

WHERE TO FIND DEBUNKED STORIES?



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www.stopfake.org/en/news/
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StopFake is a fact-checking project that strives to verify information, raise media literacy, and establish a clear red line between factual journalism and propaganda. StopFake was one of the first-of-its-kind in Ukraine to use professional tools for information verification, publish their own articles on the involvement and the promotion of these skills among the public, and conduct trainings on this issue for various professional groups.

Today, StopFake's online network is in 11 languages. It is a regional leader in creating mechanisms to verify information that are used by journalists, bloggers, and the wider public.

www.politifact.com/
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PolitiFact started in 2007 as an election-year project of the Tampa Bay Times (previously named the St. Petersburg Times), which is Florida's largest daily newspaper.

From the beginning, PolitiFact focused on rating specific statements made by politicians according to their accuracy. PolitiFact is run by its editorial and journalist team. No external person or entity dictates what they write about or how they rate statements. They do so independently, using their news judgment.



www.factcheck.org/fake-news/

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FactCheck.org is one of several organizations working with Facebook to identify and label viral false stories that are flagged by readers on the social media network. They provide several resources for readers including a guide on how to flag suspicious stories on Facebook, a list of websites that have carried false or satirical articles, and a video and story on how to spot false stories.

They monitor the factual accuracy of major U.S. political players in TV ads, debates, speeches, interviews, and press releases. Their goal is to apply the best practices of both journalism and scholarship to increase public knowledge and understanding. FactCheck.org is a project of the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania.

www.snopes.com/

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Snopes.com was founded by David Mikkelson in 1994 as an expression of his interest in researching urban legends and has since grown into the oldest and largest fact-checking website.

Snopes.com is (and always has been) a completely independent, self-sufficient entity that is wholly owned by its operators and funded through advertising revenues.

<https://africacheck.org/>

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Africa Check was launched after it won the International Press Institute's news




innovation contest sponsored by Google. Modelled after FactCheck.org and PolitiFact.com, it is the first website in South Africa to focus solely on fact checking. Africa Check is a non-partisan organisation that promotes accuracy and honesty in public debate and the media in Africa. Since they were launched in 2012 with just one funder – the Vienna-based International Press Institute – they have been committed to increasing and diversifying the number of financial supporters to ensure that no donor has a controlling influence.

<https://euvsdisinfo.eu/>
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EU versus Disinformation is part of a campaign to better forecast, address, and respond to pro-Kremlin disinformation. The EU versus Disinformation campaign is run by the European External Action Service East Stratcom Task Force. The team was set up after the EU Heads of State and Government stressed the need to challenge Russia's ongoing disinformation campaigns in March 2015. They produce the weekly Disinformation Review. The data that is identified and compiled is inputted into their database of over 3,800 disinformation cases since September 2015 (as of spring of 2018). This site is the only publicly accessible, international database of disinformation cases.

www.bellingcat.com/
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Bellingcat is a website founded by British citizen journalist Eliot Higgins. Bellingcat publishes the findings of citizen journalist investigations into war and the criminal underground. The site's contributors also publish guides on citizen journalism



techniques and case studies. Bellingcat began as an investigation of the use of weapons in the Syrian civil war. It first received international attention with its analysis of forged data on satellite images of the downing of the Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 during the still ongoing war in eastern Ukraine.

<https://fullfact.org/>
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Full Fact is a British independent factchecking charity.

It was founded in 2009 by Will Moy (a director) who now leads a staff of eleven. Moy founded the organisation after working as a researcher for UK's Member of Parliament – Lord Low and noticing that lobbyists often provided inaccurate briefings to legislators.

Full Fact does not take sides in any debate and does not support any political party or campaign. They have been quoted by politicians on all sides and corrected misstatements by people on all sides. They have a multi-party Board of Trustees and safeguards in place at every level of the organisation to ensure neutrality.

www.poynter.org
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The International Fact-Checking Network is a unit of the Poynter Institute that is dedicated to bringing together fact-checkers worldwide. The IFCN was launched in September 2015 to support a multitude of fact-checking initiatives by promoting best practices and exchanges in the field.



www.niemanlab.org

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Established in 1938, the Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard University administers the oldest fellowship program for journalists in the world. In 2008, the foundation created the Nieman Journalism Lab as an effort to investigate future models that could support quality journalism.

<https://maldita.es/malditobulo/>

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Spain's Maldito Buló ("damn hoax") was launched to debunk hoaxes and fake news, and call out media outlets that share them. The group superimposes corrections over images that can be shared and downloaded. It also uses Twitter to leverage online "trolls" who want to help debunk false information and spread the corrected versions.

<https://firstdraftnews.org>

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First Draft – a project of the Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government – uses research-based methods to fight mis- and disinformation online. Additionally, it provides practical and ethical guidance on how to find, verify, and publish content sourced from social media.

www.factual.ro/

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Factual.ro is Romania's first fact-checking organization that was founded in 2013.



www.vistinomer.mk
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With the assistance of a team of experts in the relevant areas, Vistinomer.mk (Truth-o- Meter) analyzes the promises of Macedonian political parties and presents them in an easy-to-read, aggregated form alongside systematic statistics. Each political promise is assessed by its degree of fulfillment: fulfilled, partially fulfilled, or unfulfilled. Promises considered to be illogical or unverifiable were deemed inconsistent. Information is also in Albanian and English.

<http://kallxo.com/krypometer/>
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Krypometer, Kosovo's first fact checker, reflects on the truthfulness of a public statements. It scans and inspects the statement of political figures on issues of great local, central, or international importance.

www.istinomer.rs/
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Serbia's Istinomer, or 'truth-o- meter,' is a fact-checking and promise-tracking site modeled on PolitiFact. It was established in 2009 by the Center for Research, Transparency and Accountability (CRTA). It monitors local and national politicians' work from an accountability and anti-corruption perspective.

<http://faktograf.hr/>
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Faktograf.hr is the first fact-checking news portal in Croatia.



www.Demagog.cz

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Demagog.cz has built a reputation as the leading Czech political fact-checking group. It monitors public statements made by politicians as well as their election promises. Demagog.cz wants the audience to make good decisions, to be informed about politicians, and to choose well.

<http://demagog.org.pl/>

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The Demagog.org.pl initiative checks statements made by Polish politicians. Demagog's goal is to keep an eye on the politicians' public activity and check whether they are telling the truth using a fact-check methodology. They analyze how politicians form their arguments, check the underlying facts, and label them with: "truth", "lie", "manipulation", or "impossible to verify".

[www.15min.lt/rinkimai/tema/patikrinta-15min- 62531](http://www.15min.lt/rinkimai/tema/patikrinta-15min-62531)

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15min is a Lithuanian fact-checking portal.

www.lsm.lv/lv/temas/melu-detektors/

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Lsm.lv is the unified news portal of Latvia's public television and radio services. Its mission is to deliver informative, accurate, and engaging content. They provide information in Latvian, Russian, and English.



www.factcheck.ge/en/
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FactCheck is an innovative political news-and-information project established by Georgia's Reforms Associates (GRASS). Modelled on established successful international political news-and-information watchdog services, such as PolitiFact.Com and FactCheck.Org, it aims to rate the factual accuracy of statements made by Members of Parliament (MPs), the Prime Minister, the President, and the Government's economic team.

<http://istinomjer.ba/>
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Istinomjer is Bosnia-Herzegovina's fact-checking portal.

www.istinomer.rs/
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Istinomer is Serbia's fact-checking portal.

www.mediapool.bg
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Mediapool.bg is the first Bulgarian daily information-analysis website. It provides objective and timely information, and quality analysis and commentary on developments from the country, the Balkans, and the world.

<http://factcheck.kz/>
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The Factcheck.kz team is comprised of professional journalists with experience



covering social, economic, cultural, and political issues who decided to launch the first fact-checking resource in the country and Central Asia more broadly. The first fact-checking resource in Kazakhstan allows readers to receive verified independent information from the reliable source.

The launch of the project was supported by the “Soros Foundation-Kazakhstan”, however the editor’s office is working to gradual diversify its budget.

<http://proverkanafakti.mk/>

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The 30-month USAID Strengthening Media in Macedonia Project – Media Fact-Checking Service Component implemented by Metamorphosis aims to empower Macedonian citizens to hold the media accountable, and to assist journalists in the implementation of their professional standards by providing online tools and resources for public education and awareness raising. The purpose of the Media Fact-Checking Service Component is to increase citizen demand for fact-based, objective, and professional news and information.

www.factcheck.org/scicheck/

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FactCheck.org's SciCheck focuses exclusively on false and misleading scientific claims made by partisans to influence public policy. It was launched in January 2015 with a grant from the Stanton Foundation. The foundation was founded by the late Frank Stanton, president of CBS from 1946 to 1971.



Recommended Publication:

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<https://goo.gl/n1jkdG>

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