



## International Fact Checking Day

How do you know whether the information you read, hear, and see is correct? Explore resources and join a discussion on fact-checking the news and other information for International Fact Checking Day.

### Conversation Questions

1. Why do facts matter?
2. Why should we fact check?
3. What criteria do you use to determine whether or not to trust a news or information source?

### Key Definitions (from Merriam-Webster)

- *Fact* – a piece of information presented as having objective reality
- *Opinion* – a view, judgment, or appraisal formed in the mind about a particular matter
- *Fact-check* – to verify the factual accuracy of

### Read

#### **“Fake Or Real? How To Self-Check The News And Get The Facts” from NPR**

<https://goo.gl/f5vPSe>

From NPR, this guide shows how to read the news and how to fact check what you are reading.

#### **“A guide to anti-misinformation actions around the world” from Poynter**

<https://goo.gl/ZWcKrw>

From Poynter, an update on worldwide legislation and governmental action around misinformation.

#### **“The Future of Truth and Misinformation Online” from Pew Research Center**

<https://goo.gl/MMu7hT>

This long read from the Pew Research Center explores the future of digital information and how we as a society can reduce the prevalence of false and misleading texts online.





**“10 Tips for Fighting Fake News: How to Fact Check Like a Pro”  
by Barbara Gray**

<https://goo.gl/4tNwKg>

Gray, a professor at the CUNY Graduate School of Journalism, presents 10 tips for fighting fake news and fact checking like expert journalists.

**Listen**

**“Breaking News” from Radiolab**

<https://goo.gl/ZT7Gnh>

This podcast episode explores the future of false news and the ways in which advances in technology will make it even harder to distinguish between what is real and what is fake.

**Watch**

**“Explorers of the Digital Ocean” from Poynter**

<https://goo.gl/dA3wQx>

This short animated video explores the difference between facts and opinions, news and hoaxes.

**“Facts Matter” from Poynter**

<https://goo.gl/B6XZZW>

This short video for International Fact Checking Day explains why facts matter and why fact checking is a good idea.

