

Definition

.... „to check that all the facts in a piece of writing, a news article, a speech, etc. are correct“ (*Cambridge Dictionary Online*)

.... „Investigate (an issue) in order to verify the facts“ (*Oxford Dictionary Online*)



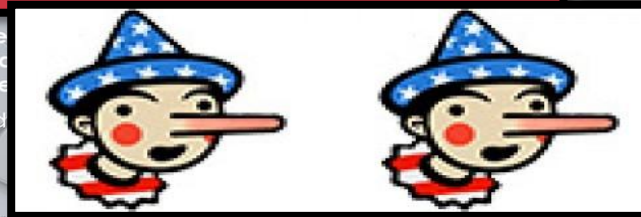
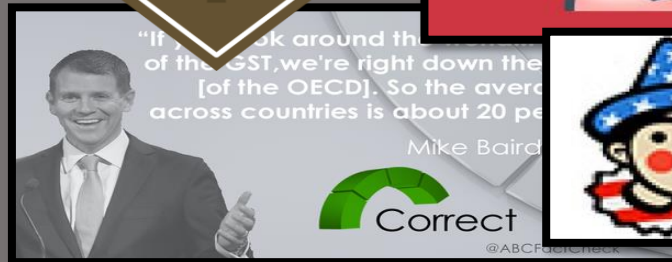
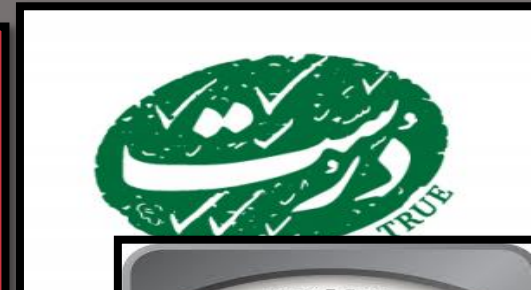
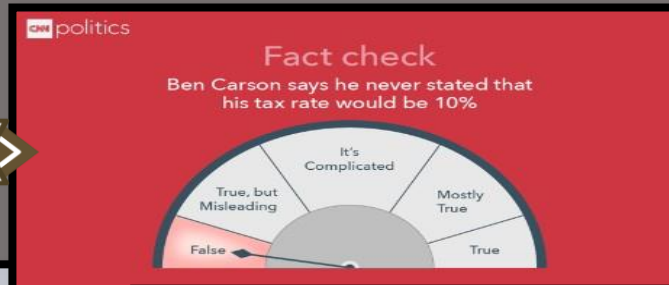
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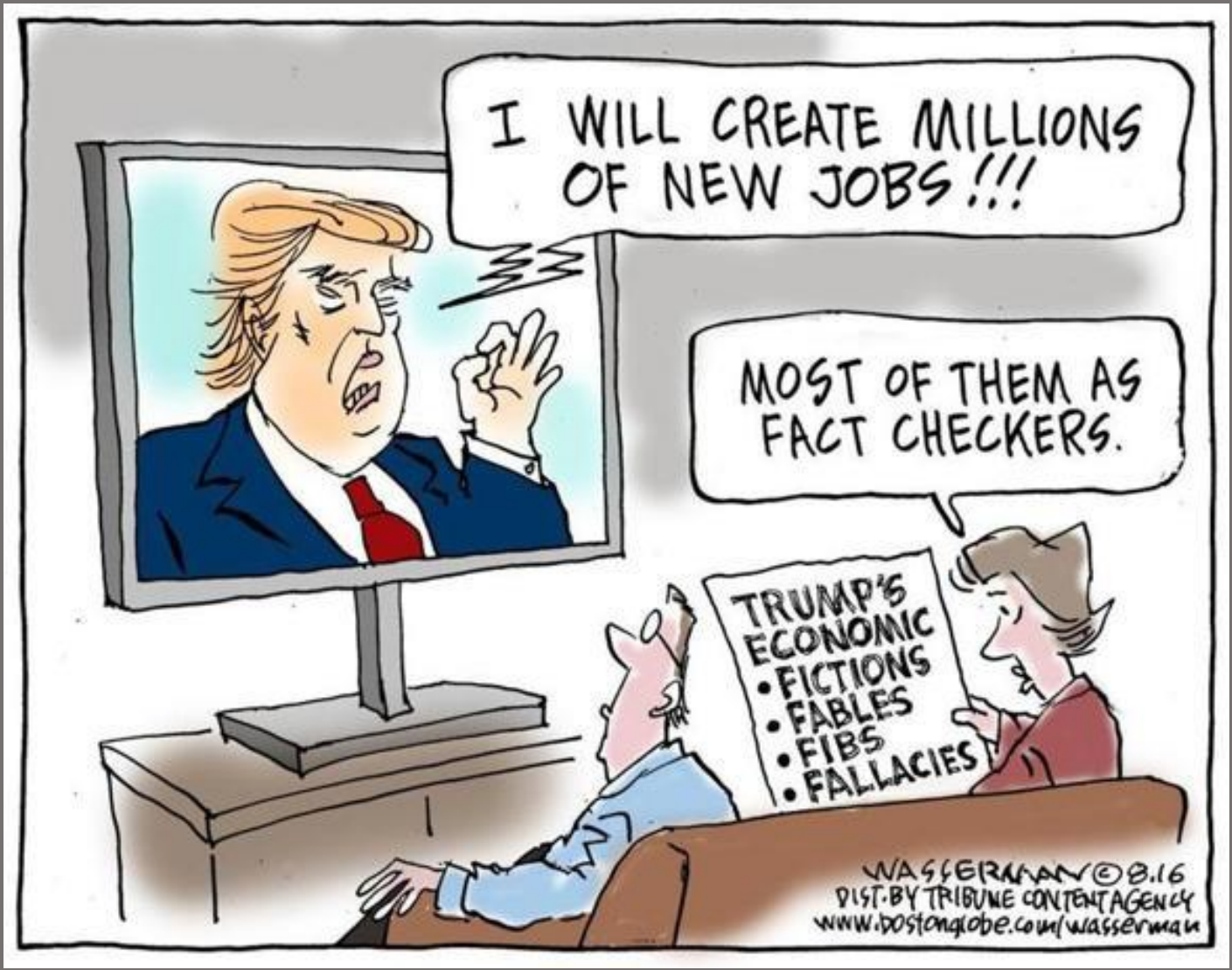


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Differences?

- tools, scales, methodology
- PR, external links
- financing, impact



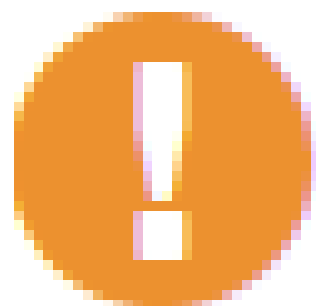
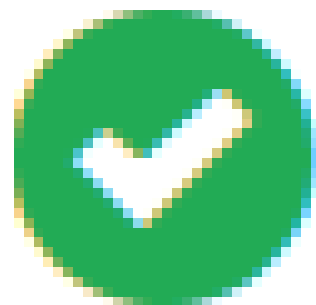


I WILL CREATE MILLIONS OF NEW JOBS!!!

MOST OF THEM AS FACT CHECKERS.

TRUMP'S ECONOMIC
• FICTIONS
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• FALLACIES

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- 4. Game of Thrones won an Emmy for "Outstanding Drama Series" this year.**

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Statements made on July the 15th, Third Age 3019:

Uruk Takhbork, the labour secretary of Mordor (served from 1/1/3017 until 31/12/3018)

„During my term of office, I made sure that our unemployment decreases consistently.“

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Idis, daughter of Théoden of Rohan:**

„Our rate of unemployment is on a trend that is better than in either Gondor or Mordor.“

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Prince Imrahil of Dol Amroth:**

„Gondor has seen no substantial increase in unemployment since 3017.“

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Mithrandir, an independent economic analyst:**

„In the past year, the unemployment situation hasn't changed in either Rohan or Gondor, but in Mordor it's become catastrophic.“

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„Last year, Rohan had a rate of unemployment more than four times that of Mordor.“

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How To Actually Factcheck



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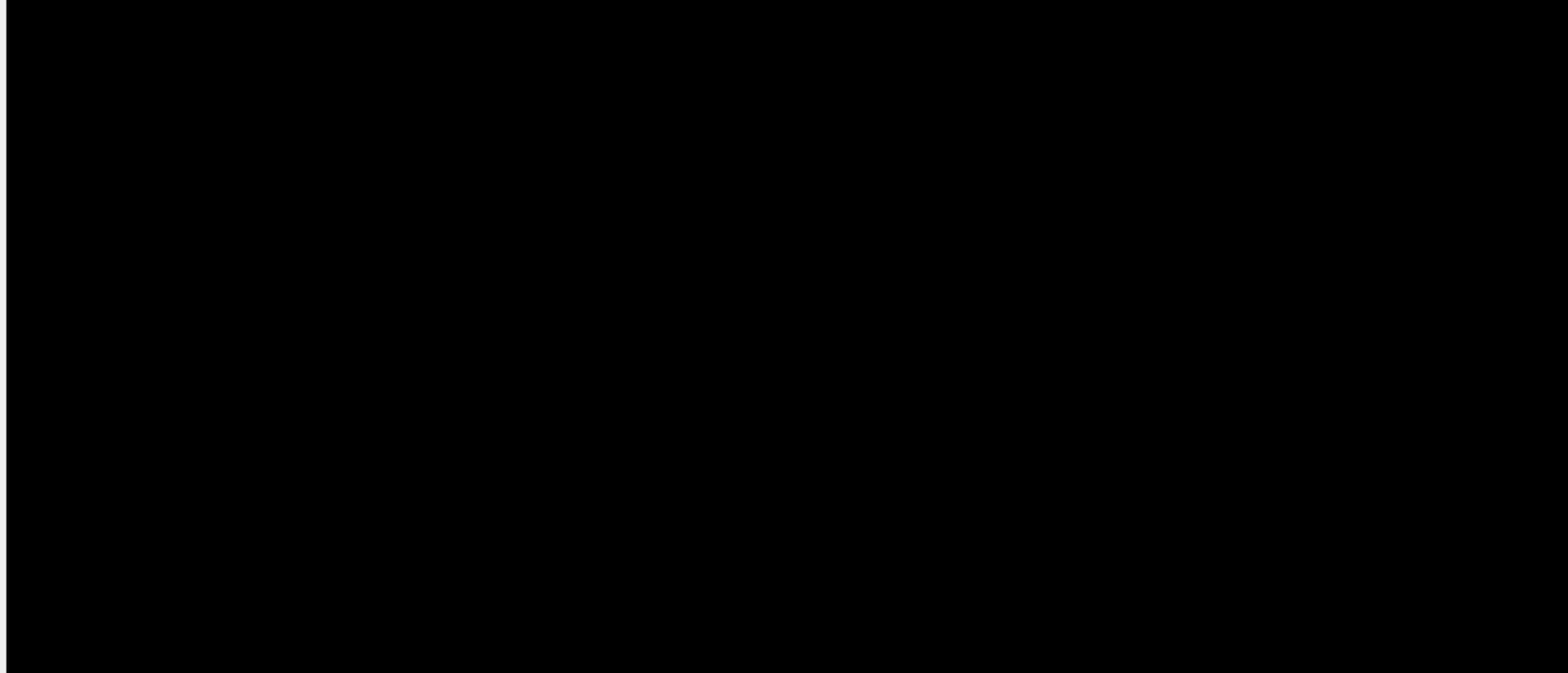
How To

- We look for primary sources
 - Official data
 - Public statements
- Using secondaries to guide us
- Using trustworthy media if necessary



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- 3. Yes, we can!**

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- 4. The Sun will rise tomorrow, according to scientific studies**

ays science



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5. **This statement is false**

ays science

Thanks for your attention!

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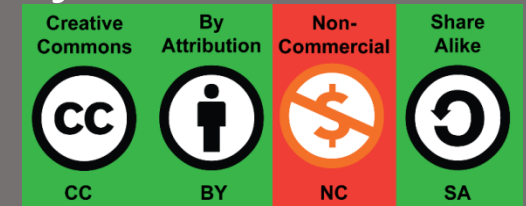
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