

# Recognizing Misinformation

As we become more reliant on technology and as people get more of their information from social media, it is crucial for us to learn the techniques to recognize misinformation. Misinformation can spread quickly and can cause harm and confusion.

**Together we can SPOT and stop fake news in its tracks.**

- S** Is this a credible **SOURCE**?
- P** Is the **PERSPECTIVE** biased?
- O** Are **OTHER** sources reporting the same story?
- T** Is the story **TIMELY**?

### Is It Fake News? WHAT TO CHECK ON A STORY.

**The Source**  
What's the story's intent? Investigate the site, its mission and its contact info.

**The Author**  
Do a quick search on the author. Are they credible? Are they real?

**The URL**  
Be wary of unusual top-level domain names, like ".com.co" that are designed to appear legitimate.

**Your Bias**  
Who is the intended audience for this story? Consider if your own beliefs could affect your judgement.

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MAYOR HATES TREES?

**SpotFakeNews:** Learn more about the SPOT technique

**How to Spot Fake News:** Learn about different types of misinformation with examples

## VERIFIED

online course  
on media literacy

**Verified:** sign up for a media literacy course where you decide how in depth you want to learn (*You can sign up for as little as 2-3 mins worth of content for each topic*)

GO VIRAL!  
A 5-MINUTE GAME THAT HELPS PROTECT YOU AGAINST COVID-19 MISINFORMATION  
START

**Goviralgame:** this game teaches you how misinformation spreads by encouraging you to use salacious headlines to get views

How to Spot Fake News - FactCheck.org  
Watch later share  
Fake news is nothing new.  
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**How to Spot Fake News, A Resource Page:** visit this page for animated videos and more resources

### SEEING ISN'T BELIEVING

The Fact Checker's guide to manipulated video

**Seeing Isn't Believing:** a guide of video manipulation and how to recognize it

## BEFORE YOU SHARE, THINK:

- WHO made it?
- WHAT is the source?
- WHERE did it come from?
- WHY are you sharing this?
- WHEN was it published?

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