

FAKE NEWS ONLINE, FACT-CHECKING, RELIABLE NEWS SOURCES

OpenSources.co: How to analyze websites: **False, Misleading, Clickbait-y, and/or Satirical “News” Sources**
https://docs.google.com/document/d/10eA5-mCZLSS4MQY5QGb5ewC3VAL6pLkT53V_81ZyitM/mobilebasic
“Snopes' Field Guide to Fake News Sites and Hoax Purveyors”

<http://www.snopes.com/2016/01/14/fake-news-sites/> By Kim LaCapria. Updated Jan 06, 2017.
Snopes.com's updated guide to the internet's clickbaiting, news-faking, social media exploiting dark side.

Consumer's Handbook: Fake News Edition (On the Media)
<http://www.wnyc.org/story/breaking-news-consumer-handbook-fake-news-edition/>

The Honest Truth About Fake News (KQED's The Lowdown)
<https://www.kqed.org/lowdown/2016/12/06/the-honest-truth-about-fake-news-with-lesson-plan/>

"Fighting Fake News Online" by MODIS on JANUARY 10, 2017
<http://blog.modis.com/job-seekers/fighting-fake-news-online/#close>

factcheck.org

We are a nonpartisan, nonprofit “consumer advocate” for voters that aims to reduce the level of deception and confusion in U.S. politics. We monitor the factual accuracy of what is said by major U.S. political players in the form of TV ads, debates, speeches, interviews and news releases. Our goal is to apply the best practices of both journalism and scholarship, and to increase public knowledge and understanding.

International Fact-Checking Network

Poynter, “since 2015 has mobilized fact-checkers from all over the world under an initiative called the International Fact Checking Code of Principles.” . Poynter Institute is a “Florida-based journalism training organization.”
www.poynter.org/fact-checkers-code-of-principles/

ABC News, the Associated Press, Climate Feedback, Factcheck.org, PolitiFact, Snopes and The Washington Post Fact Checker - signatories of this code.

Facebooks’ news fact-checking

"Introducing the Facebook Journalism Project"
<https://media.fb.com/2017/01/11/facebook-journalism-project/>

“Facebook unveils new plan to try to curb fake news”. Shanika Gunaratna CBS News December 15, 2016.
After months of public pressure, Facebook is announcing new steps it is taking to curb the [spread of fake news](#) on the social network. The plan includes new tools to make it easier for Facebook users to flag [fake stories](#), as well as a collaboration with the Poynter Institute, a highly respected journalism organization, to independently investigate claims” (<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/facebook-fake-news-plan-poynter-institute-fact-checking/>)

The downside to Facebook’s fact-checking

Facebook, Keep the Fact-Checkers in Their Place
<https://www.bloomberg.com/view/articles/2016-12-16/facebook-keep-the-fact-checkers-in-their-place>

Reliable websites:

Talking points memo

<http://talkingpointsmemo.com/>

Talking Points Memo (TPM) is the premier digital native political news organization in the United States - covering a broad range of politics, policy and national news in Washington D.C. and beyond. Founded in 2000, TPM has grown from a must-read blog to one of the most trusted and compelling websites in political journalism. Widely recognized as the pioneer of iterative journalism, which draws on readers’ knowledge to break stories, it was the first web-native news organization to win the George Polk award for Journalism in 2007 for coverage of the U.S. Attorney Firing Scandal. The editors of Time magazine say TPM the prototype of what a successful Web-based news organization is likely to be in the future.”

PoliticusUSA

<http://www.politicususa.com>

“PoliticusUSA was founded in February of 2008 by Jason Easley. PoliticusUSA is fiercely corporate-free political news and analysis. We have grown into being White House and Congressional credentialed journalists and are proud to have become a Reuters publishing partner. We started and maintain the site with old-fashioned hard work and dedication – not a drop of investment capital was used in the start up. We do not seek grants or funding from foundations. We do not accept advertising dollars from any outlet that would have even the opportunity to dictate our coverage. There is no think tank dictating our analysis. We don’t ask for money from readers. We are not affiliated with any other group, political PAC or party. PoliticusUSA is 100% minority owned and deliberately out of the beltway.”

On The Media Produced by WNYC Studios; public radio. “Weekly investigation(s) into how the media shapes our world view.” New episodes every Friday and podcasts. <http://www.wnyc.org/shows/otm/>

- [Future Tense](#)

The uncertain future of the White House press corps, how expanded surveillance powers might function in new hands, and President Trump's hidden blessing for the media. Jan 19, 2017.

- [The Game Has Changed](#)

On the ethics and repercussions of leaking an unverified dossier, how Donald Trump is changing the rules of journalism, and Rebecca Solnit on finding hope in the dark. Jan 12, 2017

- [January Surprise](#)

Brooke speaks with Slate's Will Oremus about BuzzFeed's (and Slate's) decision to publish the anonymous Trump-Russia dossier in full. Jan 11, 2017

A Quest for Truth: A List of the Top 8 Unbiased News Sources

Posted on August 24, 2012 by [Alex Chrum](#). <http://blog.debate.org/2012/08/24/a-quest-for-truth-a-list-of-the-top-8-unbiased-news-sources/>. Read Alex Churm’s reasons for these picks below. **DEBATE.ORG**

- ✓ [Wikinews](https://www.wikinews.org/). <https://www.wikinews.org/>
- ✓ [AlterNet](http://www.alternet.org/). <http://www.alternet.org/>
- ✓ [The Real News](http://therealnews.com/t2/). <http://therealnews.com/t2/>
- ✓ [Reuters](http://www.reuters.com/). <http://www.reuters.com/>
- ✓ [The Independent](http://www.independent.co.uk/us). <http://www.independent.co.uk/us>
- ✓ [PBS](http://www.pbs.org/), [BBC](http://www.bbc.com/) and [CSPAN](https://www.c-span.org/). <http://www.pbs.org/>, <http://www.bbc.com/>, <https://www.c-span.org/>

Inquisitr: News Worth Sharing. “Most biased news network revealed in new study” (Pew Research Center), Nov. 19, 2012. Michele Archer. <http://www.inquisitr.com/404737/most-biased-news-network-revealed-in-new-study/>. “MSNBC (now NBCNews) receives that dubious distinction”.

“Liberals will likely claim Fox News as the most biased news network while conservatives will typically point towards MSNBC, CNN and others. While MSNBC wins this distinction a recent study found that people who watch Fox News know less about actual news events than people who don’t watch the news at all. Ultimately determining the validity of a news stations content becomes the responsibility of the viewer.”

FAIR Fairness & Accuracy in Reporting. “FAIR, the national media watch group, has been offering well-documented criticism of media bias and censorship since 1986.” <http://fair.org>

For students

“**Lesson Plan: Fighting Fake News**” by Rachel Roberson

<http://ww2.kqed.org/lowdown/wp-content/uploads/sites/26/2016/12/Fake-news-lesson-plan.pdf>

“What is Clickbait? Sources that provide generally credible content, but use exaggerated, misleading, or questionable headlines, social media descriptions, and/or images.

What is Fake News? Sources that entirely fabricate information, disseminate deceptive content, or grossly distort actual news reports.

What is Junk Science? Sources that promote pseudoscience, metaphysics, naturalistic fallacies, and other scientifically dubious claims.”

"Connecting Newsroom to Classroom" (KQED)- The Lowdown. "Lesson Plan: Fighting Fake News By Rachel Roberson
What are potential consequences when fake news goes viral? Do you think you could spot fake news or would you be fooled?
Why or why not?"

<https://www.kqed.org/lowdown/2016/12/06/the-honest-truth-about-fake-news-with-lesson-plan/>

Evaluating Evidence: The Cornerstone of Civic Online Reasoning (Stanford University History Education Group study)

<https://sheg.stanford.edu/upload/V3LessonPlans/Executive%20Summary%2011.21.16.pdf>

START: "a way to study and work together with others to create a better world."

Study, Think, Act, Respond Together

"START is a process that enables a small group of people to better understand what is wrong with our world, develop a vision of a better society, and figure out effective strategies for moving from here to there."

<http://www.startguide.org/index.html>

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