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Use these tools to verify viral claims, misleading headlines, internet rumors, and suspicious “facts.”


Trusted Fact-Checkers

Snopes — One of the oldest and most comprehensive debunking sites for internet rumors, viral posts, and urban legends.


 <https://www.snopes.com> 

FactCheck.org — Nonpartisan fact-checking organization covering politics, science, and viral misinformation.  IFCN-Verified

 <https://www.factcheck.org> 

PolitiFact — Checks claims from officials, media, and social posts with a transparent “Truth-O-Meter” rating system.  IFCN-Verified

 <https://www.politifact.com> 

The Washington Post Fact Checker — Investigates widely shared claims and provides context, sources, and Pinocchio ratings.  IFCN-Verified

 <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/fact-checker/> 

Viral Rumors & Hoaxes

Truth or Fiction — Checks copy-paste rumors, hoaxes, and viral claims.

 <https://www.truthorfiction.com> 

Media Bias/Fact Check — Not a fact-checker — Helps evaluate source reliability and political bias.

 <https://mediabiasfactcheck.com> 

Sam's Tips

If you haven't verified it, don't amplify it. Most false claims spread because people share first and check later.

Search the exact claim in quotes. If only one site is saying it — or many sites repeat the same wording — treat it as unverified.

Cross-check independently. Look for confirmation from multiple, unrelated outlets. Convergence = confidence.

Watch the wording. Sensational headlines, all-caps warnings, “secret cure,” “they don't want you to know,” “one weird trick,” and similar phrases are classic red flags.

Prefer vetted sources. When possible, start with  IFCN-Verified fact-checkers for higher trust and clear sourcing.