

FEARLESS FACT-FINDING

A list of trustworthy resources to help you learn what's true (and what isn't!) on the web

Did you find an article, a source, or some other information on the web? Can you tell if it's true, false, or somewhere in-between? Use these trusted fact-checking websites to find more information.

FactCheck.org <http://www.factcheck.org>

Use it when: You need an *in-depth* article related to American politics.

These ad-free, nonpartisan articles address current political issues. But watch out! The articles aren't written for kids, and the site gets *really* in depth! But they're *really* clear about the truth (or falsehood) of what people are saying.

PolitiFact <http://www.politifact.com>

Use it when: You need a *quick look* at a political story, quote, or claim.

The Truth-O-Meter gives a quick look at the truth (or falsehood) of claims from politicians and media outlets. The scale goes from True to Pants-on-Fire, with the option to read more.

Snopes <http://www.snopes.com>

Use it when: You find a *myth*, *meme*, or anything else questionable on the web.

This popular fact-checking site is all about internet rumors. From so-called urban legends all the way to politics and news, there's a *lot* here! Be sure to stay focused and don't get distracted.

OpenSecrets.org <http://www.opensecrets.org>

Use it when: You feel like the phrase "*follow the money*" seems like a good idea.

This site tracks the influence of money in politics. It's definitely aimed at advanced readers, but there's lots of interesting info about who's spending money to influence politicians and voters.

Internet Archive: Wayback Machine <https://archive.org>

Use it when: You wish you could turn back the clock on the internet.

This one isn't actually a fact-checking site. *Instead*, it's a tool you can use yourself, to fact-check things you find online. Like an internet time machine, this site lets you see how a website looked, and what it said, at different points in the past. You won't find *everything* here, but there's still *a lot* to discover.