





**Spot the signs, trust the facts:
your ultimate guide to detecting
disinformation**



Disinformation Detection Checklist



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1. CHECK THE SOURCE

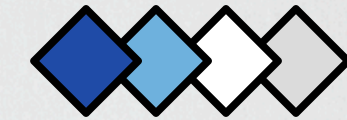
- ☐ Is the website reputable?
- ☐ Is it known for spreading fake news or misinformation?
- ☐ Does it have a history of reliable content?

2. VERIFY THE AUTHOR

- ☐ Are the author's credentials clear and legitimate?
- ☐ Can you find the author's professional background?
- ☐ Are there other articles or sources confirming the author's credibility?

3. CROSS-CHECK INFORMATION

- ☐ Has the story been reported by multiple trustworthy sources?
- ☐ Are reputable media outlets covering the same topic?
- ☐ Is the story consistent across different platforms?



4. BEWARE OF EMOTIONAL HEADLINES

- ☐ Does the headline seem designed to provoke an emotional reaction (anger, fear, shock)?
- ☐ Is the language sensational or exaggerated?
- ☐ Does it lack subtlety or seem too extreme?

5. LOOK FOR CITATIONS & REFERENCES

- ☐ Are there verifiable sources linked in the article?
- ☐ Can the claims be backed up by data or official reports?
- ☐ Are the sources reputable and trustworthy?



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6. CHECK THE DATE

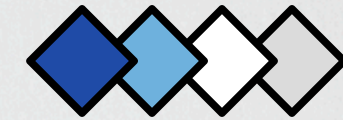
- ☐ Is the information recent, or is it outdated?
- ☐ Could the information be referencing a past event but presented as if it's current?

7. ANALYZE THE EVIDENCE

- ☐ Are the facts and figures provided supported by clear evidence?
- ☐ Is there any misleading or cherry-picked data?
- ☐ Are statistical claims explained with context?

8. INVESTIGATE THE PLATFORM

- ☐ Is the platform where the content is published reliable?
- ☐ Is it a known social media account or independent source with no credibility?



9. FACT-CHECK TOOLS

- ☐ Use fact-checking websites (e.g., Snopes, FactCheck.org, or PolitiFact) to verify claims.
- ☐ Do these sites confirm or debunk the information?

10. ASK: "IS THIS TOO GOOD/BAD TO BE TRUE?"

- ☐ Does the content seem overly convenient, too perfect, or too terrible to be real?
- ☐ Trust your gut: If something feels off, dig deeper before believing or sharing it.





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