

HOW TO RECOGNIZE MISINFORMATION

Take charge of using media rather than letting media use you.

Check - Think - Look - Act

STEP 1. CHECK YOUR EMOTIONS

Does the message make you tense or excited?
Your emotions can shape how your view information.
Reflect on why you feel this way.



STEP 2. THINK ABOUT THE SOURCE

Is the source an expert on the topic?
Know that internet searches can pull up untrustworthy sources.



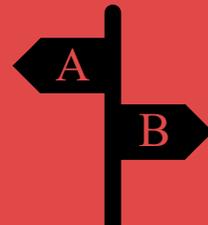
STEP 3. LOOK AT THE CONTENT

Is the content outdated or have sloppy mistakes?
Do “facts” have clear sources for more info?
Do charts and graphs really make sense?



STEP 4. ACT BASED ON THE EVIDENCE

Is there enough information, or do you need more?
Use thoughts, feelings, and ideas to make the best decision for you.



SOME REFERENCES & RESOURCES

The News Literacy Project- <https://newslit.org/>
Poynter: MediaWise -
<https://www.poynter.org/mediawise/programs/>
American Library Association -
<https://www.ala.org/tools/programming/MediaLiteracy>

<https://newsinitiative.withgoogle.com/resources/trainings/google-fact-check-tools/>
Reverse Image <https://tineye.com/>
<https://libraryhelp.sfcc.edu/misinformation-literacy/games>