

# Gannett Training

## Fact-Checking Tools I

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# Problem: I need to fact-check a story, photo or video on-the-fly. What can I do?

**Google Fact Check Explorer** to track if a story has been fact-checked by an independent source

<https://toolbox.google.com/factcheck/explorer>

**Google Earth** to double-check a location:

<https://www.google.com/earth/>

**First Draft News:** <https://firstdraftnews.org/>

**Verification Handbook:**

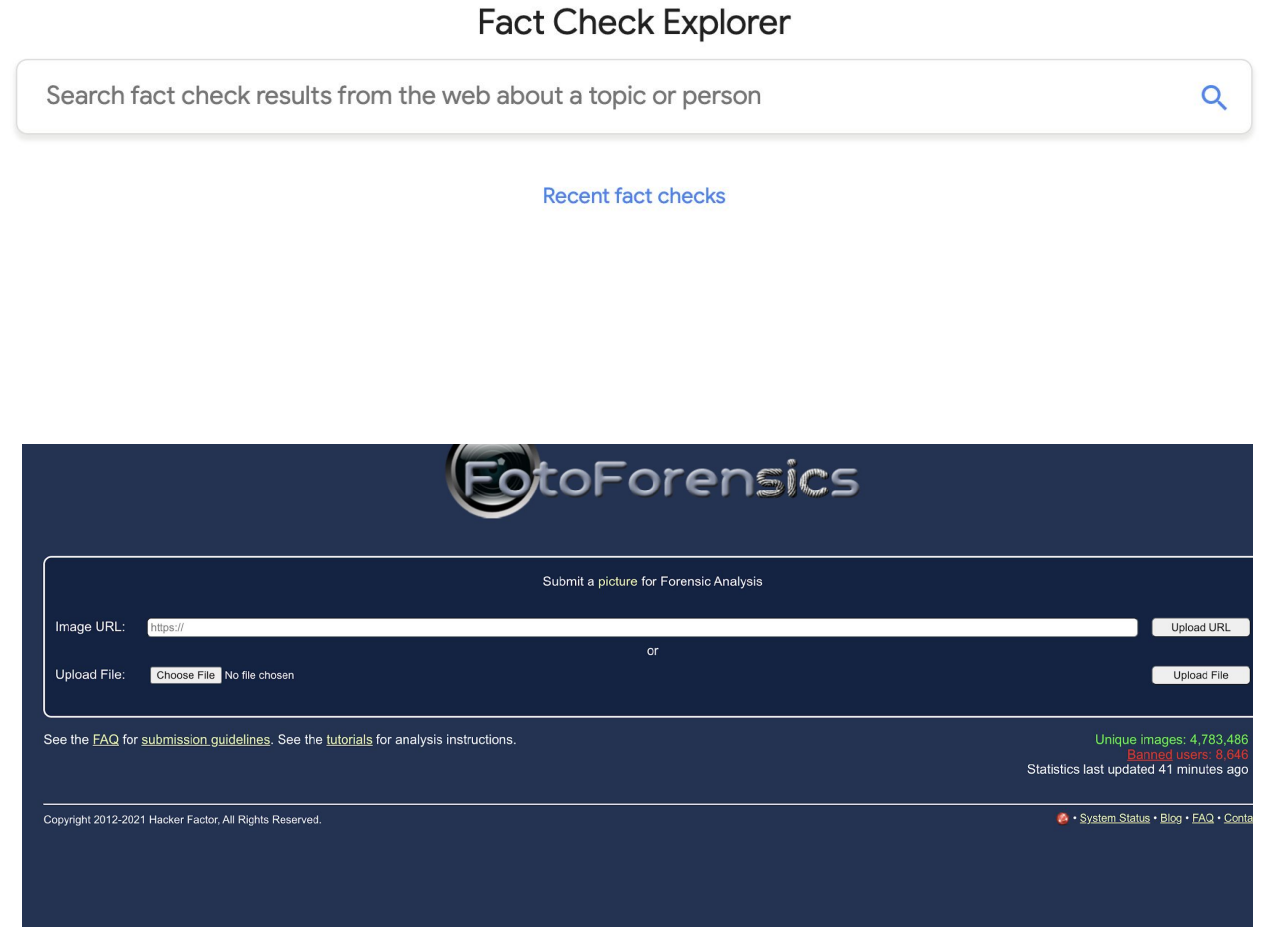
<https://datajournalism.com/read/handbook/verification-1>



# More Fact-Checking Tools

We'll explore these tools in upcoming training videos:

- **Google Image Search:** Check where and when an image was first posted to the web  
- <https://images.google.com>
- **FotoForensics:** View meta-data and detect layering on news photos  
- <http://fotoforensics.com>
- **WatchFrameByFrame.com:** Break down a video to spot green screen and other effects on “news” videos  
- <http://www.watchframebyframe.com>
- **YouTube Dataviewer:** Track where and when a video was first posted  
- <https://citizenevidence.amnestyusa.org>



# Fact-Checking: Sniffing Out “Fake News” Stories

- Read beyond the headline
- THINK before you share
- Check the news outlet that published it
- Search if other news outlets are reporting it
- Who is the author?
  - No byline = red flag
- Check publish date and time
- What links, sources are used?
- Questionable quotes and photos
- Look for typos, grammar, spelling, punctuation errors
- Beware “confirmation bias”
  - Does the story have balance?