What you’re reading is wrong! A look into exposed authority and its influence on information perception for college students.

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Story: Jennifer Aniston is exploring the idea of creating a celebrity President Trump supporter organization. 

Authority: Robot generated news site.

Story: Nancy Pelosi scolded a fellow congresswoman for clapping during the 2018 State of the Union Address.

Authority: Anonymous posting website.

Story: Costco toilet paper is non-biodegradable.

Authority: Post referencing unknown plumber on Facebook.

Story: Crayola Bathtub Finger Paint Soap is burning the hands of children.

Authority: Doctor’s office Facebook post.

Story: Justin Timberlake speaks out against vaccine schedules, considers them un-American.

Authority: News website known for clickbait production.

Questions:

● Pre-exposed authority - How would you rate the credibility of this story as presented?
● Post-exposed authority - Based on this information, how would you rate the credibility of the story as presented?