

# NAVIGATING A SEA OF DISINFORMATION

## Disinformation: Close Reading Exercise

*Before the start of the workshop, please read and compare the following two articles and think about answers to the questions below. We also sent out two optional readings that provide a general and a policy overview on disinformation.*

- ❖ [“The ‘Big Lie’ That Fanned the Flames.” Philanthropy’s Role in Fighting Misinformation](#)
- ❖ [Rallies ahead of Capitol riot were planned by established Washington insiders](#)
  - What do these two articles have in common? Where do they differ?
  - How do they portray the roles of civil society organizations in proliferating or combatting misinformation?
  - What did you think were the roles for philanthropy or nonprofits in disinformation before reading these stories?
    - Did your thinking change? If so, how?
  - Why have the efforts to fight misinformation that are discussed failed to help Black, Indigenous, POC, and women who are often the target of disinformation campaigns?

### Additional prompts

- Have you or your organization reflected on/or acted on disinformation campaigns that target your communities or perhaps you/your organization directly?
- The Inside Philanthropy article points to the lack of policy makers active in combating misinformation. Who might civil society organizations turn to?