

FACT OR FICTION? Websites for Students

To decipher reliable sources know that **.com** is a company, **.edu** is an educational institution, **.gov** is any official government site (local, state or federal), and **.org** is a group with a purpose (research or business).

1. **VotesPa.com** has Pennsylvania registration information and information on the new Election Law in Pennsylvania and information on election security. <https://www.votespa.com>
2. The **League of Women Voters sponsors a website Vote411.org** that gives personalized voting information that includes specific ballot information for each election in your vicinity, allows you to check your voter registration information and polling location, lists dates of upcoming debates in your area, and more. <https://www.vote411.org>
3. For information about the **Pennsylvania State government** go to the Citizen information Center of the LWV of Pennsylvania <http://palwv.org>
4. For information about the **Federal Government** go to the Federal Citizen Information Center www.usa.gov
5. **Inspire2Vote** is another nonpartisan effort to promote voter registration among high school students. This site directs you to the Pennsylvania voter registration form and information, and seeks to get students to pledge to vote. <https://www.inspire2vote.org>
6. **Teaching for Democracy Alliance** is a resource for teachers and students with specific activities and tools for engaging and informing students about elections and voting. It is coordinated by CIRCLE which is part of Tufts University Tisch College of Civic Life. Check out the sponsors of this group (LWV, Facing History and Ourselves, National Council for the Social Studies, Generation Citizen, PBS NewsHour Extra, iCivics, Close Up). The site provides specific teacher resources and specific teaching activities about voting and election process, current and controversial issue discussion and media literacy skills development! <http://www.teachingfordemocracy.org>
7. **iCivics** is an organization founded by Sandra Day O'Connor that is game focused and provides teachers with free curriculum of short activities and teacher supports from rubrics and assessments to essay prompts. It is geared to Middle school students. <https://www.icivics.org>
8. **Citizens, Not Spectators** is sponsored by the **Center for Civic Education**, again a nonprofit, independent organization, that provides teachers and students with curriculum and activities. <https://www.civiced.org/programs/citizens>
9. **Infoplease** is a reference site with specific information about elections that gives good statistics. (It also is an encyclopedia so it has many other topics) <https://www.infoplease.com/us/government/elections>
10. **FactCheck.org** from the **Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania** is a nonprofit whose mission is to monitor factual accuracy from major US politicians in the news (ads, speeches, news released, interviews). <https://www.factcheck.org>
11. **OnTheIssues** has a wealth of information about elections, candidates, issues and topics, past speeches and debates, local and state officials and all levels of government. <https://www.ontheissues.org>

12. **VoteSmart, Facts Matter**, is another great source for factual, unbiased information on candidates and elected officials, their positions on issues, and funding. <http://votesmart.org>
13. **Engaging New Voters** is a section of the **NonprofitVote** website whose purpose is to promote voting and elections. <https://www.nonprofitvote.org>

8 Best Fact-Checking Sites for Finding Unbiased Truth

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With deliberate misinformation campaigns and the continued prevalence of fake news, fact-checking sites are now more important than ever. So in the digital era, where news travels quickly through multiple channels, how do you check your facts? Here are five of the best fact-checking websites, like Snopes and PolitiFact, so that you can find the truth.

<https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/>

<https://www.snopes.com/>

<https://www.politifact.com/>

<https://www.truthorfiction.com>

<https://leadstories.com>

<https://www.hoax-slayer.net>

<https://fullfact.org>

Fact-Checking Sites with Bias?

There are a few popular fact-checking websites that do receive high ratings for factual reporting but do not qualify for this list due to receiving a biased score on MBFC:

- Fact Checker by Washington Post: Left-center bias
- CheckYourFact: Right-center bias
- FactMyth.com: Left-center bias
- Zebra Fact Check: Right-center bias
- ExposingTruth.com: Left-center bias

These biases emerge from the focal point of fact checks (such as fact-checking the right more than the left), or from the occasional use of loaded words to sway readers. While these websites do usually use credible sources, their focus indicates some level of bias.

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