**Fake News Checklist**

Note that this is not 100% foolproof — use the result as guidance. You always need to decide for yourself.

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| Observation | Evidence |
| https://img.buzzfeed.com/buzzfeed-static/static/2016-12/9/13/enhanced/buzzfeed-prod-fastlane03/enhanced-buzz-409-1481309301-4.jpgThe Headline uses ALL CAPS |  |
| https://img.buzzfeed.com/buzzfeed-static/static/2016-12/9/13/enhanced/buzzfeed-prod-fastlane01/enhanced-buzz-2048-1481309169-0.jpgThe headline makes a claim or statement that is NOT backed up by any of the information in the story itself |  |
| https://img.buzzfeed.com/buzzfeed-static/static/2016-12/9/13/enhanced/buzzfeed-prod-fastlane01/enhanced-buzz-1978-1481309136-9.jpgThe author is not listed, or they use a pseudonym |  |
| https://img.buzzfeed.com/buzzfeed-static/static/2016-12/9/14/enhanced/buzzfeed-prod-fastlane02/enhanced-buzz-4025-1481311892-5.jpgThe site does not have an About page, or the page doesn’t clearly say who is behind it |  |
| https://img.buzzfeed.com/buzzfeed-static/static/2016-12/9/14/enhanced/buzzfeed-prod-fastlane03/enhanced-buzz-24986-1481313102-0.jpgYou click on the About or Disclaimer page and it says ‘fantasy news’, ‘satire’, or ‘blog’ |  |
| https://img.buzzfeed.com/buzzfeed-static/static/2016-12/9/13/enhanced/buzzfeed-prod-fastlane02/enhanced-buzz-22816-1481309257-9.jpgThe story doesn’t have any links. |  |
| https://img.buzzfeed.com/buzzfeed-static/static/2016-12/9/14/enhanced/buzzfeed-prod-fastlane03/enhanced-buzz-25287-1481313320-0.jpgThe story does have links but they don’t go to credible sites or sources you are familiar with. |  |
| https://img.buzzfeed.com/buzzfeed-static/static/2016-12/8/14/enhanced/buzzfeed-prod-fastlane01/enhanced-buzz-25888-1481226662-0.jpgThere are no stories about this from credible sites  |  |
| https://img.buzzfeed.com/buzzfeed-static/static/2016-12/8/14/enhanced/buzzfeed-prod-fastlane02/enhanced-buzz-14206-1481227141-0.jpgThe site pretends to be a legitimate news site like ABC.com BUT is instead at @ ABC.com.co |  |
| https://img.buzzfeed.com/buzzfeed-static/static/2016-12/8/15/enhanced/buzzfeed-prod-fastlane03/enhanced-buzz-24714-1481227288-6.jpgYou google the URL or story at Snopes, Politifact, Wikipedia, or other trusted site. |  |

Emotional impact of Fake News

Did the fake news/meme make you angry? Why?

Did the fake news/meme make you sad? Why?

Conclusion

Was the story true, somewhat true, or false? Circle ONE and support your decision.

Bonus

If somewhat true or false – what is the truth?