



VOTE WITH CONFIDENCE: GETTING YOUR FACTS

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Goals

- Follow news from at least one source regularly
 - ✓ Try to combine sources and expand your exposure
- Go beyond the headlines for at least 1 article or video that interests you
 - ✓ Fact check the info follow at least 1 link to verify the source and find out more
- Find candidates who best align with your own interests and values
 - ✓ Discover the current issues that affect you and your community
 - ✓ Figure out who supports your values and opinion on how the issues should be addressed

Finding Credible News

Get truthful and accurate information about issues that are important to you by going directly to the source or origin of a story. Consider using more news sources with different perspectives give you a more balanced understanding of current events. News sources have their own biases and may be partisan where they strongly supports a certain party or person.

Is It Fake News?

	Fake	Credible
Source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Satirical sites and blogs like <i>The Onion</i> • Social media pages run by with anonymous owners. • Personal and news bias may affect the report. Information may purposefully be disclosed to match a partisan narrative. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established websites (news outlets, think tanks, non-profits) • Authors are listed. Google and LinkedIn can help verify authenticity. • Report is well rounded and bipartisan
Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of bold "clickbait" to get attention, but the article does not support the headline • Content is dated and irrelevant • Photos or videos are altered • Spelling and grammatical mistakes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sources have evidence, such as quoted remarks or statistics, which support headline claims • Content is current • Photos and videos have been fact-checked • Peer-reviewed and edited

Learn About the Candidates

Strive to be an informed voter. Do your research to learn everything you can, as early as you can when it comes to candidates, issues, and election implications.

Here are some reliable resources to help:

- ✓ **WCA Candidate Survey:** www.wca4kids.org/issues/vote-kids/ (Direct from candidates)
- ✓ Vote 411: www.vote411.org (Election/Procedural information by state)
- ✓ Ballotpedia: www.ballotpedia.org (Federal, state, & local election coverage)
- ✓ PolitiFact: www.politifact.com (Fact-checks all statements by political figures)
- ✓ FiveThirtyEight: www.fivethirtyeight.com (News about politics/government)