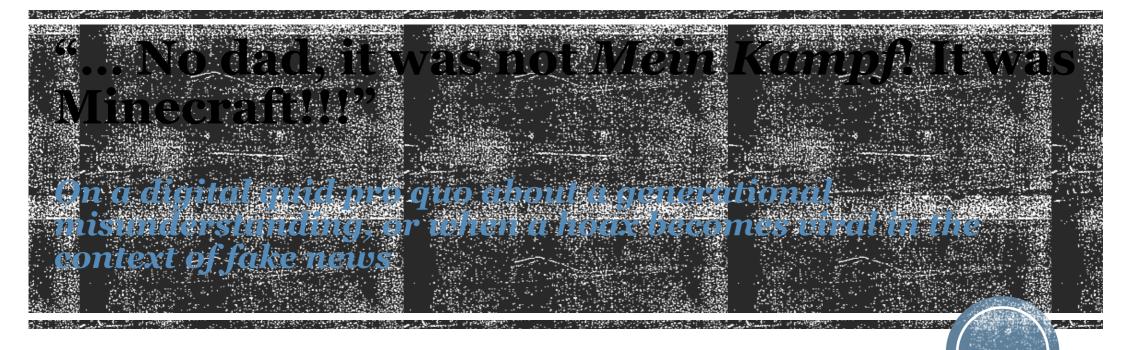
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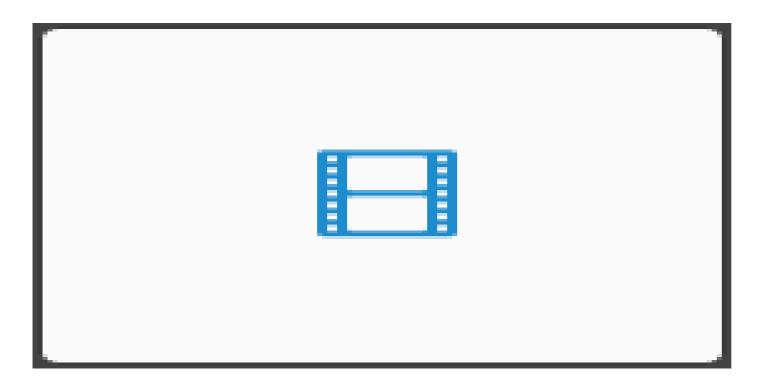
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1. An original hoax

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- December 2019, 24th, Yann Stotz, a professional entertainer/humorist posted the video on his official Instagram account as an "ephemeral broadcast"
- A sketch already performed on stage for months by Stotz
- A bad quality photocopy of *Mein Kampf* front cover pasted on another book
- Stotz himself claims the video to be a hoax and poke fun about sounds-like words ("c'est pareil") and generational misunderstanding
- The joke already exists in English... since, at least, June 2019 on memecenter.com







Situational elements

X-mas context: busy people just glance at the video (low attention)

• Taped - and mostly shared - *via* smartphones: low quality, small screen, etc.

• A wrong present offered for X-mas sounds familiar to many people

generational quid pro quo and misunderstandings happen a lot



Global / political context

- Liberalization of re-printing *Mein Kampf* in France: Fayard (mainstream publisher) announced the publication for 2020, Kontre Kulture (far right publisher) in 2016
- Huge media coverage on antisemitic assassinations and acts in France in 2019 : Sarah Halimi's murder trial, Jewish graveyard vandalized in Alsace, Simone Veil's portrait desecrated, etc.



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Augmentation générale des actes racistes et antisémites en France en 2019

Les chiffres des actes de haine racistes, antisémites, antichrétiens et antimusulmans sont en hausse, selon un bilan du ministère de l'intérieur.

Par Cécile Chambraud

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Des tombes vandalisées dans le cimetière juif de Westhoffen (Bas-Rhin), le 4 décembre 2019. PATRICK HERTZOG / AFP







- The video quickly spreads on the internet with no mention of its origins and author
- Overcomes the language barrier in a couple of hours



French boy gets 'Mein Kampf' instead of 'Minecraft' for Christmas - Grandfather gets him Mein Kampf

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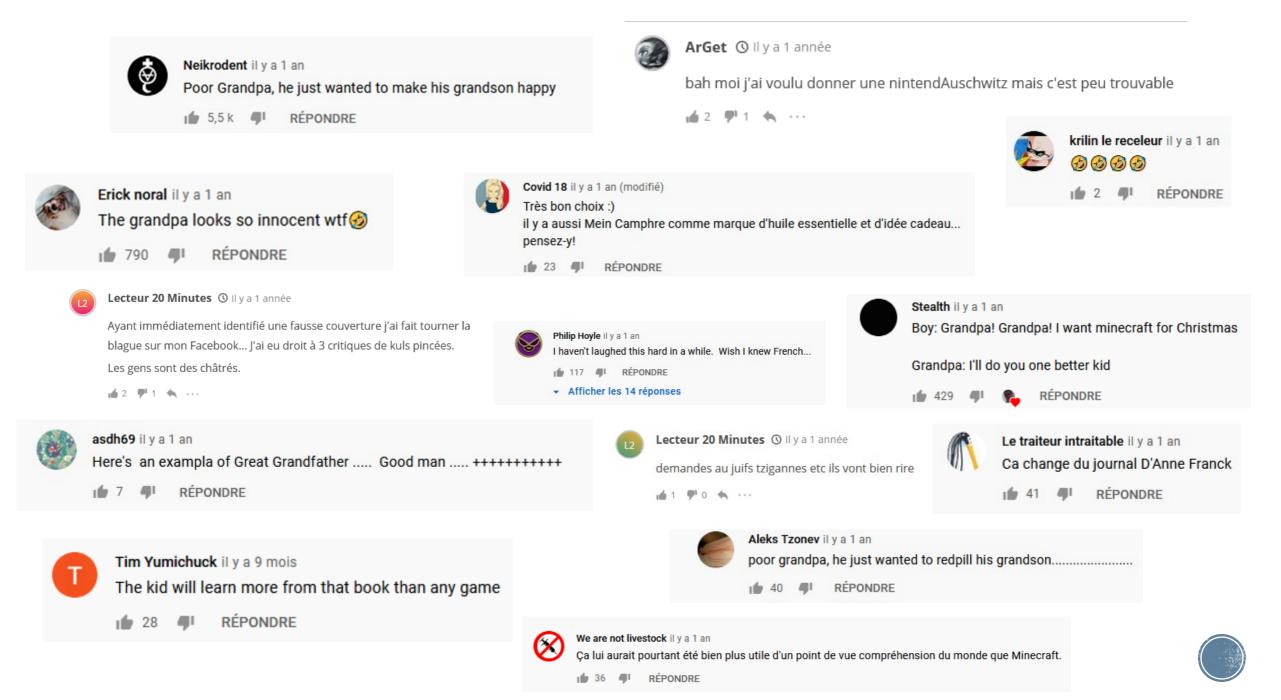
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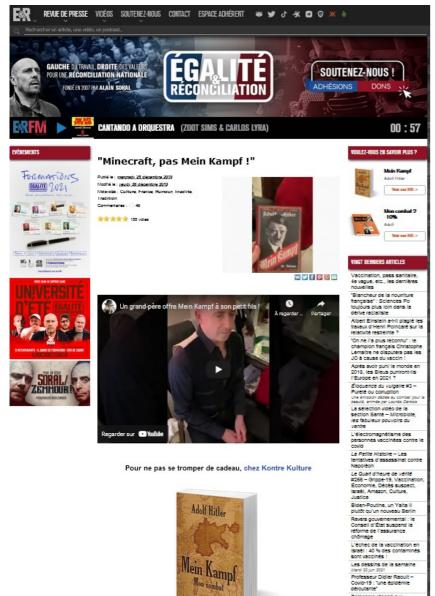
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- Celebrities share the video on social networks. E.g.: Joey Star
- The video became viral on different social medias: Facebook, YouTube, or WhatsApp
- Facebook and Instagram censored the original video on Stotz accounts for "incitement to hatred"
- People comments were either amused, sad, or chocked







Bolsonaro répond aux covidistes : "Vous êtes des salauds, vous faites un journalisme pourt qui ne sert, rien" Le b.a.-ba de Béa Bach #14 -

Bilan chiffré du Covid-19 (svec Gérard Delépine) La station socialo-sioniste Europe 1 tombe dans le giron

national-sioniste El Soral ancore au cœur du jeu l

Å ne pas manquer, sur E&R :

The video was also shared by antisemitic and conspiracist movements on the internet like Egalité & Réconciliation



Le Décembre 2019 à 02:36 par Super tonton "Minecraft, pas Mein Kampf !"	#2349806
Voilà un jeune gaulois qui va se construire sur des bases solides !	
	Répondre à ce message
Le Décembre 2019 à 18:15 par <i>Olown blanc</i> "Minecraft, pas Mein Kampf !"	#2350890
Autant dire qu'il est sur de bons rails !	

Le Décembre 2019 à 02:42 par Nabil "Minecraft, pas Mein Kampf !" C'est pas possible, il m'a scié le papy, j'ai relayé la vidéo à tous mes contacts.

Répondre à ce message



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From Hoax to Fake News



- The video is a typical case of transgeneric and semantic shifts of the expression fake news in relation with hoax
- In the 1990's, fake news referred to genuine *flase* news made on purpose to mock mainstream media or political institutions. E.g.: *The Onion* or *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart*, etc.(Baym 2005; Natella 2006; Reilley 2018)
- Fake news were very similar to hoax or parody, and the public was fully aware that what is presented to be real is actually false (Harsin 2018)
- **Problem:** what happen when the narrative compass between the producer and the receivers, including mainstream media, is broken because humor is no longer perceived (*per se*)?
- Facing the development of popular journalism that challenges their gate-keeping function, mainstream media are more and more prone to immediately consider hoaxes, parody, mockery, or irony as dis/misinformation, forgery, falsification, and fake news



The Trump factor: 73 uses of "fake news" between December 16th 2016 and July 24th 2017 (Rosen 2017); Trump told "fake news" 16 times a day in June and July 2018





