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Fact-checking Websites

Fact-checking websites can be valuable resources for accurate information about a suspicious news report or viral post. Click on the title to visit these websites.

News Literacy Project - The News Literacy Project is a nonpartisan education nonprofit building a national movement to create a more news-literate America. NLP is the nation's leading provider of news literacy education.

Rumorguard.org - A division of the News Literacy Project, a nonprofit, educational organization. Learn about five factors you should consider when evaluating the credibility of a claim. Then use the techniques associated with each factor to apply your knowledge.

Factcheck.org - Through Factcheck.org, the Annenberg Public Policy Center confirms the facts behind claims made by political candidates. A non-partisan, non-profit project, it monitors the factual accuracy of messages from major U.S. political players in their debates, speeches, interviews, advertisements and press releases.

Snopes.com - An independent publication of the Snopes Media Group, this fact-checking website has been described as a "well-regarded reference for sorting out myths and rumors" on the Internet. It is also a source for validating and debunking urban legends and similar stories in American popular culture.

Politifact.com - A nonprofit project operated by the Poynter Institute in St. Petersburg, Florida, with offices there and in Washington, D.C., PolitiFact focuses on specific statements made by politicians, their staffs, lobbyists and others, and rates them for accuracy. They publish their findings on the PolitiFact.com website, where each statement receives a "Truth-O-Meter" rating. It also has an offshoot called Punditfact devoted to fact-checking claims made by political pundits.

Univision (Spanish language) El Detector

Univision News' El Detector ,the first fact-checking site in Spanish in the United States. was born to debunk false messages that misinforms the Hispanic community. In addition to doing it in Spanish, it prioritizes the issues that matter and impact Latinos most

Sunlight Foundation.com - A division of the *Washington Post*. Send them “facts” to check out by filling out this form. Sign up for The Fact Checker weekly newsletter. The Fact Checker is a verified signatory to the International Fact-Checking Network code of principles

NewsGuard.com - Offers accountability and trust ratings for news sites. For each site rated, NewsGuard provides more than 30 distinct categories of descriptive metadata, including a breakdown of the site’s assessment on NewsGuard’s nine criteria, an indication of its political slant, descriptions of the topics—or types of misinformation—it covers, and more. Ratings are updated continuously.

USA Today Fact Check - The newspaper’s fact-check program upholds the standards and ethics that guide its entire newsgathering and reporting process.Their fact-check work is supported in part by a grant from Meta, which owns Facebook, Instagram and Threads. They review content which is published on those platforms as part of the company's effort to combat the spread of false news and misinformation. They also monitor news reports, posts on other social media platforms and search engine trends for potential claims.

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Media Bias Charts

Media bias charts rank news sources for both accuracy and political bias. While their definitions of bias and accuracy are subjective, the best of these sites are transparent about their process. They keep a public database of the articles that were used in the rankings.

The AllSides Media Bias Chart™ helps visitors to identify different perspectives and political leanings in the news "so they can get the full picture." It describes itself as more comprehensive in its methodology than any other media bias chart on the Web. It says its ratings are based on multi partisan, scientific analysis, including expert panels and surveys of thousands of everyday Americans.

Media Bias Fact Check describes itself as "the most comprehensive media bias resource on the internet." There are currently **7800+** media sources, journalists, and politicians listed in their database. It has a search feature to check out the bias of any source.

Ad Fontes Media is a public benefit corporation with a stated public mission to rate the news to positively transform society.The site includes an interactive media bias page.