SURVEY ABOUT THE NEWS AND YOUR COMMUNITY

Many thanks for completing this survey on the news and your community. Your answers will not be shared with anyone outside of the research team. Please answer the questions honestly. There are no right or wrong answers, and you do not have to complete this survey if you don't want to.

Please only tick one answer for each question. Please ask your teacher if you need help with any of the questions.

Name	
School	
Class	
Date	

Are you?

Female ☐ Male ☐ Prefer not to say ☐ I describe myself another way ☐

How old are you?

9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐

What is your year group?

Year 5 ☐ Year 6 ☐ (England, Wales and Northern Ireland)

Year 7 ☐ (Northern Ireland)

P6 ☐ P7 ☐ (Scotland)

Q1. How often do you read, watch or listen to the news (tick one)?

Every day or almost every day ☐
About once a week ☐
Two to three times a month ☐
Hardly ever or never ☐
I don't know ☐

Q2. How much do you agree with the following statements?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	I don’t know
I am interested in the news						
I often read, watch, or listen to the news						
I find it easy to tell if a news story is real						
I think about whether the news stories that I read/watch are true						
It is important for people to know what is happening in the world						
News can make a difference in the world						
News can make a difference in my local area						
I like to tell people about what is happening in my community						

Q3. Here are some things people have said about the news. How much do you agree or disagree with them?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	I don’t know
I believe that news stories should be truthful						
I believe that news stories should be useful for people						
I believe that news stories should be fair						
I believe that news stories should be balanced (tell both sides)						
I believe that fake news is bad						

Q4. Here are some other things people have said about the news. How much do you agree or disagree with them?

	Strongly agree	**Agree**	**Neither agree nor disagree**	**Disagree**	**Strongly disagree**	**I don’t know**
I can name some trustworthy places to find news						
I can tell the difference between fact and opinion						
It's difficult to tell if information you read online is trustworthy						
I know how to spot fake news						
I stop, think and check facts before believing news						

Q5. Here are some other things people have said about the news. How much do you agree or disagree with them?

	Strongly agree	**Agree**	**Neither agree nor disagree**	**Disagree**	**Strongly disagree**	**I don’t know**
Two people might see the same news story and get different information from it						
What the news says about someone can change what people think about them						
News is designed to attract my attention						
News reports sometimes make things more dramatic than they really are						

Q6. What would you do if you saw a news story that you thought might not be true?

	Strongly agree	**Agree**	**Neither agree nor disagree**	**Disagree**	**Strongly disagree**	**I don’t know**
I would ask my parent(s) or guardian(s) if they believe the story						
I would ignore the story						
I would check if the story is also reported by other sources (e.g. website/TV) that I trust						
I would share the story with my friends						

Q7. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly agree	**Agree**	**Neither agree nor disagree**	**Disagree**	**Strongly disagree**	**I don't know**
It is important to volunteer to help those less fortunate than me						
It is important to know what is happening in the place I live						
It is important to support charities (like Children in Need)						
Adults should vote in elections						
Adults should follow political issues in the news						
Adults should take part in peaceful protests						
Adults should take part in activities that help people in their community						

Q8. How often do you do each of the following activities outside school?

	Often	**Sometimes**	**Rarely**	**Never**	**I don't know**
I volunteer to help people in the area where I live					
I stay informed about events happening in the area where I live					
I talk with my parent(s) or guardian(s) about stories in the news					
I watch television to learn about the news					
I read a newspaper to inform myself about the news					
I talk with friends about the news					
I use the internet to find information about the news					

Q9. If you were given the chance, how likely is it that you would take part in the following activities?

	Very likely	Quite likely	Not very likely	Not at all likely	I don't know
Vote in a school election of class representatives					
Join a group of pupils campaigning for an issue you agree with					
Become a candidate for class representative or school council					
Take part in discussion in an assembly					
Write an article for a school newspaper or website					

Q10. How likely is it that you would do each of the following when you are an adult?

	Very likely	Likely	Maybe	Unlikely	Extremely unlikely	I don't know
Vote in an election						
Volunteer to help people						
Work with my community to solve a problem where I live						

Q11. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	I don't know
Helping others makes me feel good						
Giving time to help others is the right thing to do						
In the future, I will try to be the kind of person who helps others whenever I can						
I want to feel appreciated by my community						

Q12. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements

	Strongly agree	**Agree**	**Neither agree nor disagree**	**Disagree**	**Strongly disagree**	**I don’t know**
I am interested in news stories about my community						
I talk about politics and social issues with my parent(s) or guardian(s)						
If I have children, I will teach them about social and political issues						
If I have children, I will talk to them about the news						

Q13. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements

	Strongly agree	**Agree**	**Neither agree nor disagree**	**Disagree**	**Strongly disagree**	**I don’t know**
I am the kind of person who helps people less fortunate than me						
I regularly volunteer my time for good causes						
I give to charity whenever I can						

Q14. On the next few pages there are four news stories. There are three versions of each story.

- **One version of the story is real**
- **One version of the story is fake**
- **One version of the story does not have enough information for you to be able to decide if it is real or fake.**

Try to guess if the story is:

- **Real**
- **Fake, or**
- **If you don’t have enough information to decide based on the information provided.**

Don’t worry about getting it wrong.

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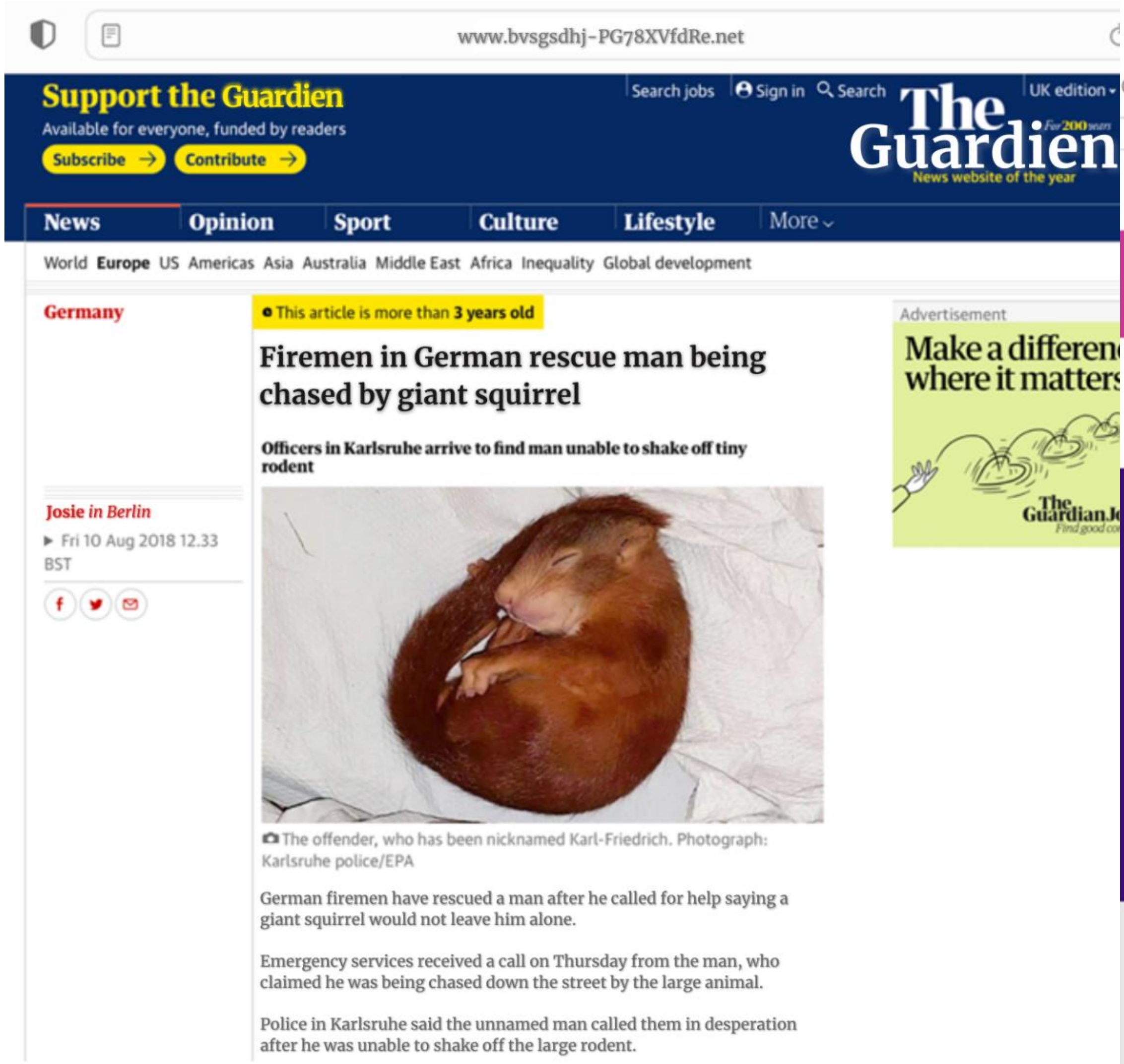
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German firemen have rescued a man after he called for help saying a giant squirrel would not leave him alone.

Emergency services received a call on Thursday from the man, who claimed he was being chased down the street by the large animal.

Police in Karlsruhe said the unnamed man called them in desperation after he was unable to shake off the large rodent.

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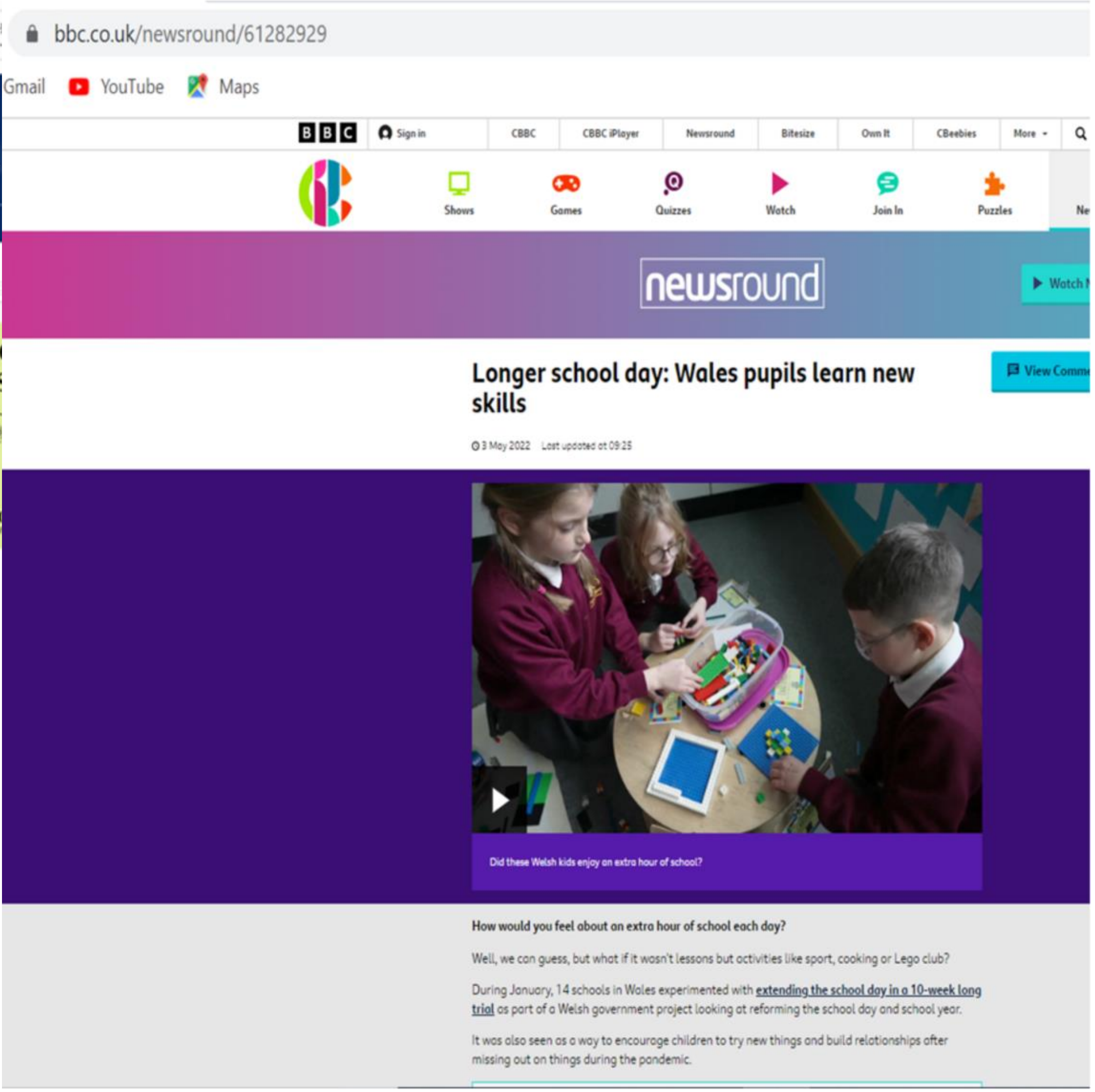
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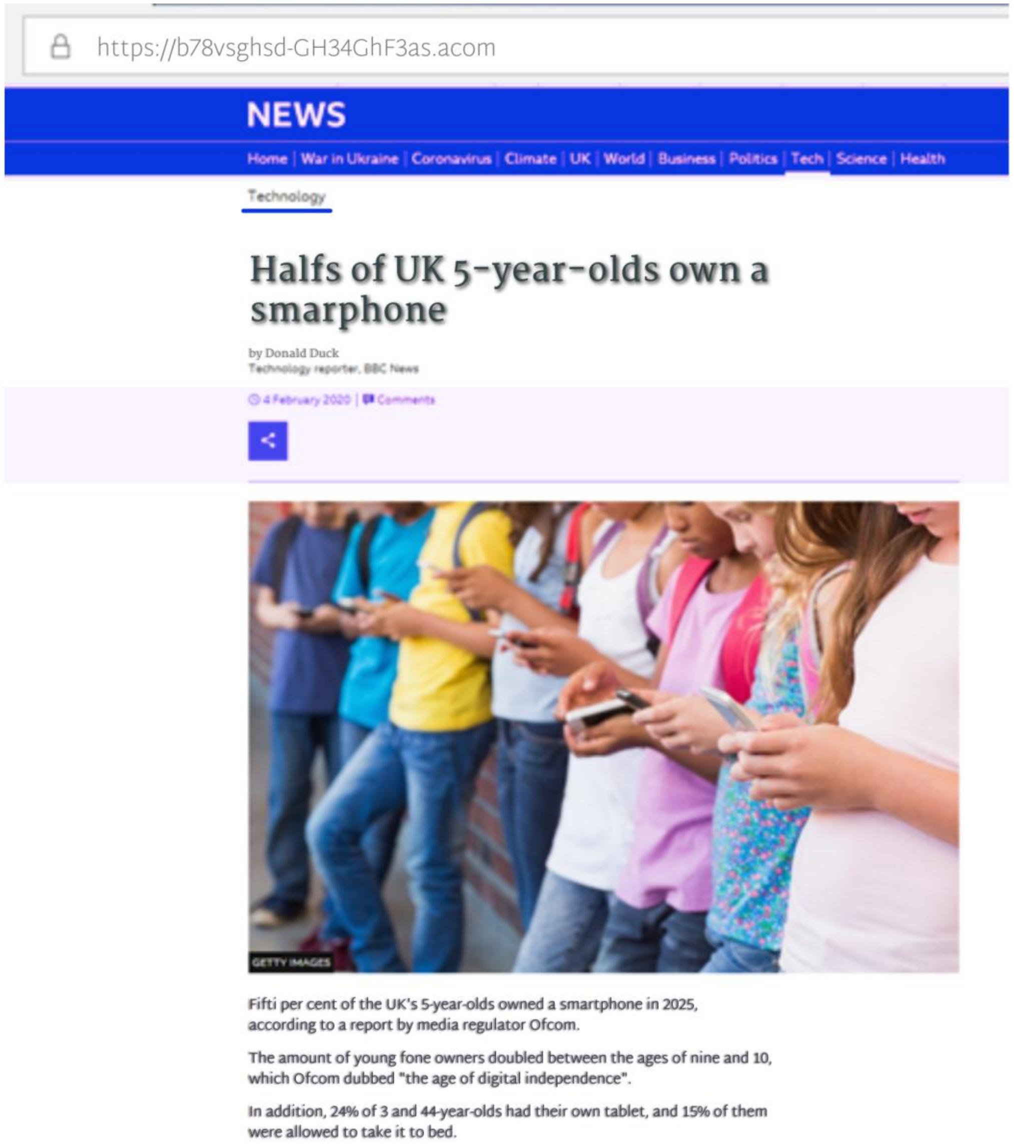

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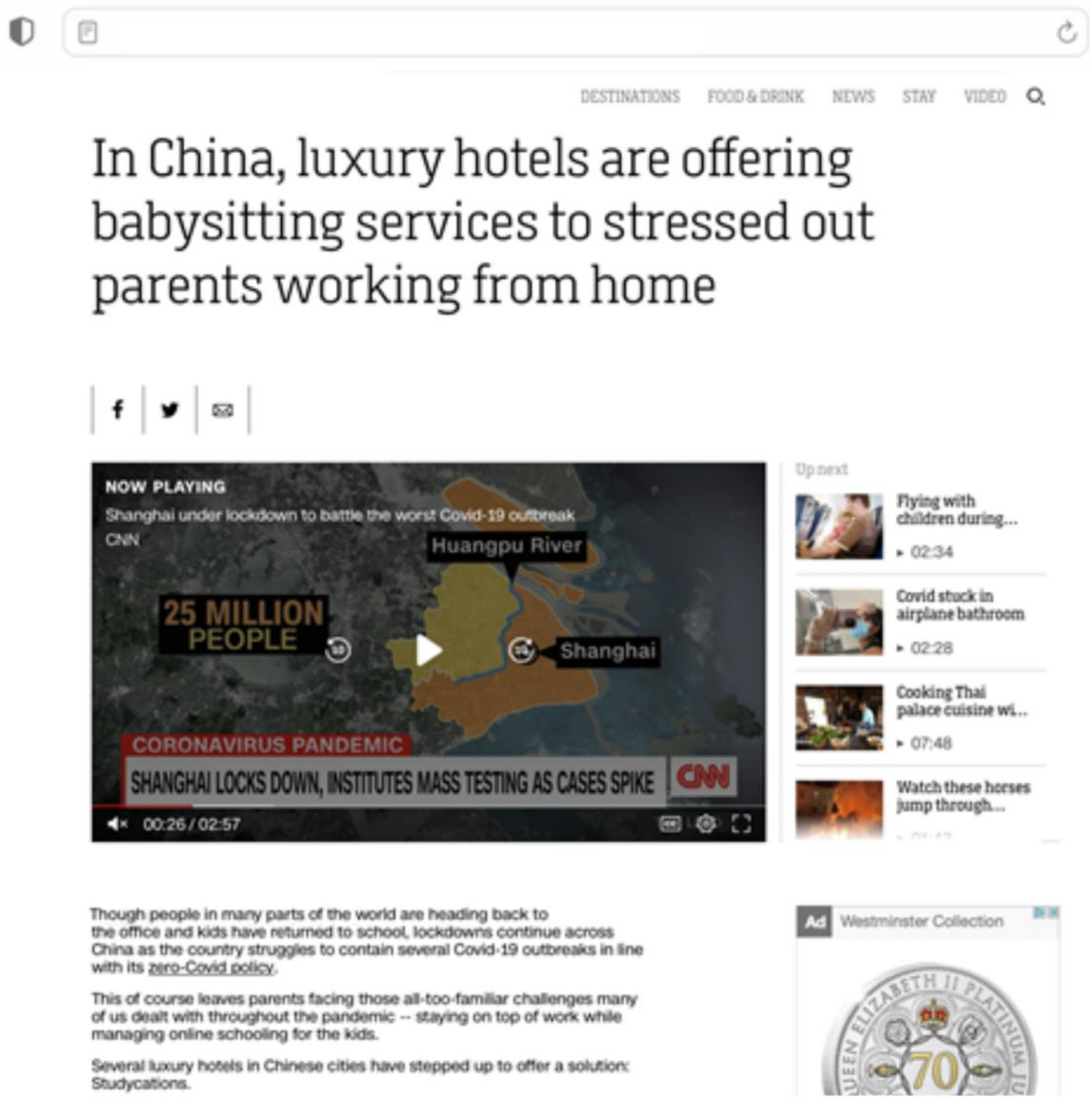

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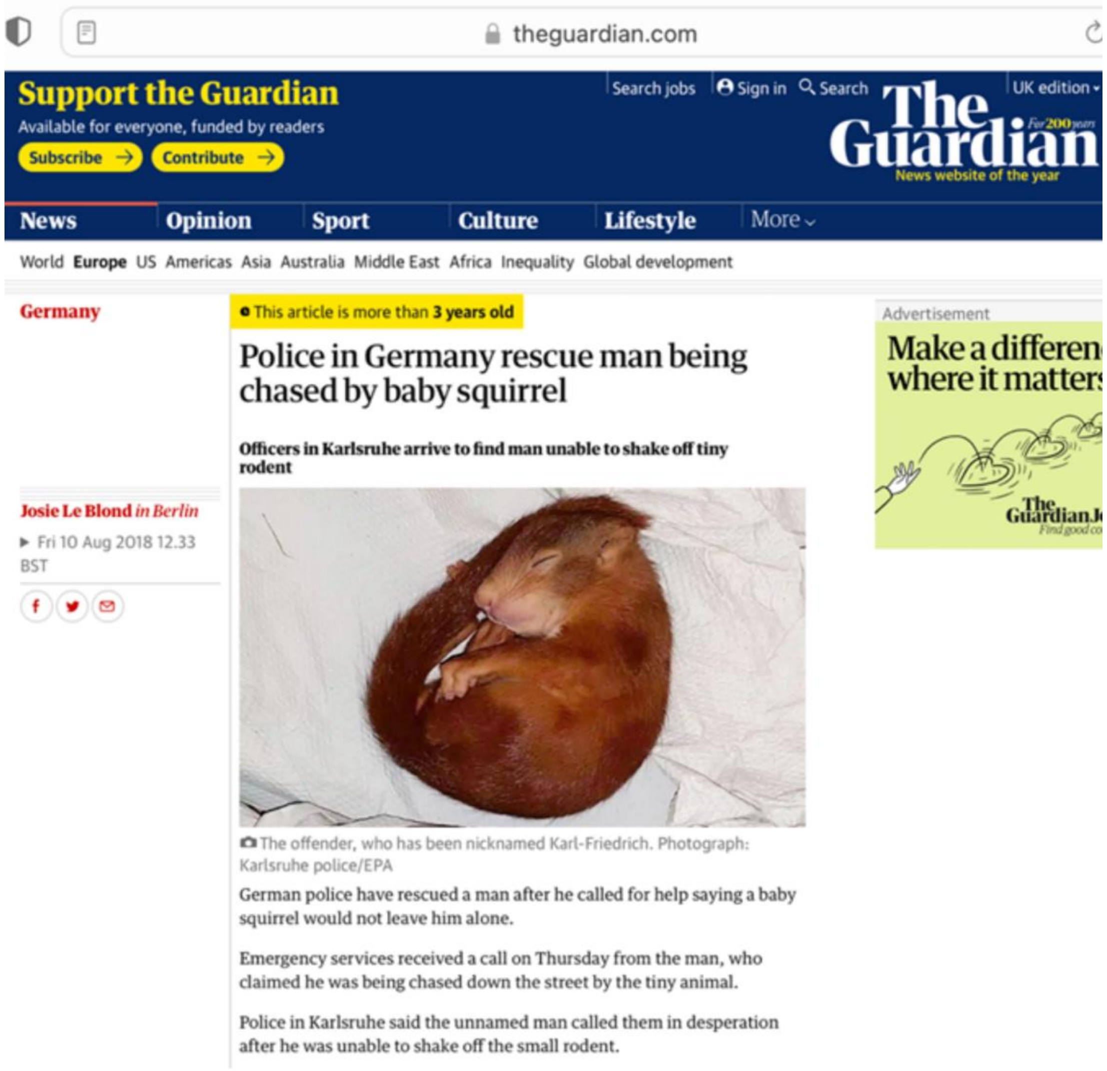
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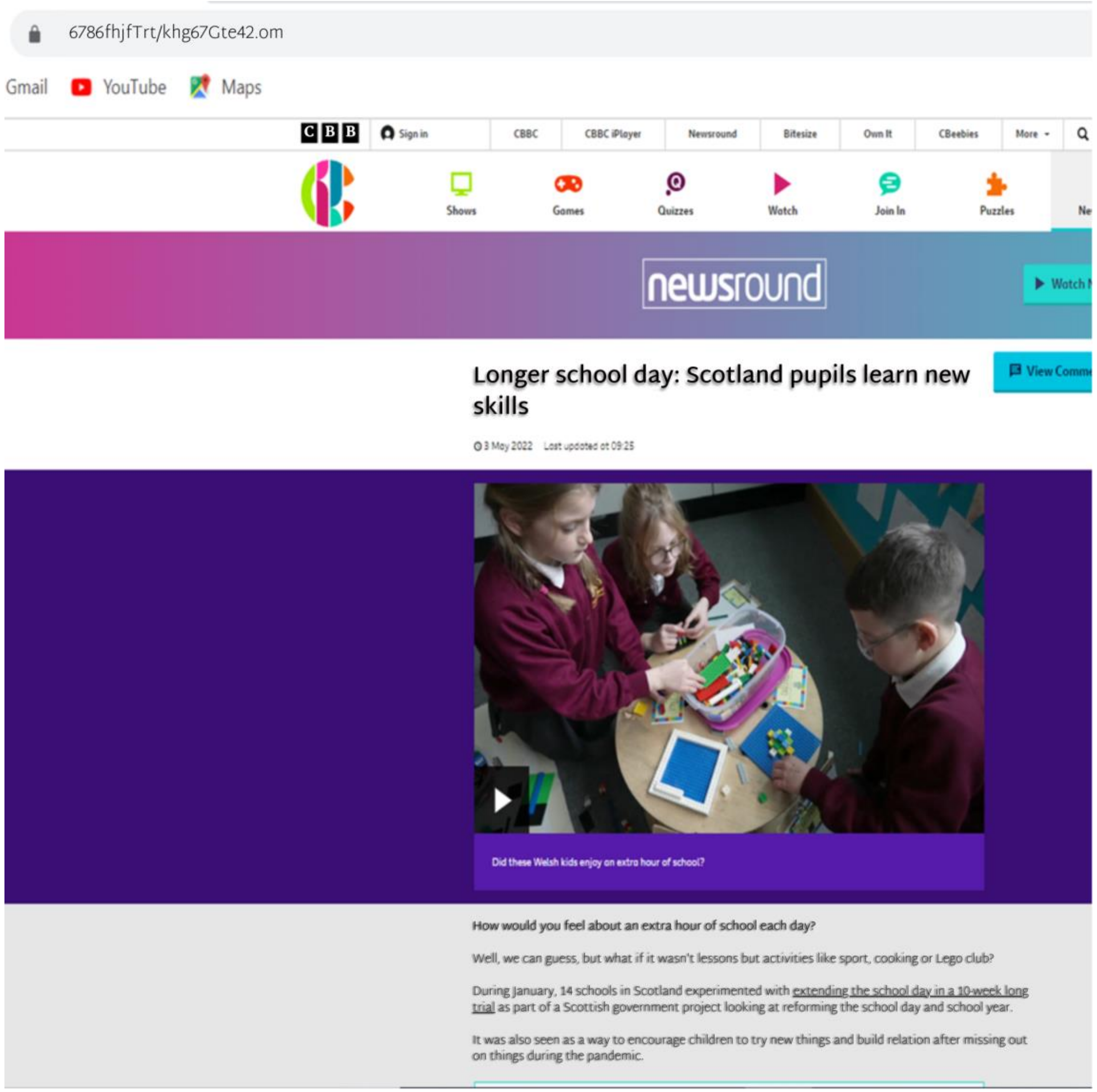
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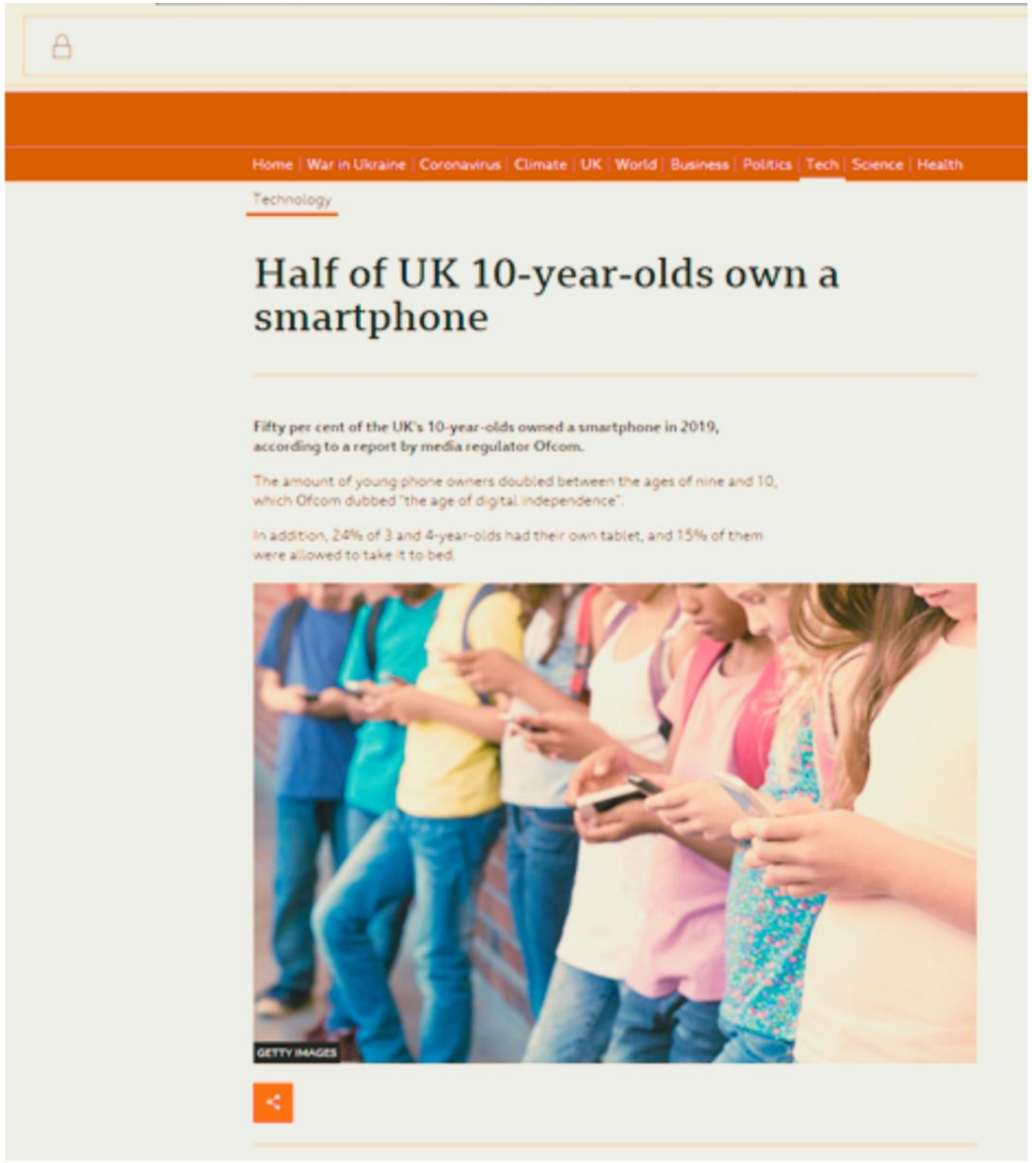
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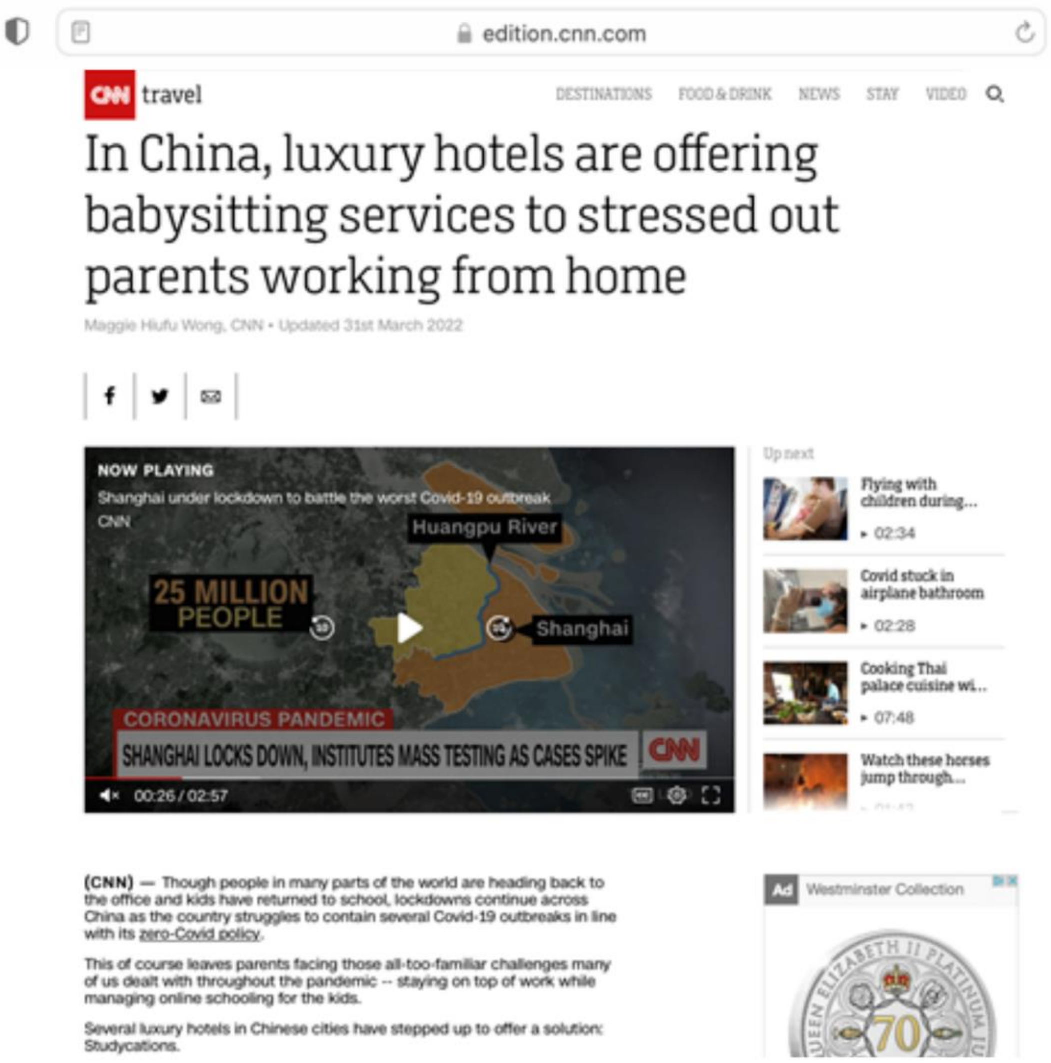
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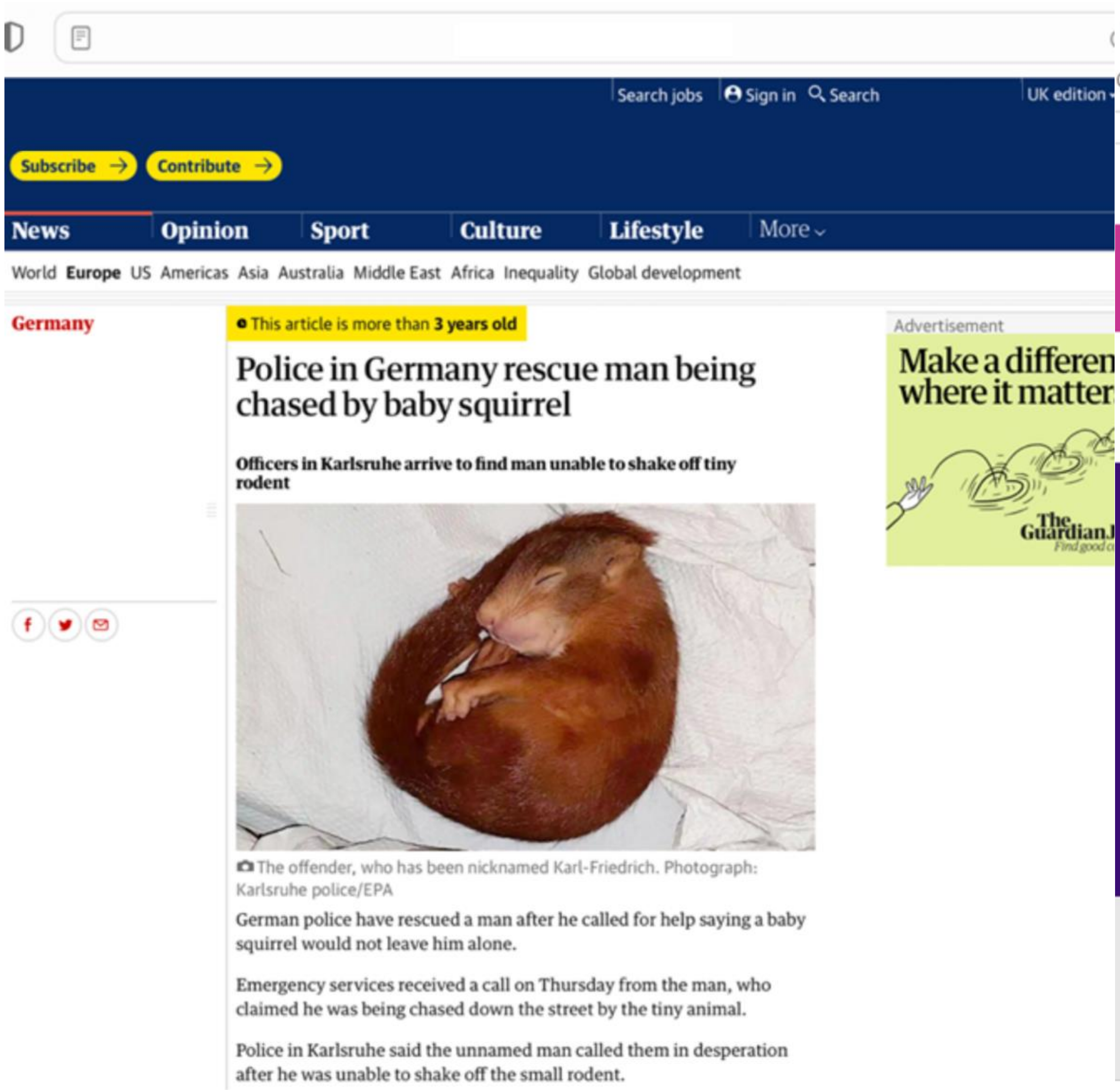
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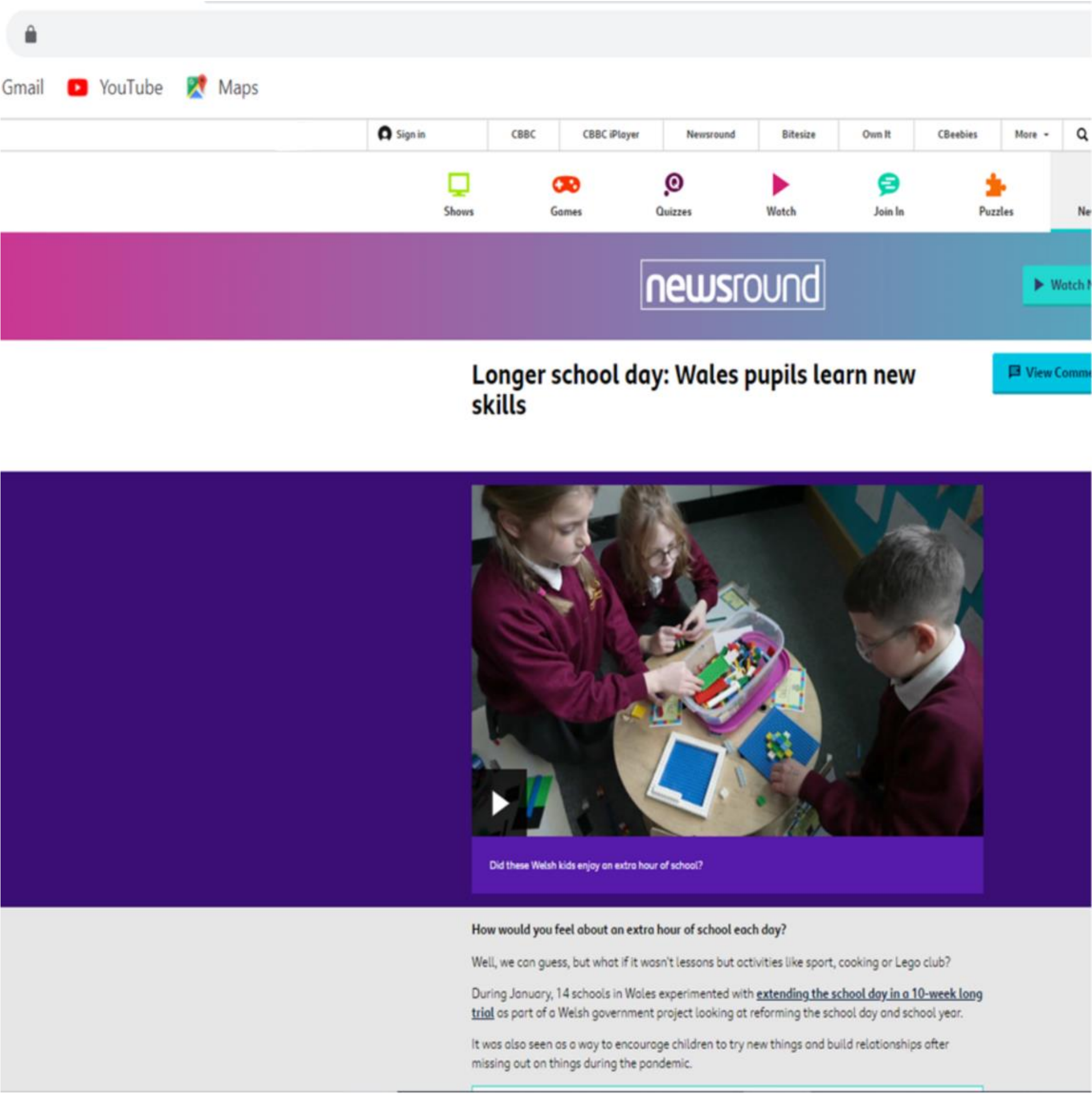
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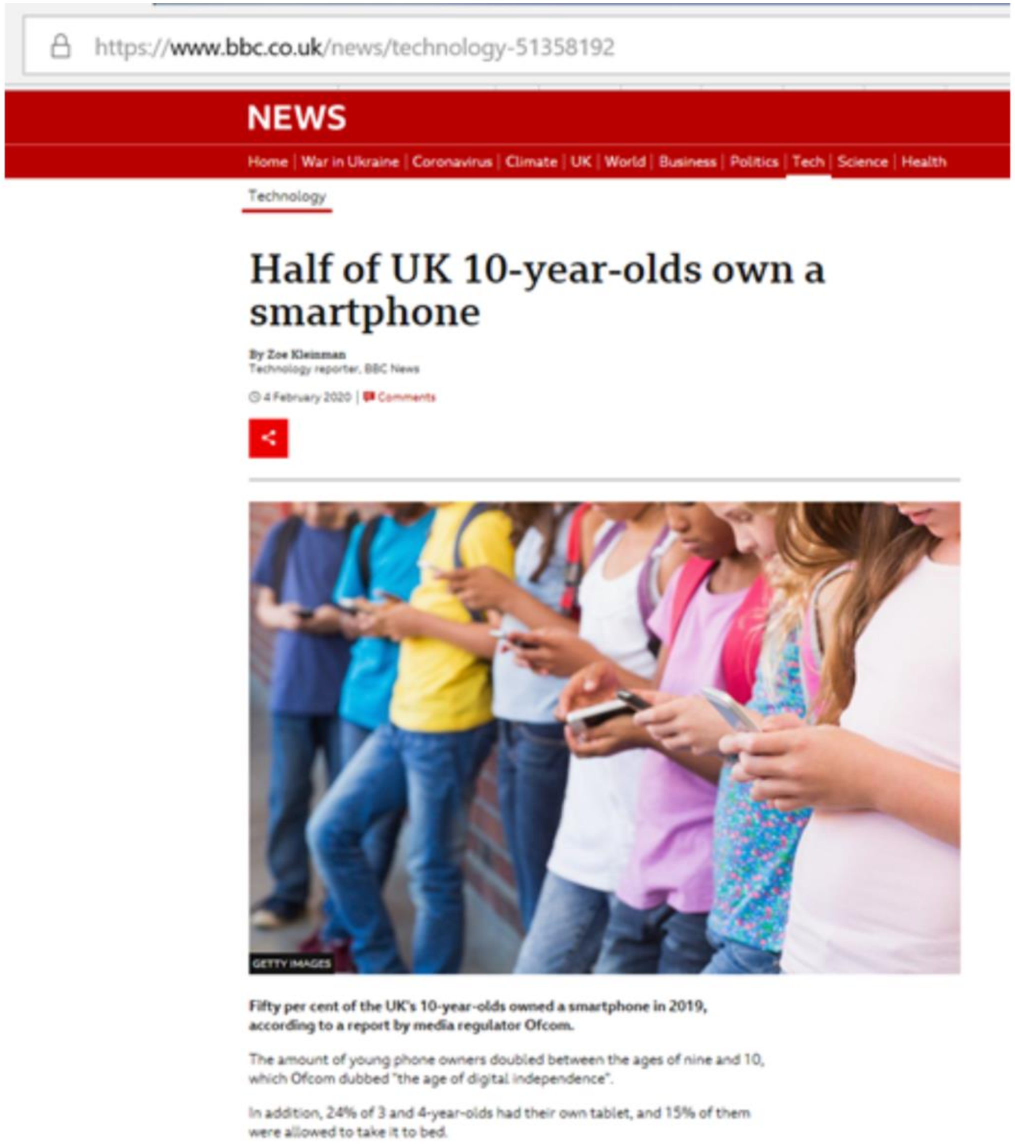
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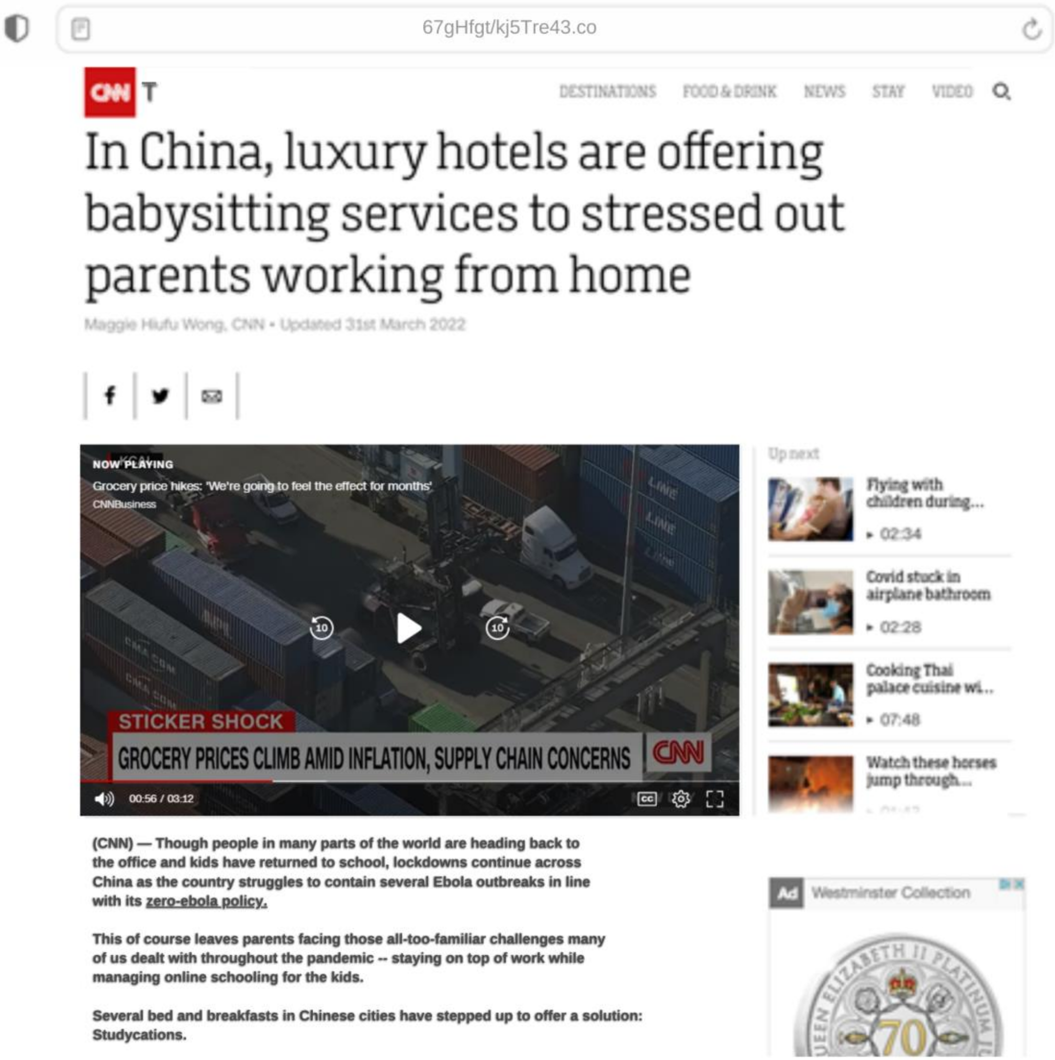
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