

Post-truth

Post-truth refers to blatant lies being routine across society, and it means that politicians can lie without condemnation.

This is different from the cliché that all politicians lie and make promises they have no intention of keeping – this still expects honesty to be the default position.

In a post-truth world, this expectation no longer holds.

**Kathleen Higgins,
"Post-truth: a guide for the perplexed,"
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