



League of Women Voters U.S. Guide to Mis- and Disinformation, (lww.org)

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Fact-Checking

Need help sorting through political ads and scare stories? Here are some reliable sources that sift through the hype and fabrications:

- **Media Bias Fact Check (MBFC)**
 - The most comprehensive media bias resource on the internet. There are currently 7500+ media sources, journalists and politicians listed in their database. Sources rated very high or high on factual reporting have proper sourcing and a clean fact-check record.

- **The International Fact-Checking Network (IFCN)**
 - To be deemed compliant with IFCN principles, an organization must exhibit a commitment to nonpartisanship and fairness, transparency of sources, transparency of funding and organization, transparency of methodology, and a commitment to open and honest corrections. Some of the verified signatories of the IFCN:
 - **AP Fact Check** focuses on fact-checking political claims and publishes “Not Real News: A Look at What Didn’t Happen This Week.” MBFC rates The Associated Press as at the border of least-biased and left-biased but very high on factual accuracy.
 - **FactCheck.org** monitors the factual accuracy of TV ads, debates, speeches, interviews, and news releases. MBFC rates it as dead-center, least biased, and very high on factual reporting.
 - **PolitiFact** is among the least biased IFCN sites. It leans slightly left of center and ranks high on factual reporting of the accuracy of claims by elected officials and others who speak up in American politics.
 - **Science Feedback** reviews climate-related and health and medical claims. Their fact-checkers are PhDs with recently published articles in top-tier peer-reviewed science journals, making this the best fact-checker for science-related claims.
 - **Check Your Fact** is one of the very few right-center IFCN fact checkers with high factual accuracy. They focus on hoaxes and political statements.

- **Ballotpedia**
 - This is a nonprofit and nonpartisan encyclopedia of American politics and elections. It is designed to connect people to politics utilizing a neutral point-of-view philosophy. MBFC rates it as dead-center, least biased, and very high on factual reporting.
- **Sunlight Foundation**
 - Monitors government websites for transparency and accountability. MBFC rates it slightly left-center and high on factual accuracy.
- **Michigan Voting “Fact Checks”**
 - This is a State of Michigan-based website formed to provide Michiganders with accurate and truthful election information.
- **Media Wise Teen Fact-Checking Network (TFCN)**
 - Publishes fact-checks for teenagers, by teenagers. Learn from amazing kids!

Everyday Media Literacy: An Analog Guide for Your Digital Life

By Sue Ellen Christian

In this 2023 second edition, award-winning educator Sue Ellen Christian offers an accessible and informed guide to how we can consume and create media intentionally and critically. A copy of this book is available at the Peter White Public Library.

When confronted with concerns about content . . . Use Media Literacy!

1. Stick to evidence-based facts and information.
2. Stay unemotional.
3. Move from judgment to wonder.
4. Lean into policy and process.
5. Counter with accurate information, widely shared, in many formats.

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