

**Smart Strategies for
Finding and Obtaining
Data**

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Developing the Data and Documents “State of Mind”

DATA JOURNALISM

Starting to Develop a Data and Documents State of Mind

1. A news event happens
2. You create a list of questions about the event
3. You check to see if anyone has done your story idea
4. You start to research

**Stories.
Connect.
People.**



Former nurse Kathleen Nofle accused of stealing morphine from veterans, giving them diluted doses at Massachusetts veterans hospital

Posted Sep 18, 2019

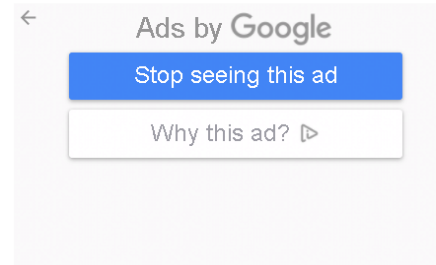


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By [Scott J. Croteau](#) | scroteau@masslive.com

A former nurse working at a Massachusetts Veterans Affairs Medical Center campus in Bedford is accused of diluting morphine intended for patients and using some of the drug for

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Let's Warm Up With An Exercise

I want you to find some records you can use to advance the following story

Wait - what do I mean by "advance" the story?

So here is the story that broke today:

Let's see
what data
and
documents
you can
find to
advance
this
story?

How would you approach this?

What would you look for?

What records could you get?

What data could you get?

What would be reliable and authoritative? –
the best information.

Spend 10 minutes researching this and write
up a very brief (three sentence limit)
description of what you found, with the link, in
the ZOOM chat.

Then we'll discuss it.

Advancing the Story

How many other nurses
have been disciplined
in Massachusetts in
the past three to
five years?

the right to renew such license.

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Definitions

For definitions of the disciplinary actions taken by the Board, view the Board regulation at [244 Code of Massachusetts Regulations 7.04](#).

List of actions

See our [Records of Disciplinary Actions \(DA\) taken by the Board](#) (XLS)- since January 1, 2006. This record is updated every month with the actions [Records of Disciplinary Actions \(DA\) taken by the Board](#) (PDF)

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Use the nurse's Massachusetts nursing license number to accurately verify if any disciplinary action against them has been taken by the Board. Last names may change

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5	Date Range : 01/01/2006 TO 07/31/2020						
6	Last Name	First Name	Middle	License Type	License #	Board Disciplinary Action	Effective Date Of Disciplinary Action
7	Fox	Jessie	Wolfgang	Registered Nurse	RN2274983	Voluntary Surrender	07/30/2020
8	Laplume	Amy		Registered Nurse	RN251529	Probation	07/30/2020
9	Monagle	Mary	K	Registered Nurse	RN275296	Summary Suspension	07/27/2020
10	Clarke	Lynne	Irene	Licensed Practical Nurse	LN88707	Reprimand	07/25/2020
11	Doolan	Shannon		Registered Nurse	RN256009	Suspension	07/25/2020
12	Sebeika	Annemarie		Registered Nurse	RN274076	Suspension	07/25/2020
13	Crowley	David	H	Registered Nurse	RN197722	Voluntary Surrender	07/23/2020
14	Omalley	Sara	B	Licensed Practical Nurse	LN63694	Probation	07/23/2020
15	Noftle	Kathleen	M	Registered Nurse	RN217934	Suspension	07/10/2020
16	Tucker	Andrew	Michael	Registered Nurse	RN2316275	Probation	07/10/2020
17	Tucker	Andrew	Michael	Registered Nurse	RN2316275	Voluntary Surrender	07/09/2020
Sanction Date Sort (+)							

Massachusetts Disciplinary Actions Against Nurses

Lawsuits Against Nurses and Hospitals

STATE CASES

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See results in

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Search

Number of results returned: 1

Filing Date

Case Number

Court Name

Plaintiffs

Defendants

Summary

Greater New England
Worcester County Superior Court
1685CV00889
06/16/2016

Cynthia A. Barry v.
UMass Memorial Medical Center; UMass Memorial Healthcare

Employment and wrongful discharge.Plaintiff respiratory therapist was fired because narcotics went missing on her shift. However, **nurses**, not plaintiff, are responsible for the **drugs**.

P: Howard Potash

FEDERAL CASES

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Search Criteria: Party Search; Last Name: [Nofle]; First Name: [Kathleen]

Result Count: 3

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Party Name	Case Number	Case Title	Court	Date Filed	Date Closed
Nofle, Kathleen (dft)	☆ 1:2019mj05276	USA v. Nofle, DO NOT DOCKET IN THIS CASE - MERGED INTO CR 19-10420-NMG - Kathleen Nofle	Massachusetts District Court	09/17/2019	11/05/2019
Nofle, Kathleen (dft)	☆ 1:2019cr10420	USA v. Nofle - Kathleen Nofle	Massachusetts District Court	11/05/2019	
Nofle, Kathleen (dft)	☆ 1:2019mc91420	United States of America v. Nofle	Massachusetts District Court	09/30/2019	10/01/2019

Number of results returned: 1					
Filing Date ▲▼	Case Number ▲▼	Court Name ▲▼	Plaintiffs ▲▼	Defendants ▲▼	Summary ▲▼
Greater New England Plymouth County Superior Court 1683CV00814 08/22/2016 Brockton	Carolyn Drew personal representative for the Estate of Lydia Drew v. Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital-Plymouth; Cheryl Dempsey RN; Nurse Michaud	Medical negligence. The plaintiff's intestate, Lydia Drew, was admitted to the defendant's hospital with alcohol intoxication. The defendant Nurse Michaud allowed her to leave and she later died.	P: Frank Riccio		



Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Program (SARP) for Nurses

If you are a nurse with a substance use disorder, SARP is an alternative to discipline program that monitors your ongoing compliance, so you can return safely to nursing practice.

SARP is a voluntary, abstinence-based program. It is designed to protect public health, safety, and welfare by establishing adequate safeguards to maintain professional standards of nursing by monitoring participants' ongoing recovery and their return to safe nursing practice.

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Friday, December 21, 2018

Department of Corrections Nurse Arrested on Drug Charges

BOSTON – A nurse at the Department of Correction's Massachusetts Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center (MASAC) in Plymouth, was arrested yesterday and charged with distribution of Suboxone strips to inmates in that facility.

Julie Inglis-Somers, 39, of Kingston, Mass., was arrested yesterday in Jacksonville, Fla. after fleeing the District of Massachusetts last week. She is charged by criminal complaint with one count of distribution of a controlled substance. She will appear for a detention hearing this afternoon in the Middle District of Florida.

Press Releases

A Kingston woman pleaded guilty Thursday in federal court in Boston to distributing Suboxone pills to inmates at the Department of Correction's Massachusetts Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center in Plymouth.



PLYMOUTH – A Kingston woman pleaded guilty Thursday in federal court in Boston to distributing Suboxone pills to inmates at the Department of Correction's Massachusetts Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center in Plymouth.

Julie Inglis-Somers, 39, of Kingston, a nurse at the facility, pleaded guilty to distribution of a controlled substance, United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling; Joseph R. Bonavolonta, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Boston Field Division; and Commissioner Carol Mici of the Massachusetts Department of Correction, announced Thursday in a press release.

U.S. District Court Judge Indira Talwani scheduled sentencing for Oct. 24.

In December 2018, Inglis-Somers was charged by criminal complaint and arrested in Jacksonville, Florida, after fleeing the District of Massachusetts. She was indicted in January.

On or about Nov. 18, 2018, and Dec. 4, 2018, Inglis-Somers provided Suboxone strips and pills to two inmates at the Massachusetts Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center. Suboxone, a Class III controlled substance used to treat heroin addiction, is sometimes misused to get high. Suboxone is a coveted contraband in prisons across the nation and is

Data

DATA: What **data** can I get to tell the “larger story”

- Is there a systemic problem?
- Is this breaking news story just the tip of the iceberg?
- Has this same thing happened frequently but it has gone unnoticed?



bits

Raw data

spreadsheets

photos

video

Government records

Emails

Sensor readings

text

Social media

Text messages

Commercial data

video

Relational databases

PDF's

Handwritten notes

CSV files

audio

Drone data

Fixed width text files

Delimited text files



People

PEOPLE: the voices in
my story are saying
something for the first
time



Field Reporting

FIELD REPORTING: My
on-the-street
reporting confirms
what the people and
data or documents
say about the story
and adds color and
context



Massachusetts' protections weren't enough to stop evictions

By NOEMI ARELLANO-SUMMER, ANOUSHKA DALMIA, SOPHIA BROWN AND NICK MCCOOL / The Howard Center for Investigative Journalism September 5, 2020



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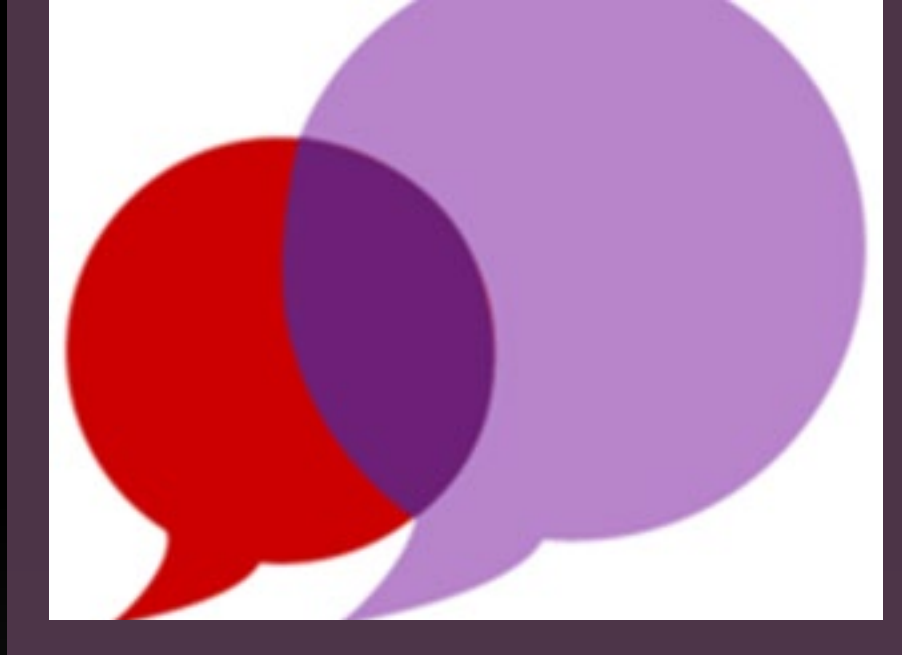
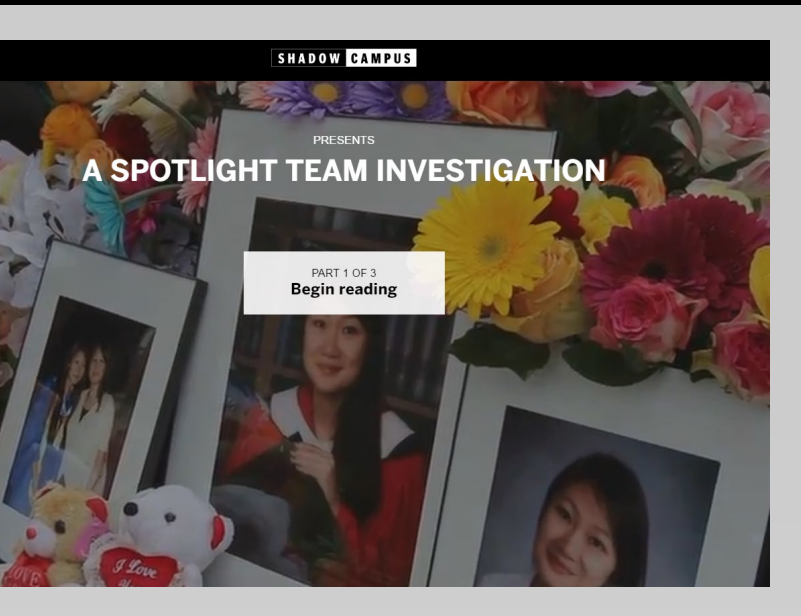
Massachusetts

BOSTON (AP) — Massachusetts had some of the nation's strongest tenant protections during the federal CARES Act's eviction moratorium, with thousands of residential evictions suspended in state court and a block on the filing of most new cases.

But a two-month investigation of the federal and state moratoriums by Boston University journalism students, in collaboration with the Howard Center for Investigative Journalism, found holes in safeguards against evictions for Massachusetts tenants emerged soon after the laws took effect.

At least 70 illegal eviction cases were filed in Massachusetts Housing Court this spring, including 50 violating the national ban that blocked displacing

PROBUDUS 2019				
MASSACHUSETTS HOUSING COURT JULY				
Case Number	Case Type	File Date	Initiating Action	Party/Company
1378 20H85SP001257	Housing Court Summary Process	3/30/2020	Filed SP Summons and Complaint - Non-payment of Rent	Portland Twenty Six, LLC
1379 20H85SP001257	Housing Court Summary Process	3/30/2020	Filed SP Summons and Complaint - Non-payment of Rent	Coppinger, Susan
1380 20H85SP001257	Housing Court Summary Process	3/30/2020	Filed SP Summons and Complaint - Non-payment of Rent	Coppinger, Michael
1381 20H85SP001258	Housing Court Summary Process	3/30/2020	Filed SP Summons and Complaint - Non-payment of Rent	Fifty Franklin, LLC/O Russo Frye & Associa
1382 20H85SP001258	Housing Court Summary Process	3/30/2020	Filed SP Summons and Complaint - Non-payment of Rent	Bell, Caitlin N
1383 20H85SP001259	Housing Court Summary Process	3/30/2020	Filed SP Summons and Complaint - Non-payment of Rent	Student Homes LLC
1384 20H85SP001259	Housing Court Summary Process	3/30/2020	Filed SP Summons and Complaint - Non-payment of Rent	Fowling, Alrick
1385 20H85SP001260	Housing Court Summary Process	4/1/2020	Filed SP Summons and Complaint - No Cause	Crisci, Vincent J.
1386 20H85SP001260	Housing Court Summary Process	4/1/2020	Filed SP Summons and Complaint - No Cause	Callegari, Tara
1387 20H85SP001260	Housing Court Summary Process	4/1/2020	Filed SP Summons and Complaint - No Cause	Howe, Patricia A.
1388 20H85SP001260	Housing Court Summary Process	4/1/2020	Filed SP Summons and Complaint - No Cause	Crisci, Vincent J.
1389 20H85SP001260	Housing Court Summary Process	4/1/2020	Filed SP Summons and Complaint - No Cause	Callegari, Tara
1390 20H85SP001260	Housing Court Summary Process	4/1/2020	Filed SP Summons and Complaint - No Cause	Howe, Patricia A.
1391 20H85SP001261	Housing Court Summary Process	4/3/2020	Filed SP Summons and Complaint - Non-payment of Rent	Royal Crest Estates (Marlboro), LLC
1392 20H85SP001261	Housing Court Summary Process	4/3/2020	Filed SP Summons and Complaint - Non-payment of Rent	Nascimento, Elson
1393 20H85SP001261	Housing Court Summary Process	4/3/2020	Filed SP Summons and Complaint - Non-payment of Rent	Cardoso, Patricia



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abbed,
to death
cade,
dying at a rate of one every 12 days while the state
does little to stem the carnage from domestic
abuse.

Data-Driven Journalism

TILL DEATH DO US PART





A 2015 audit of the BPD turned up various issues with the department's overtime system. Were any of them corrected?

By [Dugan Arnett](#) and [Maggie Mulvihill](#) Globe Staff and Globe Correspondent,
Updated July 1, 2020, 8:51 p.m.



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Police Overtime – A
Fingerprint

The issues were right there, spilled across the few dozen pages of a 2015 report.

Commissioned by the city shortly after Mayor Martin J. Walsh took office, the audit of the inner workings of the Boston Police Department revealed a number of concerns involving the use and allocation of overtime. Among them: that there appeared to be few mechanisms in place to monitor overtime spending, that the paid detail process was a “drain on city resources,” and that officers were routinely being paid for time they didn’t work.

“Currently, the department exercises little control over the process of assigning overtime,” according to the report, which cost the city \$105,000 and provided a dozen recommendations on how to clean up waste and inefficiencies.

Type of Data: Public Reports

Simple web search
turned up the report
Also housed in [Document
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A repository where
journalists store
records after they use
them in stories



POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL AUDIT/REVIEW

Submitted to:
Mayor's Office

Submitted by:
The Public Safety Strategies Group
December 2015



Finding Stories: Human Sources



Finding Stories: What You Observe



Secondary Sources



Published Information:

Newspaper Articles

News Broadcasts

Blogs

Social Media



Secondary Sources

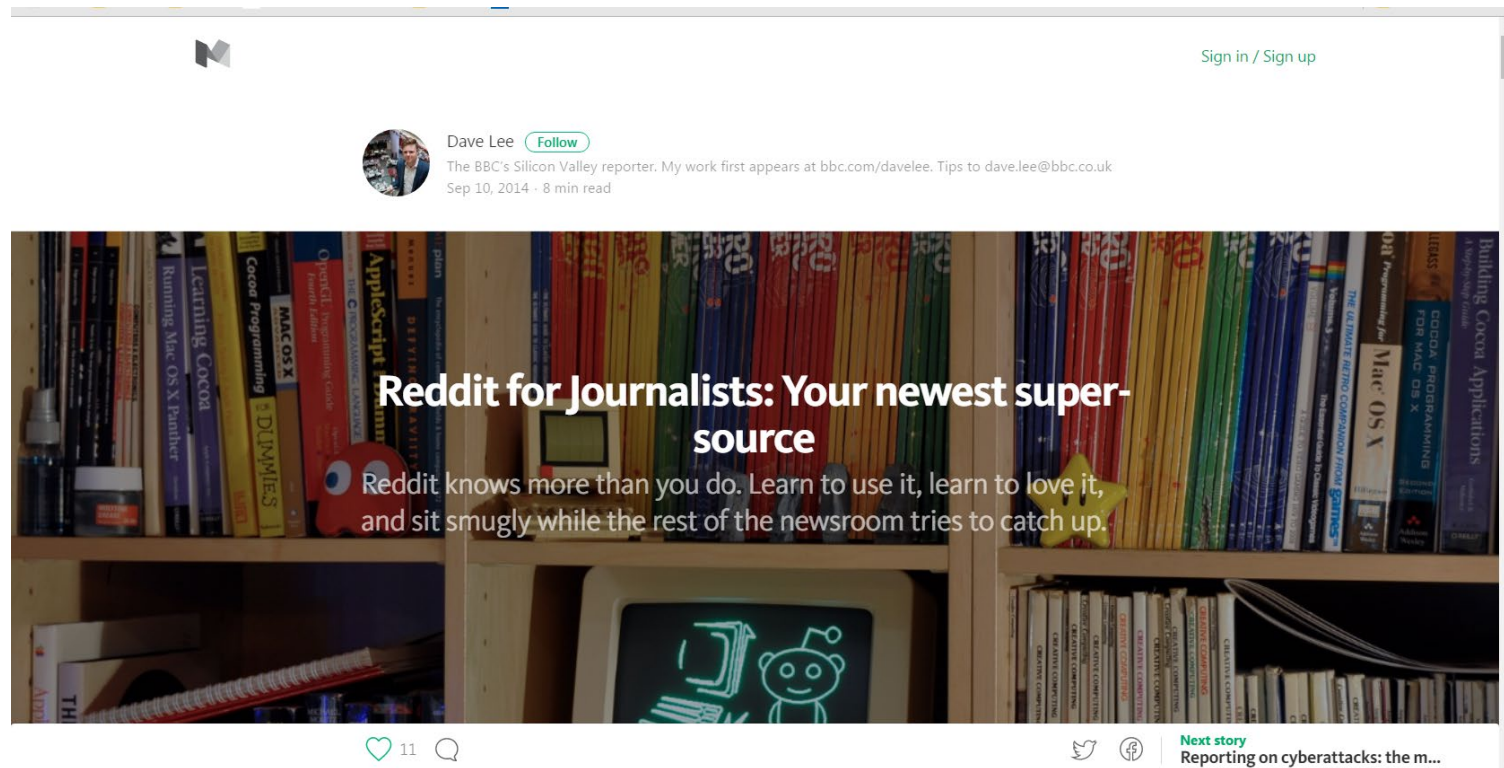


Commercial Databases

Reference Information In Libraries



Reddit and subreddits?



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How to use Reddit in your reporting

by **NATALIE VAN HOOZER** • Oct 8, 2019 in **SOCIAL MEDIA**

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7. <http://figshare.com>
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311, Service Requests

Constituent requests for city services



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Health inspections of licensed food establishments



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All City of Boston employees earnings, calendar year 2014



COB - Executive Order - Open Data 4-7-2014

Executive order signed by Mayor Walsh regarding open data and transparency

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Primary Sources

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- Massachusetts Records Retention Schedule
- Federal and state regulations
- Oversight Reports
- data.gov
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- City of Boston Data
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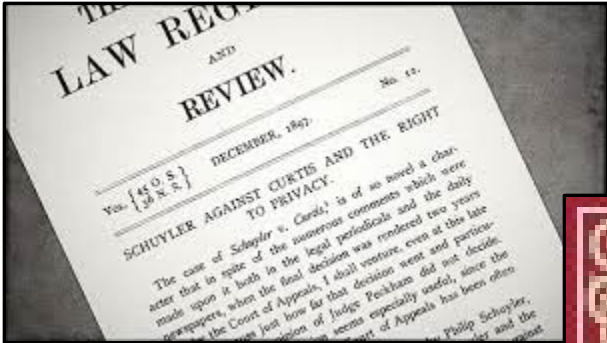
Opendata500 - companies using open data

GovLabAcademy - training for
using open data

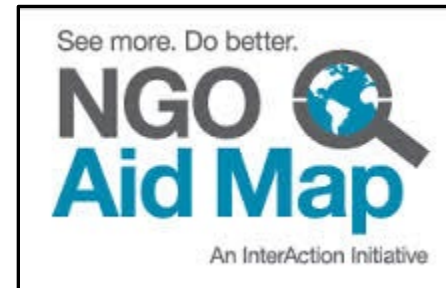
Dissertations - searchable database

Open Government Data Catalog - global data catalogs

Open Corporates - open database of corporations



Open Source Records



Open Source Records

RefDesk.com - fact-checker for the Internet

Factcheck.org - non-profit website aims to verify political facts

Politifact - fact checking of members of Congress, the White House, interest groups

[State legislative data](#) - tool from Sunlight Foundation

[Scout from the Sunlight Foundation](#) - can set up alerts for issue and political information

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