



Fact checking

1. The New Yorker

☐ **1.1** Use writer's sources

Take the piece apart and put it back together again to make sure that the names and dates are right, if a writer quote someone, make sure that the quotation that he wrote, he wrote correctly;

☐ **1.2** Do not hurry up

Use any source available. And it is better to work in a team due the fact checking one piece of work can take all night. Checking the whole article might take weeks or even months

☐ **1.3** Signs for checking

Look for pieces that are really much more controversial and much less well-formulated

☐ **1.4** Contact a writer and ask for information

You can ask an author for books, magazine clips, news clips, and phone numbers, notes. Anything that can be a source of information

☐ **1.5** Notes and calls

Use the notes and call people, because notes can be wrong, just as with everything else.

☐ **1.6** Calling people that were quoted

If you need to get an information from a person who was quoted and call him, you should not read this quote, otherwise a person can start sayng something like "This is not what I meant"

☐ **1.7** Writing someone's words by hand

Don't actually write down what somebody says, but write down a distillation: keywords, key phrases, sentence fragments

☐ **1.8** No possibility to write

Spin in your mind the conversation as long as you can get before you can write all down

2. S-Town

☐ **2.1** Become a robot

Nothing is obvious until it is explained and supported with minutely marshaled data points

☐ **2.2** Find two independent sources.

These practices don't confer metaphysical certainty, but they do constitute a good operational definition of truth

☐ **2.3** Ask experts

If you check topic related to science, it'd be better to ask some scientists

☐ **2.4** A pause during a call

This time can be used for checking what was already said

☐ **2.5** Email messages

It is better use emails for setting up calls, not for asking questions

☐ **2.6** Wikipedia

It can be used as a background, it has linked studies and researches, which authors you can call

3. Newsweek

☐ **3.1** New members

Giving fact checking to intern or junior employee must include training and oversight

☐ **3.2** Do not rely on authors

Check works on your own and do not rely on authors check their work themselves

☐ **3.3** Search for mistakes in your work

Few mistakes can be enough for bad consequences, if you spotted them after publication,

4. Top journalists

☐ 4.1 Write thoughts

Write everything you think can lead to something bigger

☐ 4.2 Start in small company

In the beginning you make a lot of mistakes and it is better if you make them in small newspapers

☐ 4.3 Write that is interesting to you

After writing this everything else will follow

☐ 4.4 Circles

Start with information distantly related to a topic and and little by little move to most important

☐ 4.5 Skills for different formats

You need to be able to tell a story in any format of journalism

☐ 4.6 Cast you net wide

Think about everything involved, call every person and see what you recieve

☐ 4.7 List every question you have

During the interview keep coming back to these questions to be kept on track

☐ 4.8 A report becomes a story

If you have difficulties with writing a story, do the report and the story will write itself

☐ 4.9 Recieving no's

If you don't get an answer from a person or company, go back and keep asking

☐ 4.10 Check everything

Double check every fact you recieve from sources

☐ 4.11 Don't tell secrets

Telling one interviewer's secret to another means you will tell this one's secret to someone to and you will lose trust

☐ **4.12** Interviewer's diseries

Sometimes they want to tell about something you don't ask, so you should as if there is something they want to share

☐ **4.13** Publishing classified information

Ask about it who you got it from

☐ **4.14** Show up in person

Stay away from conversations on phone and meet a person face to face

5. History of Fact Checking

☐ **5.1** Dots

Put dots of differend colow above every word: red-reference to book, black-to newspaper, green-uncheckable words

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