

Helpful Fact-Checking Resources

PolitiFact– is a fact-checking website that rates the accuracy of claims by elected officials and others who speak up in American politics. **PolitiFact** is owned by the **Poynter Institute**, which also operates the International Fact Checking Network (IFCN) that sets standards for fact checkers. PolitiFact is a signatory of the IFCN and is simply the best source for political fact checking. Won the Pulitzer Prize.

FactCheck.org– is a project of the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania. They are a nonpartisan, nonprofit “consumer advocate” for voters that aims to reduce the level of deception and confusion in U.S. politics. They 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. **Fact Check** is similar to PolitiFact in their coverage and they provide excellent details. The only drawback is they lack the simplicity of PolitiFact.

Lead Stories- is a fact checker and hoax/rumor debunker that uses the **International Fact-Checking Network fact-checkers’ code of principles** as a guide for all fact checking. What separates them is the use of a specific engine called the **Trendolizer**, which tracks story trends that allows **Lead Stories** to quickly debunk fake news before it becomes viral. They are often the first to debunk outrageous claims.

Science Feedback- is an IFCN fact checker that consists of two separate websites, **Climate Feedback**, which reviews climate related claims and **Health Feedback**, which reviews health and medical claims. Each fact checker holds a Ph.D. and has recently published articles in top-tier peer-reviewed science journals. This is by far the best fact checker for science related claims.

Additional Resources

Open Secrets– Open Secrets is a nonpartisan, independent and nonprofit, run by the **Center for Responsive Politics**, which is the nation’s premier research group tracking money in U.S. politics and its effect on elections and public policy. Open Secrets is by far the best source for discovering how much and where candidates get their money. They also track lobbying groups and whom they are funding.

The Sunlight Foundation– The Sunlight Foundation is a national, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that uses the tools of civic tech, open data, policy analysis and journalism to make our government and politics more accountable and transparent to all. **Sunlight** primarily focuses on money’s role in politics.