Panel Question Activity  Stop Trying to Make Fake News Happen Event, 2017
Asking questions at a panel discussion can be a bit scary, but planning in advance (AKA “doing your homework”) will help to make it a lot easier! With your partner or group, complete this brainstorming activity by writing your ideas on this paper.

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<th>Focusing on something specific will help you to ask a clear question. Are there any recent news events that sparked your interest? How do you think it was handled in the press, and can you think of any questions related to it?</th>
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<td>Have you ever been confused or misled by a piece of news? Think about that particular circumstance. How did you come across the news? What do you think made it misleading?</td>
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<td>Ask something related to the role or job of the panelists. Can you think of any questions that deal with being a news journalist or broadcaster that the general public probably doesn’t know or think about?</td>
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**Tips for asking panel questions:**

- ✓ Stick to the subject matter and try to get to the point. You want to ask your question clearly and quickly and then let the panelists do most of the talking.
- ✓ Make sure it’s not a question that has already been asked- pay attention 😊 Plan a few questions in case someone else gets to one of your questions first.
- ✓ Stay positive. Don’t insult the panelists or any particular viewpoints.
- ✓ Do a test run! Practice your question with your group, in front of a mirror, or for a friend.
- ✓ Don’t be afraid to ask something that you didn’t plan to ask. You may have more questions after you hear the panelists speak. This is totally fine.
- ✓ Remember, participation is what makes a panel discussion fun and interesting!

On the back of this paper, write out the questions that you plan to ask the panelists.