18 Clever Ways to Spot Fake News

Facebook just released tips and advice on how to spot fake or false news. Please take a moment to read and share with friends and family.



Headlines

- Headlines in ALL CAPS
- Headlines With Multiple Exclamation Marks!!!!!
- Headlines that sound unbelievable, usually are.

Source of Story

- Try to spot phony looking URLs
- Determine if you trust the source of the story.
- Look at the source About page

Bad Formatting

- The source website has unusual formatting
- Look for misspellings
- Fake news may have suspicious dates and timelines
- Check if the source is know for parody stories
- Stories with no or limited source may be fake news
- Check sources and citations from the author of the story.

- Double check the website to see if it's a clever copy of a reputable source

Images and Photos

- Look for manipulated images or videos
- Look for authentic photos taken out of context
- Search the web for photos or images to verify where they came from

Research and Thinking

- Search the web for similar stories from multiple respected sources
- Think critically about the story before sharing because could be intentionally false

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