

EXAMPLE 3:

After a man shot several people at a Republican baseball team practice, the New York Times published an editorial about politics as a motivation behind mass shootings. The editorial suggested a relationship between the shooting of Rep. Gabby Giffords in 2011 and a graphic issued by Sarah Palin’s political action committee that showed “crosshairs” on Democratic districts Republicans hoped to regain in the next election, including Giffords’ district. There is no evidence that the graphic influenced the man who shot Rep. Giffords, and the NYT published a correction.

List the types: _____



Write your search string:

EXAMPLE 4:

On the day that President Trump withdrew the U.S. from the Paris Climate Accord, FOXNews.com’s home page ran the headline, “Wall Street hits record highs after Trump pulls out of Climate pact.” If you clicked the link, the headline on the article’s page read, “Wall Street hits record highs as economy seen accelerating.” The article did not mention Trump or the Paris agreement.

List the types: _____



Write your search string:

EXAMPLE 5:

After a gunman killed nine people in Oregon, several websites claimed CNN altered the shooter’s photo to make him look white. (He identified as mixed race.) Side-by-side images of the shooter’s real and altered photo were circulated, and one site created a video that added the altered photo to actual CNN coverage of the shooting.

List the types: _____



Write your search string:

EXAMPLE 6:

There’s a meme on the internet showing Senator Jeff Flake saying, “We can’t rely on solar power because we can’t tell people they will not have lights during the night.” The meme appeared after a town hall meeting where Flake responded to a constituent who argued utility companies should switch to solar power. Flake said we haven’t yet developed utility-scale batteries that can power cities at night. He said that means we can’t just “go to solar tomorrow” because “you can’t tell people we’re gonna turn off your power at night because the sun isn’t shining.”

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WEB ACTIVITY



SLIDE 1: CONFUSED?

1. How does the Pew survey define "fake"?
2. Why is it difficult to accurately measure how much fake news people actually see?
3. According to this poll, 64% of people think fake news causes confusion, yet 84% of people are somewhat or very confident that they can spot fake news. What do you think could explain this?

SLIDE 2: FALSE CLAIM (CONSERVATIVE EDITION)

1. At the time of the article, what agency did Scott Pruitt lead?
2. Based on your own knowledge, which branch of government is this agency a part of?
3. What was Pruitt's false claim?
4. What was wrong? What's the correct info?
5. Explain where Pruitt's numbers appear to have come from.
6. The Trump administration has been supportive of the coal industry. How might this claim have benefited the administration if it were true?

SLIDE 3: FALSE CLAIM (LIBERAL EDITION)

7. At the time of the article, who was Jill Stein?
8. What was Stein's false claim?
9. What was misleading about the claim? What would be a more accurate claim, according to scientists?
10. Members of both the Green Party and the Democratic Party consider global warming a serious issue. How might Stein's claim have benefited her campaign if it were true?

WEB ACTIVITY P.2

SLIDE 4: TELLTALE TIP-OFFS

1. In the video, how did they use the internet to help figure out what the photo shows?

2. If you spotted a phone number on a sign in a photo, how could that help you?

3. Definition of geolocation:

4. Why would searching for info about a vehicle's license plate not be reliable when there's only one vehicle in the photo?

5. One useful kind of clue not specifically mentioned in the article:

SLIDE 5: DÉJÀ VU ALL OVER AGAIN

1. How do you get an online image's URL (address)?

2. If a few search results said Somalia, in addition to results that said Mali, how could you determine which location was correct?

SLIDE 6: AN EYE FOR PHOTOS

1. Date of the oldest version of the photo:

2. Three examples of how people have changed this photo:
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
3. What happens when you click "compare match"? How can you compare the two images?



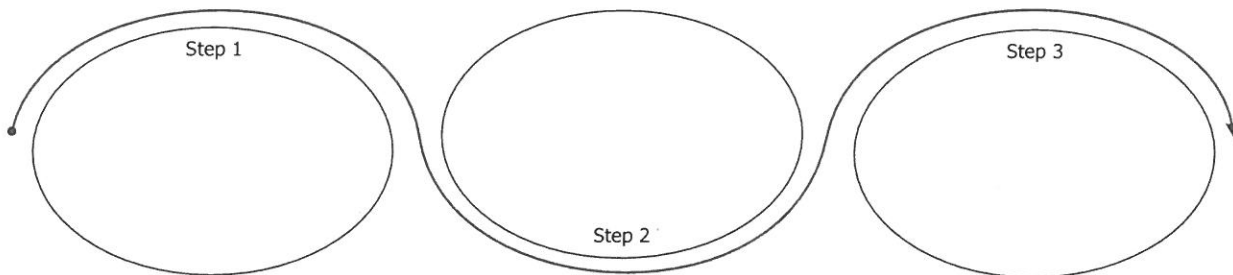
WEB ACTIVITY P.3

SLIDE 7: GET IT RIGHT—CORRECTLY

1. Three (3) words that best describe the fact-checkers' code of principles and how they're relevant:

WORD	HOW IT'S RELEVANT

2. The basic, three-step process for becoming a signatory to the code of principles:



3. Explain what the evaluators are looking for in an organization's application:

4. Who are the evaluators? What do you think it means that they are "external"?



5. Look at the list of verified signatories. Do you see any names you recognize? Write them here:
