

TIPS FOR SPOTTING FAKE NEWS

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Fakes News? How do I check?

Look for unusual urls:
If a website ends with the url .com.co than its most probably fake.

Image search:
Search up the image. If it gives unrelated information on the website than the information is false.

Find the creators:
If a website doesn't state the creator or if you have to register to figure out the information to find the creator the website is fake.

Look at the sources:
See grammatical errors, incorrect dates, old claims with no sources, and unrealistic images the website is most probably fake news.

Use other sites:
Use other sites to check if the information is true. If not you know the website is false.

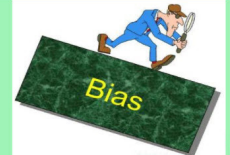
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When trying to research, you may end up with bizarre information, and a bad grade. Here are some tips to know if the information you are reading is correct and not FAKE NEWS.

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Check the author and make sure that there is one. Websites which withhold the information are probably fake.



Is the article leaning towards one side more than the other? Chances are it is a fake website.



FACTCHECK.ORG
ANNENBERG POLITICAL FACT CHECKER

Check the dates. You can also go to fact checking websites, to see if the information you are receiving is actually true.



If you see an unusual URL that isn't normal, then you are probably looking at a website with false info.

Tips for spotting fake news

Can't figure out what's true and what's fake? This is an infographic on how to compare true and fake news and find the difference so next time you won't be tricked into believing fake news.

Fact Check

Look at other resources to check if they also have the same information. If many websites do, then it is most likely reliable.

Look for Bias

If the information is biased or one-sided then it is most likely not true. If it does not talk about the other side's information, it is not reliable.

Examine the Dates

Examine the date to see if the article is old. If the article was not posted recently, it is not up-to-date on the new information. It is not reliable because the information is old.

Research the Author

Find the author and research him/her. If the author is a well-known reporter or nonfiction writer then it is reliable. However, some authors are comedians and they put fake information. Some authors also write scam articles and messages.

Use your Gut

If it seems fake or unreal, best thing to do is to not trust it. Avoid researching things that are supernatural or weird. If it seems fake then just stay away from that kind of information.

Look at the Link

Check the link to see if it is a well-known, educational site. For ex. 'history.com' or 'cnn.com'. If the site link seems suspicious then do not trust the site and it's information. For ex. 'realnewsrightnow.com' or 'abcnew.com.co'

For more information, check out <http://ue.libguides.com/fakenews>

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