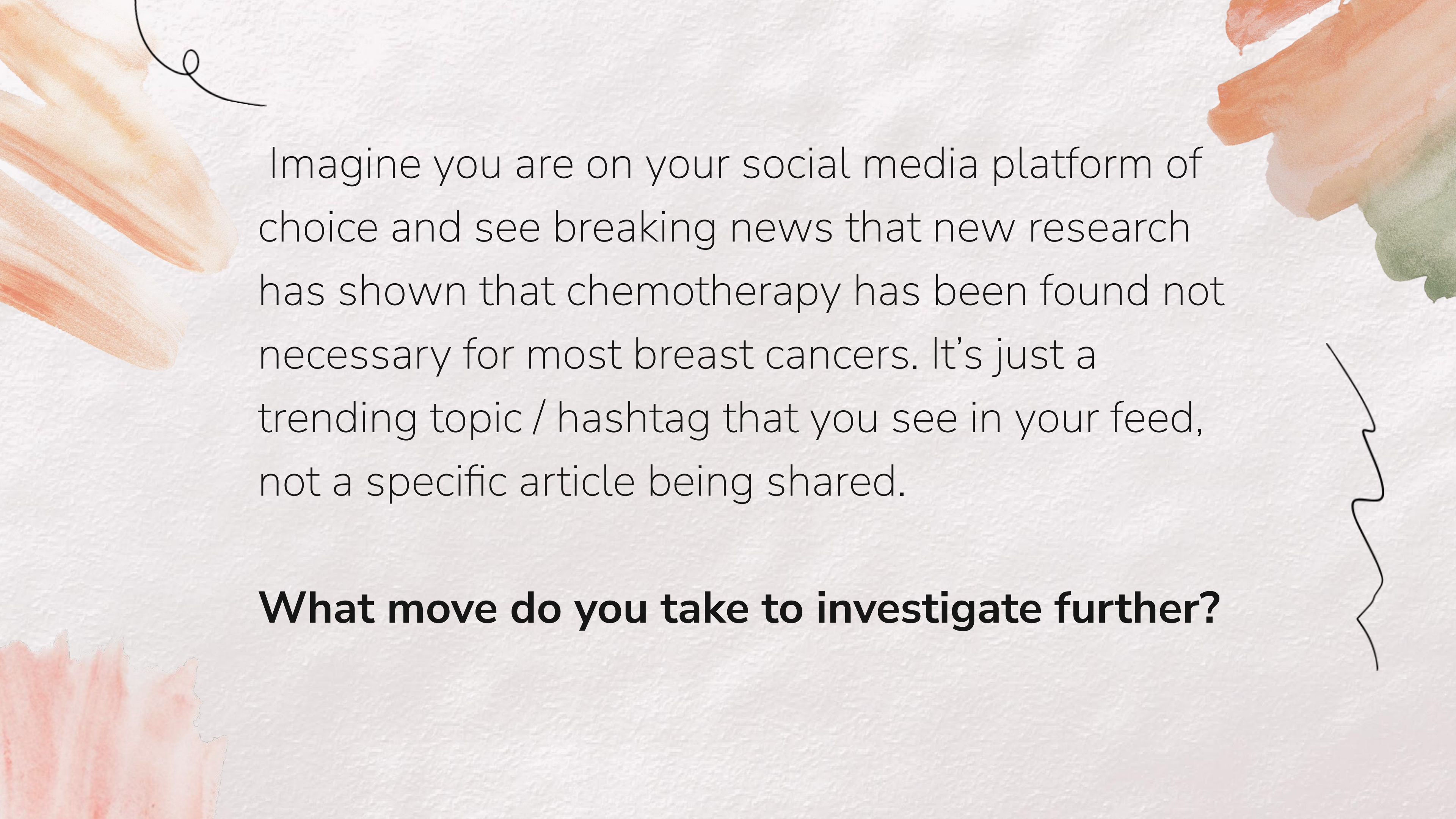


In cases where individuals must make quick decisions under complexity and uncertainty, rules of thumb and quick standard procedures have been shown to outperform deeper analysis.

- Mike Caulfield (author of CP! Lessons)

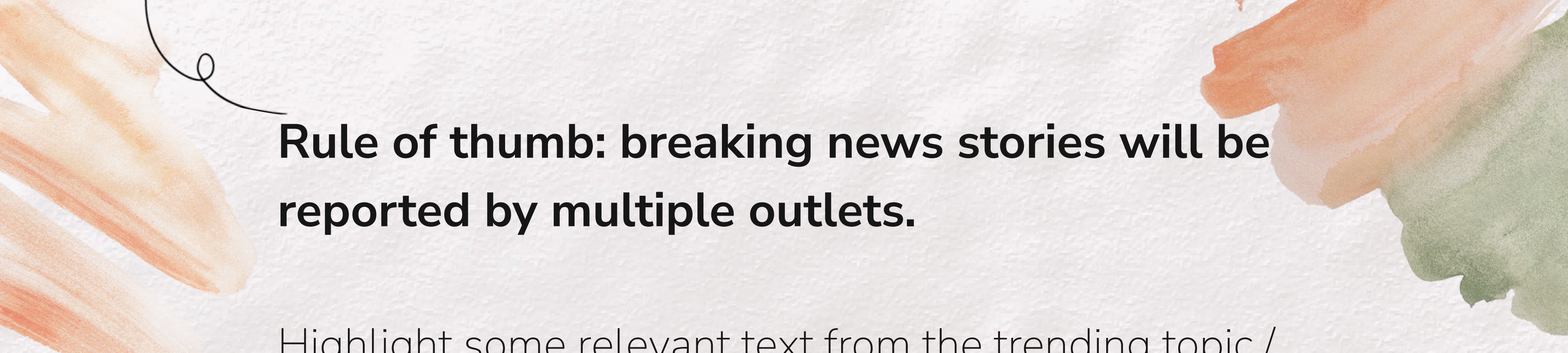


What are rules of thumb and quick, standard procedures you've learned to help verify and "check" online information over the last two weeks?



Imagine you are on your social media platform of choice and see breaking news that new research has shown that chemotherapy has been found not necessary for most breast cancers. It's just a trending topic / hashtag that you see in your feed, not a specific article being shared.


What move do you take to investigate further?

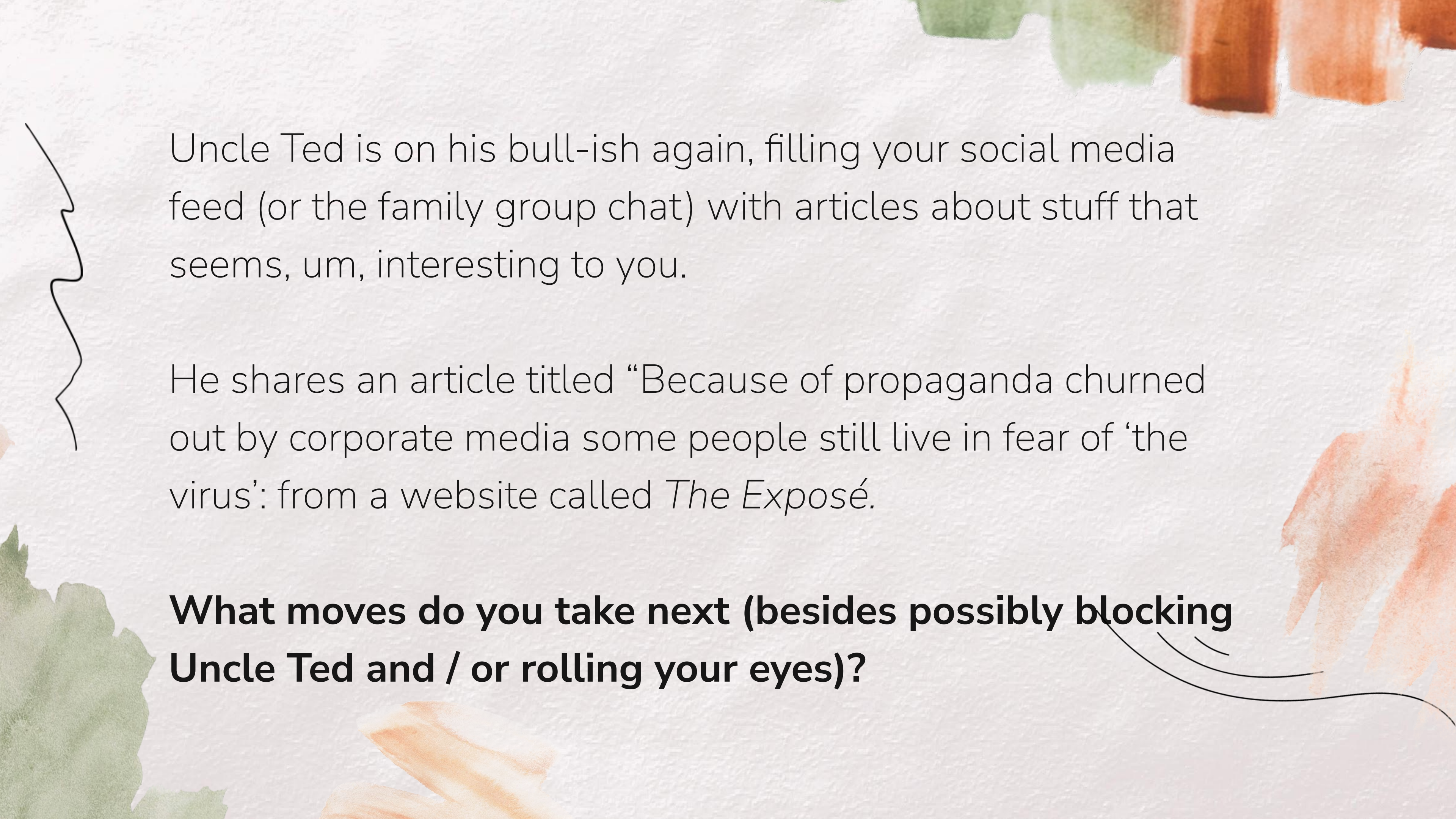


Rule of thumb: breaking news stories will be reported by multiple outlets.

Highlight some relevant text from the trending topic / hashtag. Right-click to search Google / default search engine.

If you are met with several outlets reporting the news, take it seriously and move to finding better coverage / tracing to original source. If you don't see that, dismiss it for the time being.





Uncle Ted is on his bull-ish again, filling your social media feed (or the family group chat) with articles about stuff that seems, um, interesting to you.

He shares an article titled “Because of propaganda churned out by corporate media some people still live in fear of ‘the virus’: from a website called *The Exposé*.”

What moves do you take next (besides possibly blocking Uncle Ted and / or rolling your eyes)?

Rule of Thumb: Click Restraint

Note what you can tell from the headline (the words “corporate media” are a bit telling of the slant here) before clicking on the link.

Procedure: Investigate the Source

Forget about the claim the article seems to want to make (simply from the headline). Use the Wikipedia Trick to investigate the source.




You see this photo
online. Yes, that is an astronaut
with a big chunk of weed in a baggie.

**How do you verify
this is real?**




Procedure: Trace the original

Search for text
description, or use an
image search



What's the difference
between misinformation
and disinformation?



How / why is staying generally informed through an RSS feed (like feedly) or trading up on social media important in resisting mis/disinformation?