

Is Your News Fake or Fact?

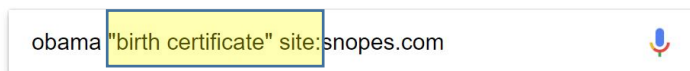
Here are some search tips to help you check:

Tip #1 See if the news has already been fact-checked.

Professional fact-checking sites—such as **Snopes.com**, **Politifact.com**, **FactCheck.org**, and **SourceWatch.org**—may have already investigated.

To search them quickly, copy the headline or important facts from your news. By putting them in **quotes**, you tell Google to search on a phrase rather than each word. Restrict your search to a fact-checking site by using the **"site:"** tool.

The search below looks for **“Obama”** and **“birth certificate”** only in the **Snopes.com** website.



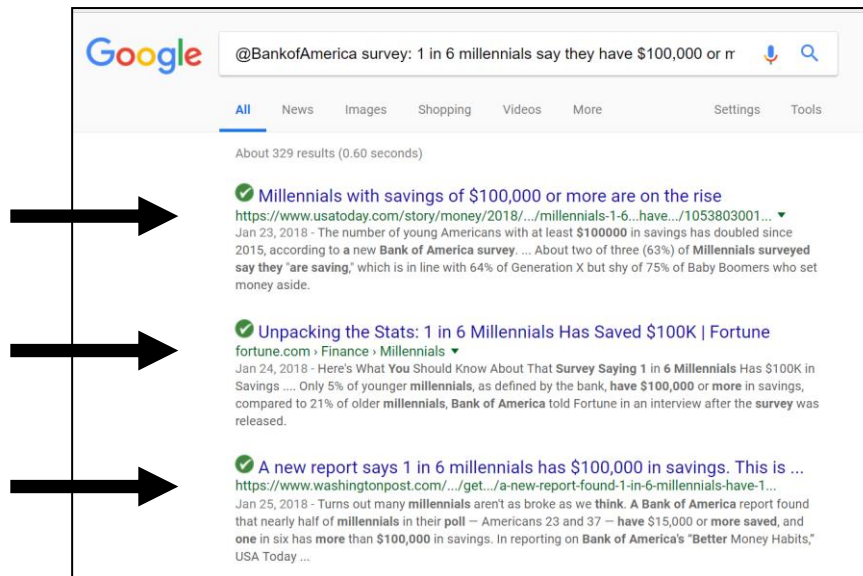
Tip #2 Find the original story. Is it real or taken out of context?

Highlight a relevant portion of the text then **right-click** the mouse (**control-click** on a Mac). Now you have the option to search the internet for earlier mentions of the news. This works on photos, too!



Tip #3 Practice click constraint.

Don't click the first link in a results list. Fact-check like the pros and scan the URLs below the titles first. Which source is the most reputable?



Tip #4 Don't believe what a source says about itself. Find out what other people say about it.

To search for opinions about a site outside of the site, use the “-site:” technique. In Google, the **hyphen** removes what you don't want from a search. The search below will look for mentions of a website *but* the website itself won't appear in the results. You can use the hyphen with words and phrases, too.

