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## Fact-checkers can blunt the threat of disinformation | Poynter

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In the wake of Donald Trump's presidency, disinformation continues to deceive some Americans and threaten democracy, but most citizens still seek the truth and fact-checkers are offering a crucial public service, two experts said Monday at United Facts of America: A Festival of Fact-Checking.

"I think the vast majority of Americans saw through Trump's lies, they see through most of the nonsense that we hear from the Tucker Carlsons of the world," said Brian Stelter, CNN's chief media correspondent, referring to the Fox News talk show host. "They also see through some of the left-wing nonsense that you all fact-check. Most people do have a good B.S. detector. Clearly not all, but I think most people do."

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