Fact checking tips

Handout

It is relatively easy to make a quick fact check if you have got access to internet connection.

FACT CHECK

Here are some useful tips and links:

- Fact-proof the claim by trying to **find different sources** which could confirm the facts.
- Use **several search engines.** Avoid using Wikipedia or any other single source as the only source of information.
- Check the **domain owner information** from, for example, WHOIS service https://www.whois.com
- Verify the **authenticity of the images** by using for example, Google reverse image search.
  - First Draft has an excellent toolbox to help you to verify images, links and videos https://start.me/p/vjv80b/first-draft-basic-toolkit
  - Check also the free verification tools offered by InVid https://www.invid-project.eu
- Check if the **fact-checking organisations** have already examined the case, for example: the Corona Virus Facts/Datos Corona Virus Alliance database https://bit.ly/2VjVVtq
- **Trust scientific facts**, not mere opinions!
- The internet and social media are overloaded by information on every imaginable subject. It is a real challenge for us all to find, select, use and share the most reliable information. If we are conscious and sensible social media users, equipped with a healthy critical thinking approach and basic information literacy skills, we can avoid getting fooled. Let's protect ourselves and our friends from an infodemic! **Let's reflect and check the facts before sharing or liking anything!**

Read more

- Infodemics Observatory, 2020 **https://covid19obs.fbk.eu**
- **https://faktabaari.fi/in-english/**
- FaktaBaari Infodemic Survival Kit **https://www.faktabaari.fi/edu/infodemic-survival-kit/**