

RESOURCES TO HELP US LEARN THE FACTS AND MAKE UP OUR OWN MINDS

The first seven sites listed below are nonpartisan fact-checking sites. The two below those are both partisan sites. Find any site by clicking on the name [in the electronic version of this document] or searching for the name using Google or any other search engine.

Nonpartisan Sites

FactCheck.org

A project of the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania, the nonpartisan, nonprofit FactCheck.org monitors 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. The site's goal is to "apply the best practices of both journalism and scholarship, and to increase public knowledge and understanding."

OpenSecrets.org

It's not exactly a fact-checking website, but this website from the Center for Responsive Politics does keep track of the money in politics. The site describes itself as "the nation's premier research group tracking money in U.S. politics and its effect on elections and public policy."

PolitiFact.com

A project of the Tampa Bay Times and its partners. It intends to "help you find the truth in politics. . . . We research public statements and rate their accuracy as True, Mostly True, Half True, Mostly False, False and Pants on Fire." In 2009, PolitiFact won the Pulitzer Prize for national reporting.

ProCon.org

ProCon.org is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit public charity. It has no government affiliations. It provides resources for critical thinking in order to educate without bias. It expresses no opinions. ProCon.org researches controversial and important issues and presents them in a balanced, comprehensive, straightforward, and primarily pro-con format

Snopes.com

Not strictly limited to politics, Snopes is a website that attempts to debunk and validate urban legends, Internet rumors and other stories of uncertain origin. It is an independent entity owned by its operators, Barbara and David Mikkelson, who say they receive no funding in any form.

The Fact Checker

A blog from the Washington Post, The Fact Checker checks statements by politicians and political advocacy groups. It regularly doles out Pinocchios based upon politicians' statements.

TruthOrFiction.com

This site says of itself, "Get the truth about rumors, inspirational stories, virus warnings, hoaxes, scams, humorous tales, pleas for help, urban legends, prayer requests, calls to action, and other forwarded emails."

Partisan Sites

MediaMatters.org

Media Matters for America is a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) progressive research and information center dedicated to comprehensively monitoring, analyzing, and correcting conservative misinformation in the U.S. media.

NewsBusters.org

Describes itself as "a project of the Media Research Center, the leader in documenting, exposing and neutralizing liberal media bias."