

QUIZZ: True or false?

Get your facts straight ! Fact-check and cross-check information, do not take all you hear for granted...

Take our quiz to see how gullible you can be. Read the following statements and say if you think they are true or false, then flash the bar codes on the posters displayed and check your answers.

- 1) Jean-Marie Le Pen said that the Holocaust was "*just a detail of history*".
- 2) "*The European Union costs 9 billion euros every year*" - Marine Le Pen, second campaign debate.
- 3) The TV ad praising Trump's first 100 days claims "500,000+ Jobs created".
- 4) According to Hillary Clinton, "*Trump said he would require schools to allow guns*".
- 5) There will be no more coffee on earth by 2080.
- 6) Marine Le Pen said : "*We trade less today than we did when we didn't have the euro!*"
- 7) Trump claimed : "*Our government rushed to join international agreements where the United States pays the costs and bears the burdens while other countries [like China, Russia and India] get the benefit and pay nothing.*"
- 8) Trump claimed that a terror attack happened in Sweden on Friday, February 18. Has there really been an attack in Sweden?
- 9) Swaziland has banned witches from flying above 150 meters on broomsticks.
- 10) Did Florian Philipot share fake news on Twitter about Macron's militants ?
- 11) Sponges share 70% of human genes.

→ Which sources do you think to be reliable ? Why ?

Answers

1) It's false but not totally, it was just exaggerated. He said that " the gas chambers used to kill Jews in the Holocaust were only a "detail" of history.

Source : <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/apr/06/jean-marie-le-pen-fined-again-dismissing-holocaust-detail>

2) It's false. France spent 19,012.5 million euros and got 14,468.4 million euros from the EU in 2015, for a total cost of around 4.5 billion euros. Marine Le Pen also doesn't take into account other benefits of the EU such as the common market, which makes it impossible to get an accurate estimate of the costs.

Source: European Parliament <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/news-room/20141202IFG82334/eu-budget-explained-expenditure-and-contribution-by-member-state>

3) The fact is that 317,000 jobs have been created under Trump's presidency so far. The 183,000 others counted were created under Obama's presidency.

Source: www.factcheck.org/2017/05/trumps-tv-campaign-ad/

4) It's mostly true. Donald Trump said he would get rid of gun-free zones in schools at a Jan. 7 rally in Vermont. But, on Fox News, on the 22nd of May he said that he doesn't want guns in classrooms but in some cases, trained teachers should have one.

Source: <http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/statements/2016/nov/01/hillary-clinton/trump-said-he-would-require-schools-allow-guns-clip/>

5) It is true : because of climate change, coffee is likely to disappear by 2080, according to a scientific study. <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/coffee-could-be-extinct-by-2080-due-to-climate-change-destroying-areas-suitable-for-growing-beans-a7222241.html> and <https://stateoftheworldsplants.com/embargo2016-nhjkdjkai02hf8sn.pdf>

6) It's false: France's overall trade represented 56% of the GDP in 2013 according to World Bank Data, which is significantly higher than the levels experienced during the late 1990s before the country joined the euro.

Source : <http://factcheckeu.org/factchecks/show/657/marine-le-pen>

7) False : The agreement requires developed countries, such as the U.S., to help developing countries, including China and India, with mitigating climate change. Russia has not ratified the agreement.

<http://www.factcheck.org/2017/05/trump-paris-agreement/>

8) Trump invented this attack, it's false.

Source: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-39020962>

9) Supposedly true, it's the Civil Aviation Authority which passed the law. (No first-hand source available but several websites including quality papers published the same news)

10) Yes he did share fake information (photomontage).

<http://www.20minutes.fr/elections/presidentielle/2062935-20170505-presidentielle-florian-philippot-accuse-fake-apres-tweet>

11) it's true: <http://youngearth.com/sponges-share-70-human-genes-contradicting-expected-evolutionary-timeframe-and-genetic-predictions>

→ Official european and governmental sites are the most reliable. Quality papers and big media groups are quite reliable but can sometimes be biased. Blogs, tabloids are dubious sources and must be considered with caution.