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Summary

Singapore is rapidly becoming an Orwellian society. The people do not need a Big Brother to watch over them. Read 1984 if you have not. There already are many similarities between the world in its current state and this work of fiction. You can also read Tragedy and Hope. The author was well acquainted with Bill Clinton.

Phenomenon of using digital technology to deliberately spread falsehoods online

Adults are discerning creatures and Truth has a way of making itself known eventually.

Motivations and reasons for the spreading of such falsehoods

1. Controlling the narrative, controlling information and ultimately, controlling the behaviour of the population.

The Iraqi war was based on the premise that there were WMDs. They did not find any.

9/11 was purported to be the work of fanatical Muslim zealots. Evidence has surfaced to prove otherwise. Even architects and engineers are saying 9/11 was an inside job.

The Gulf of Tonkin incident that led US into the Vietnam war has proven to be a big hoax after previously classified documents were declassified.

Consequences of online falsehoods on Singapore society

The government will ultimately control the population instead of serving it.

How Singapore can
combat online
falsehoods

The government must be honest with itself, report
facts honestly and take remediative actions if honest
mistakes have been made.

Principle that should
guide Singapore's
response

The freedom of speech of every Singapore citizen.