

# FRED FACT DOESN'T FALL FOR FAKE NEWS

Be more like Fred. Here are 7 tips to get you started



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## 1) CHECK THE SOURCE

MAKE SURE YOU KNOW WHERE IT COMES FROM: IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED JUST THE TITLE, A PHOTO OR A LINK



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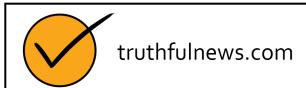


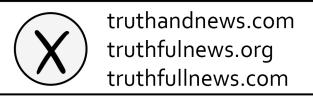
AS MUCH AS YOU MAY DOUBT THE TRADITIONAL PRESS, IT IS A LEGITIMATE SOURCE OF INFORMATION: IT RELIES ON JOURNALISTS ON THE GROUND AND CAN BE PENALIZED IF IT PUBLISHES FALSE INFORMATION

LOOK FOR THE SAME NEWS ON OTHER SITES IF YOU DOUBT THE SOURCE OF THE INFORMATION. IF IT'S TRUE, IT'S VERY LIKELY THAT IT HAS BEEN REPORTED IN OTHER OUTLETS





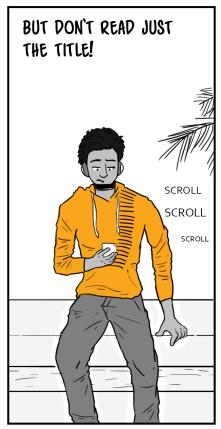




ALSO BE CAREFUL WITH IMPOSTORS: THERE ARE WEBSITES THAT COPY THE LAYOUT OF MAJOR NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES OR USE SIMILAR URLS



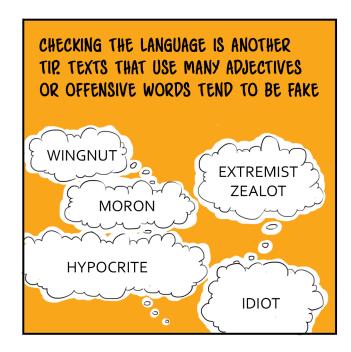




CHECK FOR
SOURCES
THROUGHOUT THE
TEXT. THE INFORMATION
MUST COME FROM
SOMEWHERE: IS IT
TRUSTWORTHY?



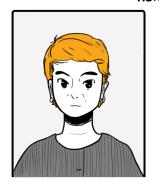
IF IT HAS
EXTERNAL LINKS,
GO TO THE
ORIGINAL SOURCE
AND SEE IF THE
INFORMATION
CHECKS OUT





# 3) CHECK THE AUTHOR:

ASK YOURSELF WHO WROTE THIS TEXT



## **SO-AND-SO SURNAME**

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### FROM THE AUTHOR:

- Another article about the story you just read
- Some other report about a different topic

IF THE STORY HAS A BYLINE, IT MEANS THAT THE JOURNALIST ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONTENT. IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO CHECK WHAT OTHER ARTICLES S/HE HAS WRITTEN OR EVEN, IF POSSIBLE, TO CONTACT THEM TO ASK QUESTIONS

IF YOU HAVE DOUBTS ABOUT THE VERACITY OF IMAGES OR VIDEOS,

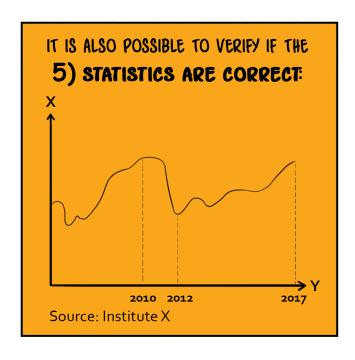
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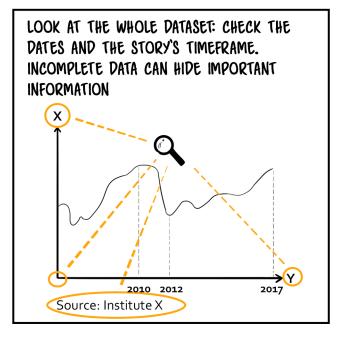
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JUST DRAG THE IMAGE TO GOOGLE SEARCH BOX (OR USE THE REVEYE EXTENSION)







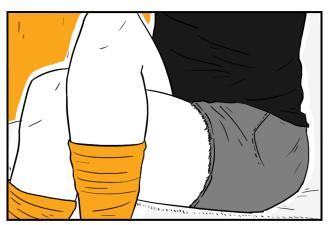


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BELIEVE THINGS
THAT CONFIRM OUR
BELIEFS AND
PREJUDICES

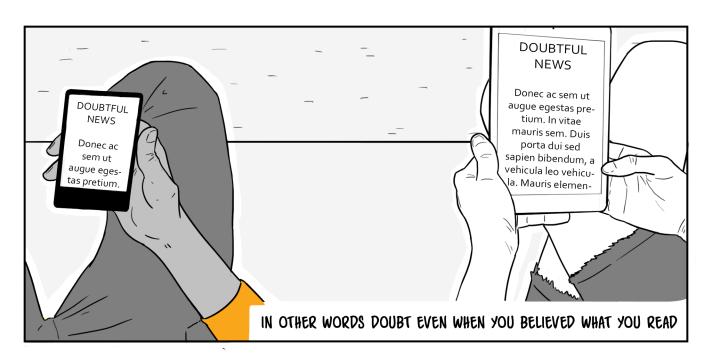


DID YOU ASK YOURSELF WHETHER NEWS YOU'RE READING APPEARED ON SITES FREQUENTED BY PEOPLE WITH DIFFERENT IDEOLOGIES?

SO ALWAYS ASK
YOURSELF: WAS THE
INFORMATION SHARED
BY SOMEONE WHO HAS
OPINIONS SIMILAR
TO YOURS?

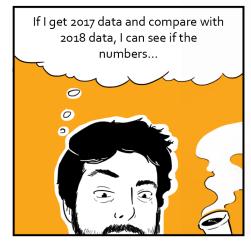


AND WHAT ARE YOU READING, AFTER ALL?
IS IT NEWS OR AN OPINION ARTICLE?











# REMEMBER YOU ARE NOT ALONE! IF YOU NEED HELP. 7) REACH OUT THE SPECIALISTS











# **PØLITIFACT**

THERE ARE ALREADY MANY FACT-CHECKING SITES

OF COURSE, THEY CAN'T SEE (AND CHECK) ALL OF THE INFORMATION, BUT THEY USUALLY CHECK THE MOST TALKED ABOUT ISSUES OF THE MOMENT

## Fact-checking suggestion:

Hi! I would like to suggest to you some work. I think the last report of News (04/04/2018) is fake. Can you check this piece?

#### Link to be checked:

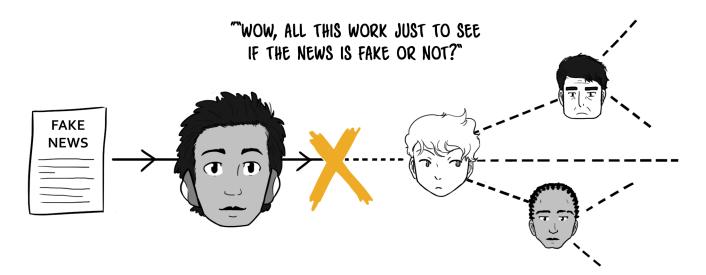
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#### Author or origin of the information:

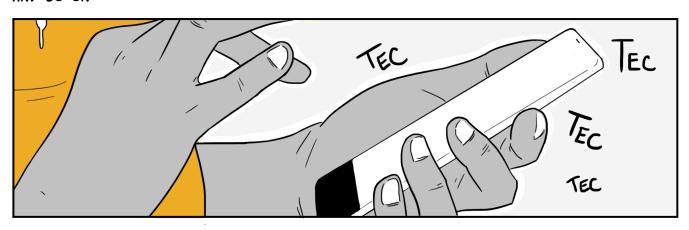
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JUST ASK: THERE ARE WEBSITES THAT PROVIDE ON-DEMAND CHECKING FOR CLAIMS THAT HAVE REACHED A LARGE AUDIENCE. IF YOUR QUESTION MEETS THEIR POLICIES, THEY WILL CHECK IT

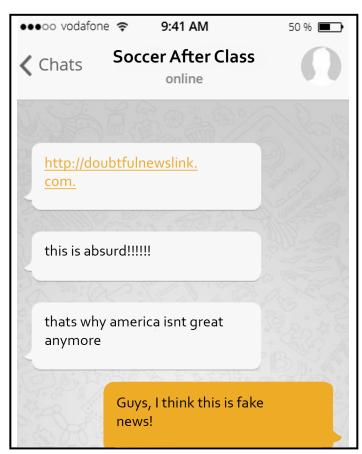


YES. IF YOU DON'T CHECK AND END UP SHARING FALSE INFORMATION, IT REACHES YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS. IF THEY ALSO DON'T CHECK, THEY'LL PASS ON IT TO THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND SO ON



TRUE AND QUALITY INFORMATION IS EVERYONE'S RIGHT

SHARE ONLY WHAT YOU TRUST
(AND HAVE CHECKED) AND
ENCOURAGE YOUR FAMILY AND
FRIENDS TO
DO THE SAME





## Sources

A field guide to 'Fake News' and other information disorders

Aos Fatos

BBC

FactCheck.org

PolitiFact

