“Fake news” is perhaps the definitive word to describe the last six months. Quickly entering popular culture in the waning weeks of the 2016 Presidential election, the term refers to news stories that are deliberately misleading or outright falsehoods. Commonly associated with stories supporting President Donald Trump, the administration has repurposed and embraced the term in launching its offensive at the so-called “mainstream media,” who are often critical of President Trump.

The Georgetown Law Weekly has taken the Trump Administration’s admonitions to heart. In this moment of self-reflection, I, as editor-in-chief, admit that I am part of the problem. We are fake news. From our coverage of the fiery exchanges that played out over students’ inboxes after the death of Justice Antonin Scalia, to our riveting coverage of Student Bar Association affairs, it is and has all been fake news. Despite this publication’s efforts to avoid commentary on political issues, the fact that we attempt to provide fair, unbiased news to the students and staff of Georgetown Law means we surely fit within the President’s conception of fake news, as translated from the original Russian.

This turn of events must come as a shock to certain viewers, who assumed our coverage of student elections and the latest developments on campus as genuine. However, we can now confirm that every single morsel of information posted by the Law Weekly has been false.

As soon as I took leadership of the Law Weekly, I felt an indescribable, deep-seated desire to mislead the public and discredit the candidacy of Donald Trump, even though he had yet to announce any such candidacy at that point. Although the Law Weekly is hardly in a position to influence national or even local politics, as indicated our paltry (but rising) Facebook “like” count, I had to do what I could. To that end, I attempted to manipulate everything I could about Georgetown Law's student government affairs to best suit my own agenda, even though I was unsure what that agenda was.

After two years of effort, however, the Law Weekly and all of Fake News-dom have failed in this regard, now that the President has called us out on it, and we have decided to give up entirely.

Finally, in a bizarre turn of events, the above story has revealed to be fake news in and of itself. Happy April Fool's Day!