

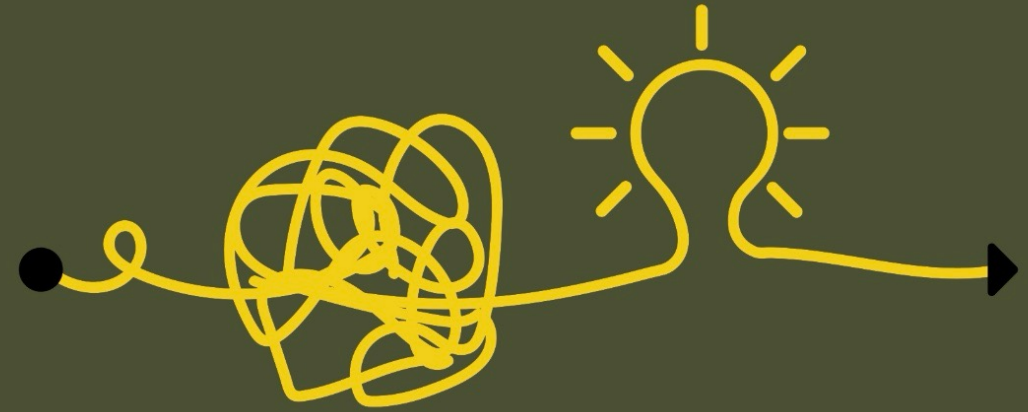
MANIPULATIVE MEDIA

"Fake news" primarily refers to **false or fabricated stories that mimic legitimate news content** to deceive readers for financial or political gain. A key element is the *intent to mislead*, which distinguishes it from unintentional errors or genuine satire.

Propaganda is the deliberate (and ongoing) spread of information, often biased or misleading, to influence people's opinions or actions in order to support a particular cause or viewpoint.

WHY CONFRONT BIAS?

Confirmation bias pulls us into polarized thought communities, where we share a comforting, overly-simplified picture of the world that's incompatible with people who see a different part of the picture. That's the simplicity on this side of complexity.



For the simplicity on this side of complexity, I wouldn't give you a fig. But for the simplicity on the other side of complexity, for that I would give you anything I have.

–Oliver Wendell Holmes

THE PRICE OF TRUTH

If we want to pursue truth, we have to let go of our false certainties, face the inconvenient facts and the tough questions. But that can be terrifying.

Uncertainty is not just uncomfortable; it can be disorienting and too much of it can even be paralyzing.



**PROVE ALL THINGS;
HOLD FAST TO THAT
WHICH IS GOOD.**

1 Thessalonians 5:21

The New York Times

The three Democrat-picked witnesses are called "scholars" and the NYT omits that Democrats invited them

Anti-impeachment perspective is in quotes, while pro-impeachment perspective is stated as an authoritative claim

Trump Committed Impeachable Offenses, 3 Scholars Tell Judiciary Committee

Font size for anti-Trump headline is bigger and above the GOP perspective

But Expert Invited by Republicans Says Case Is 'Slipshod'

Party emphasized for GOP-invited witness only

- The House panel is holding its first hearing to debate whether to draft and approve articles of impeachment.
- Lawmakers are hearing from legal scholars about the constitutional basis for impeachment. Stay here for live video and updates.

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The Judiciary Committee House panel begins its hearings to debate and determine articles of impeachment. They will hear from four legal scholars about the basis for impeachment.

"Lone expert witness" implies GOP could only find one but hides that Dems prevented GOP from inviting more

The Republicans' lone expert witness, the law professor Jonathan Turley, has represented whistle-blowers and terrorism suspects.

1h ago

Pamela Karlan, also a law professor, counts a landmark gay rights case as among her litigation experience.

29m ago

Cherry-picked experience highlights to make GOP witness look bad and Democrat witness look good

Source:
Pres. Trump's press secretary

DEHUMANIZING/DEMONIZING

The goal is to get the public to see certain people as less than people, and worthy of repression or persecution. It's most effective when it's subtle, so it slips into our worldview without our noticing.

Does language like "libtard" or "sexist pig" influence whether we see the people we describe that way as our equals in dignity, and deserving of human rights?



Democrats
the godless, immoral,
perverted party of
SATAN



**PAINTING
THE ENEMY**

TRUMP POOP VIDEO



<https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/fact-check-trump-posted-ai-223200531.html>



I think it will take people, true patriots, on both sides of the aisle to say "enough of this nonsense, we should work together for the good of the people of the United States."

—Ruth Bader Ginsburg

**BIASED
REPORTING**



Trump Disrespects Ruth Bader Ginsberg | The Tonight Show

YouTube · The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon

Sep 21, 2020



'An amazing woman': Donald Trump reacts to death of Ruth ...

YouTube · Guardian News

Sep 19, 2020

'The enemy from within': Trump calls Democrats more dangerous than U.S. foreign adversaries

Trump was answering a question about how he would handle any Washington bureaucrats who might try to undermine him in a potential second term.



The New York Times

Trump Administration

LIVE Updates 4m ago

Tariff Tracker

Lashing Out at Political Foes

Trump Renews Threat to Cut 'Democrat Programs' During Shutdown

The president said his administration was "closing up Democrat programs that we disagree with, and they're never going to open again." He promised to release a list of programs by Friday.

CREATING
DIVISION

In October 2025, during an event at Naval Station Norfolk, Donald Trump referred to Democrats as a **"little gnat that's on our shoulder"** and stated, "We have to take care of" them. These remarks, along with other recent uses of dehumanizing language, were made public and discussed across various news and social media platforms, including his own **Truth Social**. [🔗](#)

ADMINISTRATION

Satisfaction with country's direction lowest in Trump's second term: Gallup

BY SARAH FORTINSKY - 09/22/25 3:55 PM ET



Donald J. Trump @realDonaldTrump

I HAVE JUST GOTTEN THE HIGHEST POLL NUMBERS OF MY "POLITICAL CAREER." While my great work on the Economy has not yet been fully appreciated, it will be! Things are really Rockin'. Stopping WARS and Foreign Relations seems to be a strong suit. Also great, The Border and Stopping Crime. I predict that the Economy, with the already HIGHEST STOCK MARKET, EVER, and prices coming sharply down from the Biden disaster, will soon be at the top of the list. MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!



Latest Trump approval rating CNN Poll of Polls

Approve



39%

Disapprove



58%

Date Range: 11/05-11/17

*The CNN Poll of Polls aggregates and averages a number of recent polls. The latest Poll of Polls includes results from NPR/PBS News/Marist College (11/10-11/13), Marquette Law School (11/05-11/12), Reuters/Ipsos (11/14-11/17), Strength In Numbers/Verasight (11/12-11/14), AP-NORC (11/06-11/10).

Kamala Harris denounces Trump as 'fascist' who wants 'unchecked power'

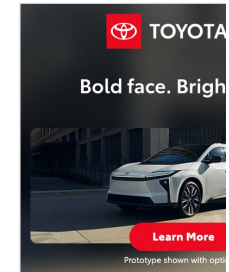
VP gives surprise speech after reports that Trump's former chief of staff said ex-president repeatedly praised Hitler



IDEAS • POLITICS

Why Trump and His Supporters Keep Calling Democrats 'Fascists'

5 MINUTE READ



'Alternate realities': Democrats and Republicans smear each other as 'fascists.' Is either right?



Michael Collins

USA TODAY

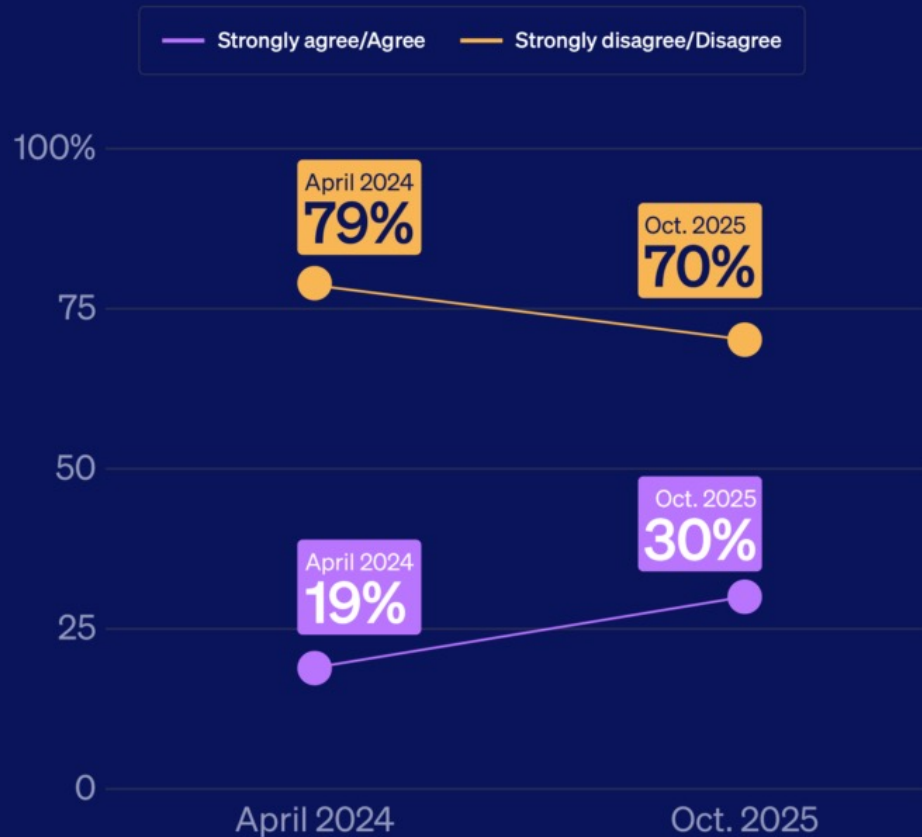
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FASCISM

FASCISM includes

Demonization of political opponents and minority groups as enemies of the people or nation, often using language related to race, ethnicity, or religion as a unifying cause.

Do you agree that Americans may have to resort to violence in order to get the country back on track?



PBS News/NPR/Marist Poll, National Adults.

April 2024: Interviews conducted March 25th through March 28th, 2024, n=1,305. Margin of Error: ± 3.5% percentage points. Oct. 2025: Interviews conducted Sept. 22 to Sept. 26, 2025, n=1,477. Margin of Error: ± 3.1 percentage points.

Pew Research Main Reasons for Political Violence

- Rhetoric from the other side
- Political polarization
- Unwillingness to engage with/understand different views
- Acceptance of violence
- Media – both social media and other forms

<https://www.pewresearch.org/short-reads/2025/10/23/americans-say-politically-motivated-violence-is-increasing-and-they-see-many-reasons-why/>

**POLITICAL
VIOLENCE**

Opinion

Don't Believe the Cynics: Most Democrats Are Horrified at the Attempt on Trump's Life | Opinion

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Third of Democrats wish Donald Trump had been killed

BY ERIC KAUFMANN



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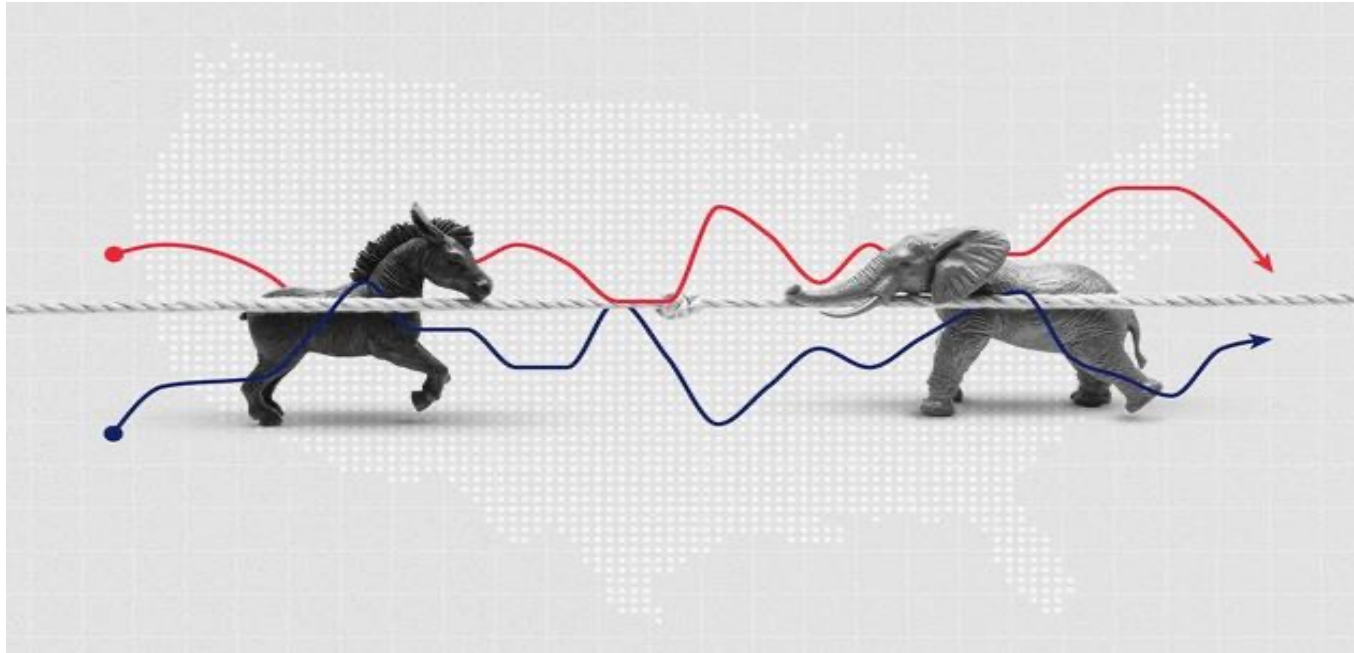
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Trump says 'seditious' Democrats urging US troops to refuse illegal orders should face death

By Doina Chiacu, Nandita Bose and Bo Erickson

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Neither Party Dominates in Favorability or Trust



- Americans tend to like GOP on issues, Democrats on political values

<https://news.gallup.com/poll/696635/neither-party-dominates-favorability-trust.aspx>

POLITICS. October 21, 2025

FACT checkers Allsides.

Friday, November 21, 2025



HEADLINE ROUNDUP

Mamdani, Trump Outline Shared Priorities for NYC in White House Meeting

From the Left

'I Expect to Be Helping Him':
Trump Admits to Being
Charmed By Mamdani in First
Face-to-Face Meeting

Time Magazine **L L C R R**

From the Center

Trump and Mamdani Set Aside
Differences During White House
Meeting

Wall Street Journal (News) **L L C R R**

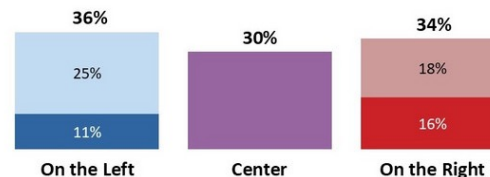
From the Right

'A great meeting': Trump
pleased with one-on-one with
New York City's mayor-elect
Mamdani

The National Desk **L L C R R**

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Percent of articles, out of 2,490, attributed to a source and its rating based on AllSides Media Bias Ratings™. Content collected between January 1 – June 30, 2025. Excludes sources rated as "Mixed" or not rated by AllSides, which accounted for less than 0.5% of all articles. See report for details.



RECOMMENDED IFCN FACT CHECKERS

CheckYourFact US-based fact-checking by journalists at right-leaning The Daily Caller. Although this site used to lean right, they have worked diligently to minimize bias and are now rated Center by AllSides.

FactCheck Factchecking on US political claims based at the University of Pennsylvania. Used to be rated Center but now rated Leans Left.

LeadStories (US, UK and Europe) offers a blue feed, a red feed, deepfake checks, and breaking news. Rated Leans Left by AllSides.

PolitiFact is run by the Poynter Institute, a Florida-based non-profit journalism school and research organization that launched IFCN. It focuses mostly on US politics. Bias rating of Leans Left.

Reuters is US-based but with ties to Canada and the UK and fact-checks globally. AllSides rates them as Center.

The Dispatch US-based factchecking by interns at the right-leaning online magazine of the same name. Unlike the magazine, the fact-checking is rated as Center.

Of Special Interest:

MediaWise is a YouTube channel where trained teens fact-check viral videos while teaching these skills to the viewing audience. They are also active on [X](#), [TikTok](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#). This is a Poynter Institute project, with Meta, TikTok, Google, and Twitch among its funders.

Snopes is the original fact-checking site. It's AllSides rating changed from Center to Lean Left Bias in 2021. While most other sites focus on political/public policy issues, Snopes looks into anything that enough users are asking about, including urban legends, satire, etc.

Not IFCN

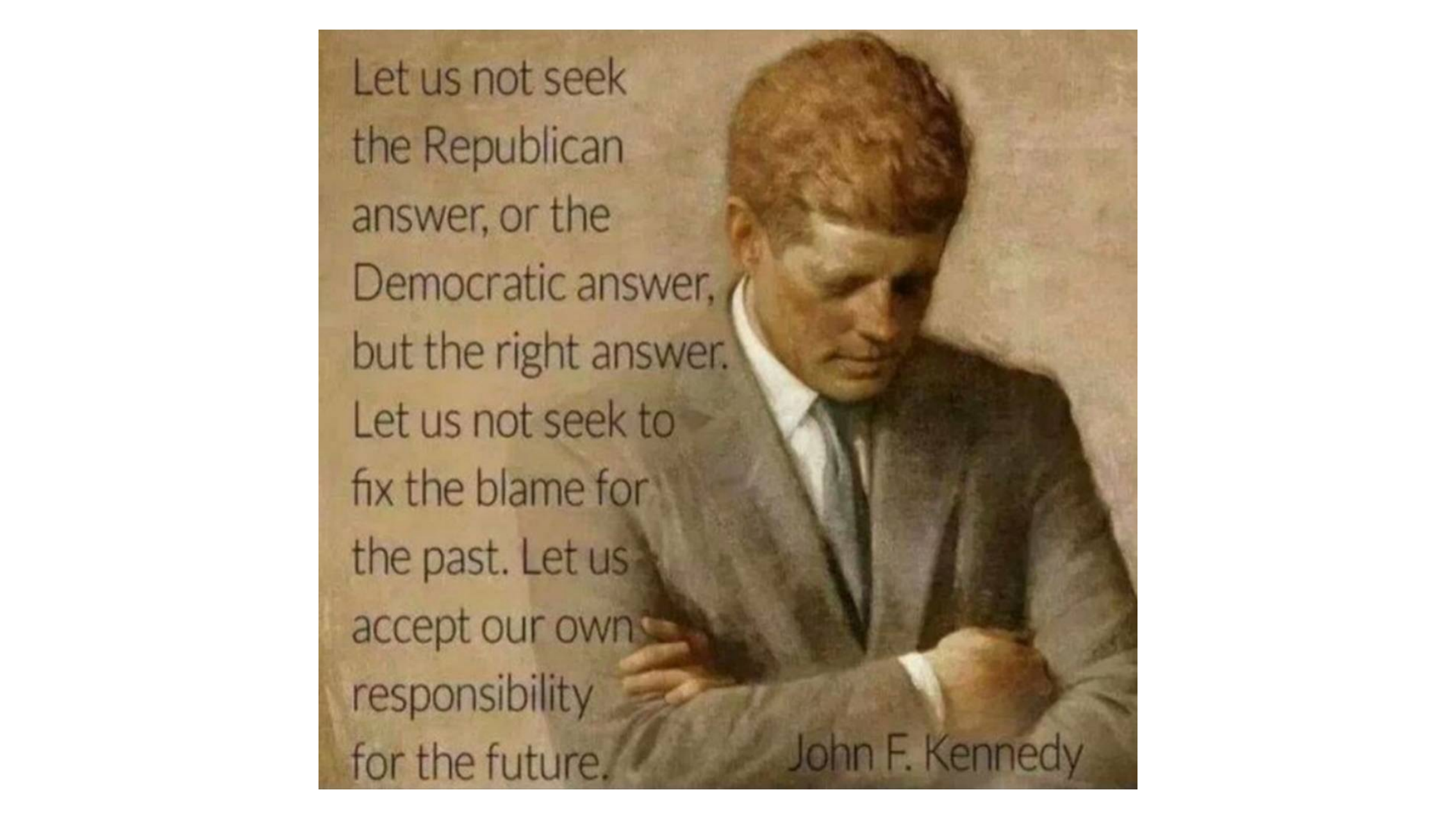
Both [BBCVerify](#) and [Newsweek](#) offer factchecking services with an AllSides Bias rating of Center (with a slight Lean Left). They are not part of the IFCN.

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A portrait of John F. Kennedy, looking down and to the right, wearing a grey suit and tie. The background is a textured, light brown color.

Let us not seek
the Republican
answer, or the
Democratic answer,
but the right answer.

Let us not seek to
fix the blame for
the past. Let us
accept our own
responsibility
for the future.

John F. Kennedy