



At the Voices United meeting in September, a member asked about where she could go to check the factual basis of news stories on TV, in print or online. As a retired journalist, I have a 40-year history of checking my facts. Here is a list of resources I use now to do that. All are free, no membership or subscription required. Best ones have an asterisk, but they are all good.

**Questions about voting or elections in Denton County:**

Denton County Elections Office at [votedenton.gov](http://votedenton.gov) ,  
email [elections@dentoncounty.gov](mailto:elections@dentoncounty.gov) or call (940) 349-3200.

**National, international**

<https://www.factcheck.org> \* -- This is a non-profit run by the Annenberg Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania. The late Mr. Annenberg was once the publisher of the Philadelphia Inquirer.

<https://apnews.com/hub/ap-fact-check> \* -- Run by the Associated Press, a bona fide news organization.

[Factcheck@ap.org](mailto:Factcheck@ap.org) -- You can also email the AP a questionable story that you see and ask them to fact check it. They won't respond to every query, but they might respond to yours.

<https://www.reuters.com/fact-check/> \* -- Run by Reuters, a European news service, a bona fide news organization.

<https://www.snopes.com>\* -- A privately owned, ad-supported fact checking site around since 1994. Reliable.

<https://www.politifact.com/factchecks/list/>\* -- A fact checking site run by the Poynter Institute, a journalism education institute in Florida.

<https://www.Washingtonpost.com/news/fact-check> \*- Run by The Washington Post newspaper.

**Other good resources:**

[AP.org](http://AP.org) -- breaking news stories from Associated Press.

[Reuters.com](http://Reuters.com) -- breaking news stories from Reuters.

[USafacts.org](http://USafacts.org) -- a new organization run by Steve Ballmer, former CEO of Microsoft. They don't usually factcheck breaking stories, but they have a lot of what appears to be reliable factual numbers-based information that is the basis for a lot of news stories. Well written, easy to understand, lots of charts and graphs. They also have a weekly email newsletter.

[MediaBias/FactCheck](http://MediaBias/FactCheck) -- an independent website that has promoted awareness of media bias and misinformation by rating the bias, factual accuracy, and credibility of media sources, large and small. Media Bias/Fact Check relies on human evaluators to determine the bias of media sources and the level of overall factual reporting through a combination of objective measures and subjective analysis

Enjoy. Facts matter!!!