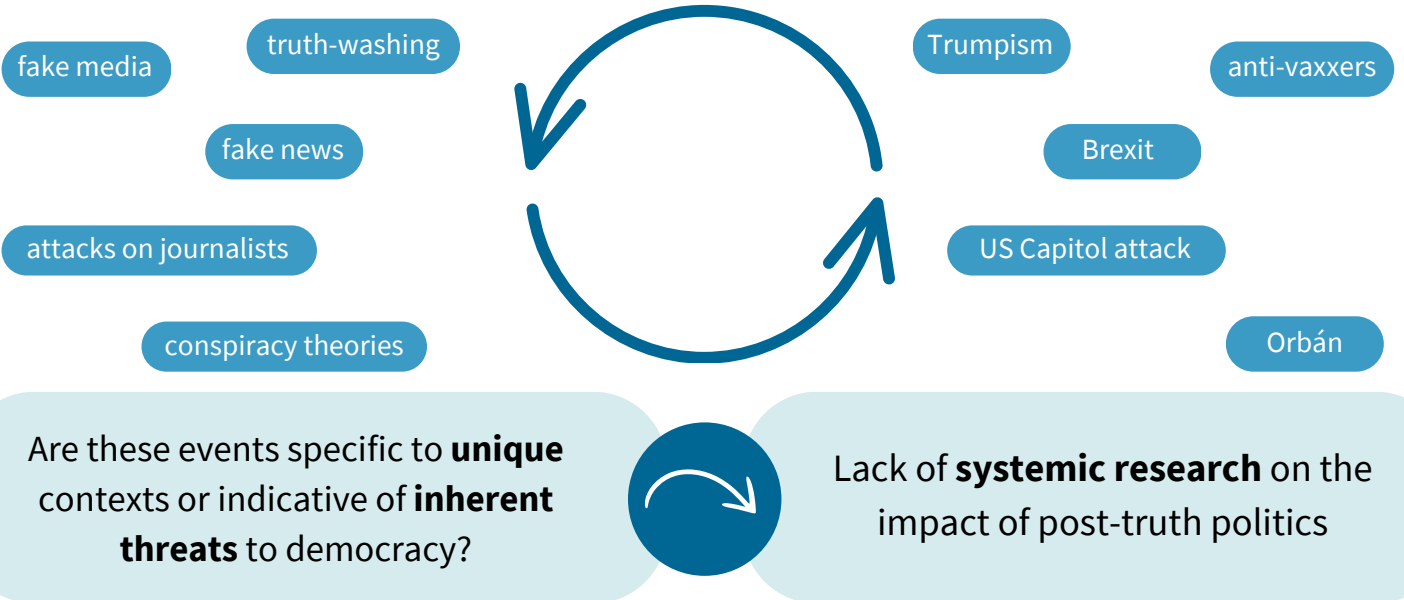


Post-Truth Populism: A New Political Paradigm

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WHAT ARE THE LINKS BETWEEN POPULISM & POST-TRUTH POLITICS?



CLASH OF PERSPECTIVES



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Critical Complacency

- Tends to **downplay** the novelty and danger of post-truth, seeing it as part and parcel of democratic contestation.
- Sees “**hysteria**” over post-truth as an expression of elitist concerns about populist challenges.

Mainstream Alarmism

- Sees post-truth politics as a clear and present **danger** to the democratic way of life.
- Focuses on the **convergence** between post-truth and right-wing populism as an **authoritarian challenge** to pluralism, democratic procedure, the rule of law and respect for minority rights.

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Is post-truth populism a new political paradigm?

YES The link between post-truth politics and populism has to be taken seriously and explored systematically

BUT Stay aware of **the dangers** of using allegations/accusations of “post-truth populism” simply as an easy way to discredit the potentially legitimate claims of (some) political actors.



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