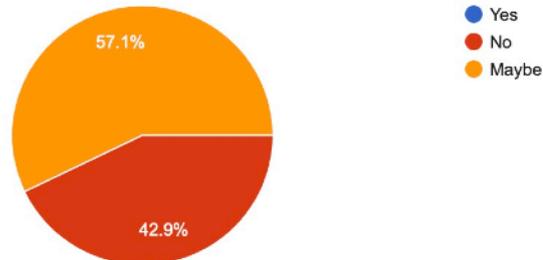




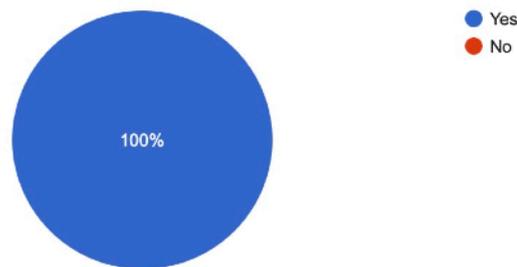
Checking the news

Results of a brief survey in January 2026 conducted by IFFE*

Do you believe what you hear and see in the news?



Do you check if what you hear and see in the news is true?



How do you check if what you hear and see in the news is true?

1. Sometimes, different resources
2. I use my knowledge and experience to check whether it is likely to be the way it is described
3. I often check whether the source is reliable; we used to have reliable authoritative sources of information but we do not any longer
4. I check what other sources say about the same incident
5. I suspend final judgement if I cannot find a clear picture of the facts and wait for new information - which often does not come
6. I am conducting research
7. Trying to read the same news in different media
8. I cross-reference political news across multiple sources to account for potential bias and ensure I'm receiving different perspectives about current events (so that I can form my own conclusion)
9. I distinguish between facts and interpretations of news
10. I always question whose interest a particular news item serves
11. I discuss with friends, ask how they understood the news
12. I recognise bias but sometimes I may be wrong. News is rarely unbiased
13. Through multiple sources online

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List some elements which convince you that what you hear and see in the news is true

1. If I trust the writer or speaker to say as much as possible (for him) what the truth may be
2. Scientific approach, statistics, data, different views
3. If I get a clear picture from comparing opposing sources of information
4. If I do not detect open lies or misrepresentations
5. If what is said is rational and logical deducted from everything else I know
6. If the account is not overly emotionally laden
7. There are none
8. Multiple and different sources, digital papers and media
9. Trumpspeech about the expansion of the US sphere of influence
10. First I ask myself:
 11. Who created the message?
 12. Would someone interpret it differently than I do?
 13. What values do I recognise in the message?
 14. What is the purpose of this news, not apparent at first glance?
15. Then, if I am interested in a particular news item, it is important to:
 16. Using different sources of information;
 17. Connecting media content to the context and values projected by different media
 18. Recognising techniques used in the media for different purposes
 19. Spotting biases, deceptions, and manipulations presented in the media
20. The piece of news has a date and a signature. The source is a trusted website or channel.