



## International Fact-Checking Network fact-checkers' code of principles

The [International Fact-Checking Network \(IFCN\)](#) at Poynter is committed to promoting excellence in fact-checking. We believe nonpartisan and transparent fact-checking can be a powerful instrument of accountability journalism; conversely, unsourced or biased fact-checking can increase distrust in the media and experts while polluting public understanding.

The code of principles is for organizations that regularly publish nonpartisan reports on the accuracy of statements by public figures, major institutions, and other widely circulated claims of interest to society. It is the result of consultations among fact-checkers from around the world and offers conscientious practitioners principles to aspire to in their everyday work.

### 1. A COMMITMENT TO NONPARTISANSHIP AND FAIRNESS

We fact-check claims using the same standard for every fact check. We do not concentrate our fact-checking on any one side. We follow the same process for every fact check and let the evidence dictate our conclusions. We do not advocate or take policy positions on the issues we fact-check.

### 2. A COMMITMENT TO TRANSPARENCY OF SOURCES

We want our readers to be able to verify our findings themselves. We provide all sources in enough detail that readers can replicate our work, except in cases where a source's personal security could be compromised. In such cases, we provide as much detail as possible.

### 3. A COMMITMENT TO TRANSPARENCY OF FUNDING & ORGANIZATION

We are transparent about our funding sources. If we accept funding from other organizations, we ensure that funders have no influence over the conclusions we reach in our reports. We detail the professional background of all key figures in our organization and explain our organizational structure and legal status. We clearly indicate a way for readers to communicate with us.

### 4. A COMMITMENT TO TRANSPARENCY OF METHODOLOGY

We explain the methodology we use to select, research, write, edit, publish and correct our fact checks. We encourage readers to send us claims to fact-check and are transparent on why and how we fact-check.

### 5. A COMMITMENT TO OPEN AND HONEST CORRECTIONS

We publish our corrections policy and follow it scrupulously. We correct clearly and transparently in line with our corrections policy, seeking so far as possible to ensure that readers see the corrected version.

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This code of principles was [launched on Sep. 15, 2016](#). On Jan. 17, 2017, the IFCN introduced an [application and vetting process](#).

This followed the [announcement](#) by Facebook that being a signatory to this code is a minimum condition for being accepted as a third-party fact-checker on the social network (more about that in [this Q&A](#)) and a consultation among existing signatories.

Verified signatories are evaluated on the basis of their respect of the five principles through the process linked above at the date of application. No further endorsement of their work should be presumed.

The effectiveness of this system in upholding signatories' standards will be kept under review.

## Verified signatories

1. [AP Fact Check](#) (USA | May 25 2017 | [application](#) | [assessment](#) | Note: signatory was verified after making some changes, see assessment for more details)
2. [Africa Check](#) (South Africa, Kenya, Nigeria and Senegal | Mar 8 2017 | [application](#) | [assessment](#))
3. [Agência Lupa](#) (Brazil | Mar 28 2017 | [application](#) | [assessment](#) | Note: signatory was verified after additional information about funding was added)
4. [Agência Pública - Truco](#) (Brazil | Mar 28 2017 | [application](#) | [assessment](#) | Note: signatory was verified after author biographies were added)
5. [Aos Fatos](#) (Brazil | Mar 30 2017 | [application](#) | [assessment](#) | Note: signatory was verified after the corrections policy was published and it was made easier for readers to submit claims to fact check)
6. [Chequeado](#) (Argentina | Mar 24 2017 | [application](#) | [assessment](#))
7. [Climate Feedback](#) (USA | May 23 2017 | [application](#) | [assessment](#) | Note: signatory was verified after making some changes, see assessment for more details)
8. [Dogruluk Payi](#) (Turkey | Jun 5 2017 | [application](#) | [assessment](#) | Note: signatory was verified after making some changes, see assessment for more details)
9. [El Objetivo](#) (Spain | Jun 19 2017 | [application](#) | [assessment](#) | Note: signatory was verified after making some changes, see assessment for more details)
10. [Factcheck.org](#) (USA | May 16 2017 | [application](#) | [assessment](#))
11. [FactCheck Georgia](#) (Georgia | Mar 8 2017 | [application and assessment](#))
12. [FactCheck Northern Ireland](#) (UK | Apr 17 2017 | [application](#) | [assessment](#))
13. [Full Fact](#) (UK | Mar 22 2017 | [application](#) | [assessment](#))
14. [Istinomer](#) (Serbia | Jun 1 2017 | [application](#) | [assessment](#) | Note: signatory was verified after making some changes, see assessment for more details)

15. **[Istinomjer](#)** (Bosnia & Herzegovina | Mar 27 2017 | [application](#) | [assessment](#) | *Note: signatory was verified after a more detailed breakdown of funding and an easier link to the methodology were added*)
16. **[Le Monde Décodeurs](#)** (France | June 16 2017 | [application](#) | [assessment](#))
17. **[Libération Désintox](#)** (France | Mar 27 2017 | [application](#) | [assessment](#) | *Note: signatory was verified after a brief methodology and contact information were added*)
18. **[Observador Fact Check](#)** (Portugal | Mar 27 2017 | [application](#) | [assessment](#) & [overview](#) | *Note: signatory was verified after author biographies were added*)
19. **[Pagella Politica](#)** (Italy | May 25 2017 | [application](#) | [assessment](#) | *Note: signatory was verified after making some changes, see assessment for more details*)
20. **[PolitiFact](#)** (USA | Apr 15 2017 | [application](#) | [assessment](#))
21. **[Snopes](#)** (USA | Apr 15 2017 | [application](#) | [assessment](#) | *Note: signatory was verified after its 'About' section was made more easily reachable*)
22. **[The Conversation FactCheck](#)** (Australia | Mar 8 2017 | [application](#) | [assessment](#))
23. **[TheJournal.ie Fact Check](#)** (Ireland | May 29 2017 | [application](#) | [assessment](#) | *Note: signatory was verified after making some changes, see assessment for more details*)
24. **[The Washington Post Fact Checker](#)** (USA | Mar 8 2017 | [application](#) | [assessment](#))
25. **[Viralgranskaren](#)** (Sweden | Apr 5 2017 | [application](#) | [assessment](#) | *Note: signatory was verified after corrections policy was published and author biographies added*)