

Fact or Fiction

Step One

- Check out some new resources.
- Click on the following link. It includes a list of online resources for “fact checking” political statements and other media.

<https://aascu.org/programs/ADP/VotingResources/VoterEducation.pdf>

Step Two

- Test it out!
 - Below are two examples of what the resources look like and what they have to offer.
- FactCheck.org
 - On this site, you can explore fact checked news articles, search topics, recent events and more!
 - What do they stand for?
 - Part of their mission states that they are a “nonpartisan, nonprofit ‘consumer advocate’ for voters that aims to reduce the level of deception and confusion in U.S. politics.”
 - This is a great source to read news that helps navigate the statements meant to persuade or confuse the public.



- Politifact.com
 - This site is designed to help the public understand the amount of “truth” behind political statements. They use a “truth-o-meter” to rate each item with an in-depth explanation behind each.
 - You can navigate the recent articles, or click the menu or search icon to explore specific topics/areas.



Fact or Fiction: The Game

Below are two statements found on popular media sites. Use the website Politifact (<https://www.politifact.com/>) to determine whether or not the claims are “**Fact**” or “**Fiction.**” Circle your choice.

“Wages are on the rise. In fact, we are the top small-business wage growth state in the nation.”



Fact



Fiction

“We have one of the lowest mortality rates in the world from COVID-19.”



Fact



Fiction

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