



Fake news in Romania

Will the EU force its citizens to eat bugs?



Context of the news

RTV, A TELEVISION PROGRAM, SHOWED AN ANGRY NEWS ANCHOR TALKING ABOUT HOW THE EU WILL HAVE ITS CITIZENS BE FORCED TO EAT BUGS

Since 2013 when ONU released a study about the role of the insects in regards to the environment and people's lives, the topic of eating certain insects has been explored.

Flour worms as food ingredient

This idea has been reinforced after in 2021, the EU approved the use of certain insects in foods.

Approving of using flour worms as an ingredient in food is part of an initiative meant to help explore a more durable and healthier approach to food and the environment.

However, it was never the case of having the EU forcing its citizens to eat bugs from now on.

Panic, anger, and distress

THIS WAS THE RESULT OF THE SPREAD OF SUCH FAKE NEWS IN ROMANIA
AMONG ITS CITIZENS

Vulnerable

THE NEWS WAS INTENDED AT THE WHOLE POPULATION, WITH THOSE MORE
VULNERABLE SUCH AS THE ELDERLY OR THOSE WITH A LOWER EDUCATIONAL
LEVEL BEING AT THE FRONT.

EU is the enemy

The end goal of the fake news was to paint the EU as the enemy and to have the people question its benefits.

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