



## ARTICLES

**How to Recognize a Fake News Story** - Huffington Post Article 11/23/2016 Looks at how to sort stories on social media. [https://m.huffingtonpost.com.au/entry/fake-news-guide-facebook\\_n\\_5831c6aae4b058ce7aaba169?ncid=other\\_facebook\\_eucluwzme5k&utm\\_campaign=share\\_facebook](https://m.huffingtonpost.com.au/entry/fake-news-guide-facebook_n_5831c6aae4b058ce7aaba169?ncid=other_facebook_eucluwzme5k&utm_campaign=share_facebook)

**A Reminder That 'Fake News' Is An Information Literacy Problem - Not A Technology Problem**  
[www.forbes.com/sites/kalevleetaru/2019/07/07/a-reminder-that-fake-news-is-an-information-literacy-problem-not-a-technology-problem/-4ec30e686a6f](http://www.forbes.com/sites/kalevleetaru/2019/07/07/a-reminder-that-fake-news-is-an-information-literacy-problem-not-a-technology-problem/-4ec30e686a6f)

**The Growing Threat to Journalism Around the World** [www.nytimes.com/2019/09/23/opinion/press-freedom-arthur-sulzberger.html?smid=nytcore-ios-share](http://www.nytimes.com/2019/09/23/opinion/press-freedom-arthur-sulzberger.html?smid=nytcore-ios-share)

**Breaking News Consumer Handbook: Fake News Edition Podcasts** [www.wnycstudios.org/podcasts/otm](http://www.wnycstudios.org/podcasts/otm)  
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# BREAKING NEWS CONSUMER'S HANDBOOK

## FAKE NEWS EDITION

1. Big red flags for fake news: ALL CAPS, or obviously photoshopped pics.
2. A glut of pop-ups and banner ads? Good sign the story is pure clickbait.
3. Check the domain! Fake sites often add “.co” to trusted brands to steal their luster. (Think: “abcnews.com.co”)
4. If you land on an unknown site, check its “About” page. Then, Google it with the word “fake” and see what comes up.
5. If a story offers links, follow them. (Garbage leads to worse garbage.) No links, quotes, or references? Another telltale sign.
6. Verify an unlikely story by finding a reputable outlet reporting the same thing.
7. Check the date. Social media often resurrects outdated stories.
8. Read past headlines. Often they bear no resemblance to what lies beneath.
9. Photos may be misidentified and dated. Use a reverse image search engine like TinEye to see where an image *really* comes from.
10. Gut check. If a story makes you angry, it's probably designed that way.
11. Finally, if you're not sure it's true, don't share it! *Don't. Share. It.*

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