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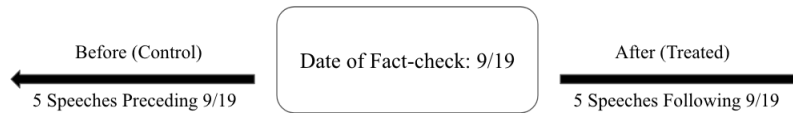
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Appendix A. Visualizing the Dataset with an Example

Suppose Statement i is fact-checked on 9/19.

- Speech 0: Speech made on 9/19.
- Speech -5, ..., -1: 5 Speeches preceding Speech 0. (Pre-Factcheck Speeches)
- Speech 1, ..., 5: 5 Speeches following Speech 0. (Post-Factcheck Speeches)



This is an example of what the dataset looks like:

	Spoken	Factcheck
Speech -5	0	0
Speech -4	1	0
Speech -3	0	0
Speech -2	0	0
Speech -1	1	0
Speech 1	0	1
Speech 2	0	1
Speech 3	0	1
Speech 4	0	1
Speech 5	1	1

The value of **Spoken** is determined according to whether a given statement was made during a particular speech or not. **Factcheck** is always 0 for pre-factcheck speeches (Speeches -5 through -1) and 1 for post-factcheck speeches (Speeches 1 through 5).

Appendix B. List of Fact-checked Statements

ClaimBuster scores are in parentheses at the end of each corresponding statement.

Hillary Clinton

True

1. She sent me door to door in New Bedford, Massachusetts on behalf of children with disabilities who weren't able at that time to attend public schools. (0.31)
2. Donald Trump "was asked if he would defend our allies and He said well, first he'd want to know if they made any payments (NATO) to us to defend them." (0.41)
3. Donald Trump "used undocumented labor to build the Trump Tower." (0.32)
4. Trump said "as recently as a few weeks ago in Phoenix that every undocumented person would be subject to deportation." (0.33)
5. We have 17 intelligence agencies, civilian and military, who have all concluded that these espionage attacks, these cyberattacks, come from the highest levels of the Kremlin, and they are designed to influence our election. (0.53)
6. You can look at the propaganda on a lot of the terrorists' sites and what Donald Trump says about Muslims is used to recruit fighters. (0.38)
7. We've had Muslims in America since George Washington. (0.4)
8. We have 33,000 people a year who die from guns. (0.53)
9. Trump's businesses had filed for bankruptcy six time. (0.41)
10. Donald Trump "was one of the people who rooted for the housing crisis. He said back in 2006, 'Gee, I hope it does collapse because then I can go in and buy some and make some money.' " (0.28)
11. Warren Buffett has publicly said his secretary "should not be paying a higher tax rate" than him. (0.54)
12. Says Donald Trump's tax plan gives the wealthy and corporations "more than the Bush tax cuts by at least a factor of two." (0.63)
13. Donald Trump once suggested that he "would try to negotiate down the national debt." (0.29)
14. The gun epidemic is the leading cause of death of young African-American men, more than the next nine causes put together. (0.49)
15. Donald Trump's tax plan "would blow up the debt by over \$5 trillion and would in some instances disadvantage middle-class families compared to the wealthy." (0.58)
16. Donald Trump "started his career back in 1973 being sued by the Justice Department for racial discrimination because he would not rent apartments in one of his developments to African-Americans." (0.55)
17. Donald Trump is "the first person running for president, Republican or Democrat, who refused to say that he would respect the results of this election." (0.36)

18. Parents and teachers are already worrying about what they call the ‘Trump Effect’. They report that bullying and harassment are on the rise in our schools, especially targeting students of color, Muslims and immigrants. (0.4)
19. Latinos (Hispanic) are 17 percent of our country’s population but hold only 2 percent of its wealth. (0.68)
20. Right now we are at 90 percent health insurance covered. That’s the highest we’ve ever been in our country. (0.56)
21. He started his business with \$14 million, borrowed from his father. (0.51)

Half True

1. George W. Bush made the agreement about when American troops would leave Iraq, not Barack Obama. (0.41)
2. I “got the treaty cutting Russia’s nuclear arms” (0.28)
3. 400 bills have my name on them either as a sponsor or a co-sponsor. You don’t get that done unless you work with folks on the other side. (0.25)
4. One-half of undocumented workers pay federal income taxes, which means they are paying more federal income taxes than Donald Trump pays. (0.55)
5. What the District of Columbia was trying to do (with its handgun ban) was to protect toddlers from guns. (0.27)
6. There was even a time when (Donald Trump) didn’t get an Emmy for his TV program three years in a row and he started tweeting that the Emmys were rigged. (0.55)
7. In 1928 school boards sent home letters with children saying that if Al Smith is elected president, you will not be allowed to have or read a Bible. (0.41)
8. Donald Trump publicly invited Putin to hack into Americans’ (emails). (0.32)
9. He even praised the Chinese government for massacring protesters in Tiananmen Square. (0.37)
10. We already have millions of people working in the economy and paying \$12 billion a year to Social Security even though they are undocumented. (0.59)
11. Comprehensive immigration reform “will add \$700 billion to our economy.” (0.46)
12. What I have put forward does not add a penny to the debt. (0.22)
13. We are seeing kids who are healthier. (0.34)
14. I am running against a man who says he doesn’t understand why we can’t use nuclear weapons, he actually said, then why are we making them? (0.42)
15. He doesn’t believe in equal pay. (0.24)
16. I opposed the only multilateral trade deal that came before the Senate while I was there. (0.51)
17. her campaign platform includes the “biggest investment in new, good-paying jobs since World War II.” (0.39)
18. Intelligence officials said this week that Russians were behind political hacking attacks in the U.S. (0.32)

False

1. Trump said “our armed forces are a disaster”. (0.24)
2. We are now, for the first time ever, energy independent. (0.3)
3. Donald Trump said rescuing the auto industry didn’t really matter very much. He said, and I quote again, ‘Let it go. (0.285)
4. We had the worst financial crisis, the Great Recession, the worst since the 1930s. That was in large part because of tax policies that slashed taxes on the wealthy, failed to invest in the middle class, took their eyes off of Wall Street, and created a perfect storm. (0.53)
5. Under their leadership we’ve created 15 million new private-sector jobs. (0.67)
6. Donald Trump’s strategy is pretty simple: They have even said in his campaign it’s to get women to stay home, get young people to stay home, get people of color to stay home, and get a lot smart, intelligent men to stay home, too. (0.37)
7. “I was gone” when there was a red line against Syria. (0.4)
8. That’s legal: If you find out about somebody else’s salary even if you’re doing exactly the same job, you can be retaliated against, including being fired, in most places. (0.38)
9. More than 90 percent of the [income] gains have gone to the top 1 percent. (0.74)
10. The U.S. has the “most . . . productive workforce in the world, bar none.” (0.31)
11. He “thinks wages are too high.” (0.27)
12. “The only years that anybody’s ever seen” of Donald Trump’s tax returns “showed he didn’t pay any federal income tax.” (0.49)
13. Trump’s plan “would end up raising taxes on middle class families.” (0.3)
14. Trump thinks “climate change is a hoax perpetrated by the Chinese.” (0.22)
15. I am the only candidate who ran in either the Democratic or the Republican primary who said from the very beginning (that) I will not raise taxes on the middle class. (0.37)
16. Trump is “willing to . . . break up NATO.” (0.37)
17. Her economic plan “would create more than 10 million new jobs.” (0.53)
18. Donald Trump said, “I alone can fix it.” (0.26)
19. He [Trump] wants to ban every Muslim in the world from coming to the United States. (0.27)
20. Donald Trump’s tax cuts “add \$20 trillion.” (0.62)

Donald Trump

True

1. Ford is moving all of their small-car production to Mexico. (0.33)
2. Heroin .. pours across our southern borders. (0.27)

3. Barack Obama “is the first president in modern history not to have a single year of 3 percent growth.” (0.66)
4. U.S.-Mexico border has “1 million legal border crossings each and every day.” (0.65)
5. There are at least 23 countries that refuse to take their people back after they’ve been ordered to leave the United States. (0.51)
6. Within just a few years, immigration as a share of national population is set to break all historical records. (0.33)
7. Says the media distorted what happened with a baby at his rally: The press came out with headlines: ‘Trump throws baby out of arena.’ So dishonest. (0.29)
8. We spend more per student than almost any other major country in the world. Yet, our students perform near the bottom of the pack for major large advanced countries. (0.465)
9. We admit about 100,000 permanent immigrants from the Middle East every year. (0.58)
10. These people that we were going to deport for good reason ended up becoming citizens and it was 800 and now it turns out it might be 1,800, and they don’t even know. (0.46)
11. We have an increase in murder within our cities, the biggest in 45 years. (0.45)
12. Hillary called Trans-Pacific Partnership a gold standard. (0.23)
13. In Chicago, they’ve had thousands of shootings, thousands since Jan. 1. (0.59)
14. Says Hillary Clinton “promised, running for the Senate years ago, 200,000 jobs for upstate New York. ... Not only didn’t they come, but they lost so many jobs.” (0.5)

Half True

1. “\$6 trillion on wars in the Middle East” (0.53)
2. ISIS is in over 28-30 countries. (0.34)
3. Nearly half of African American children under 6 are living in abject poverty. (0.57)
4. U.S. has admitted about 100,000 immigrants from Iraq and Afghanistan over the last five years. (0.64)
5. Russia has “tremendous numbers of nuclear warheads 1,800, by the way where they expanded, and we didn’t.” (0.45)
6. Clinton will close down detention centers for border crossings. (0.36)
7. Hillary wanted a wall between US and Mexico. (0.22)
8. Hillary’s policies have put Iran onto a path of nuclear weapons. (0.41)
9. Another 14 million people left the labor force (during the Obama administration). (0.48)
10. The Secure Communities Program and 287(g) immigration programs “were programs that worked” but were “recklessly gutted” by the Obama administration. (0.64)

11. Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine "want to shut down shale, and shut down natural gas." (0.31)
12. There are 2 million criminal aliens inside US. (0.5)
13. Thousands of Americans have been killed by illegal immigrants. (0.58)
14. 1 in 6 men aged 18-34 are either in jail or out of work. (0.44)
15. Federal debt had doubled to \$20 trillion under Obama. (0.75)
16. Debt doubled during the Obama administration. (0.45)

False

1. Clinton's email scandal is Watergate. (0.22)
2. President Barack Obama "spent so much time screaming at a protester, and frankly it was a disgrace." (0.32)
3. Criminal illegal immigrants have been released into US communities by Hillary and Obama. (0.45)
4. Media never truly covers the popularity of Trump (the size of crowd, polling results, etc.). (0.35)
5. The Obama administration gave Iran "\$400 million in ransom payment cash." (0.69)
6. Hillary 20 percent of Uranium to Russians. (0.46)
7. Workers' hours are being cut, hiring is frozen — totally frozen — and wages are being slashed. (0.62)
8. We will also repeal the Obama-Clinton defense sequester and rebuild our badly depleted military. (0.41)
9. Under Obama, millions of people have been moved out of this country, they've been deported. (0.37)
10. Many people are working two jobs largely "because of this horrible Obamacare." (0.27)
11. Warren Buffett, a Clinton supporter, did "the same thing" Trump did to avoid paying federal income taxes. (0.49)
12. Hillary Clinton "lied" when she said she was not secretary of state when President Obama issued his "red line" threat to use military force if Syrian President Bashar Assad used chemical weapons against his own people. (0.58)
13. "62 percent of households headed by illegal immigrants" violate federal law by receiving "some form of cash or non-cash welfare programs." (0.54)
14. Almost 4,000 have been killed [in Chicago] since Barack Obama became president. (0.65)
15. Says "American workers . . . should not be taxed again at death." (0.15)
16. "Many people saw the bombs all over the apartment" of the San Bernardino shooters. (0.34)
17. One of the San Bernardino shooters "very openly" supported jihad online. (0.44)
18. Clinton's immigration plan "would functionally end enforcement of visa overstay rules — another open border decree." (0.28)
19. Clinton's criminal action was willful, deliberate, intentional and purposeful. (0.2)

20. Hillary Clinton “had her emails — 33,000 emails — acid washed ... a very expensive process.” (0.57)
21. Using the existing laws, millions of people are deported every year. (0.51)
22. Claims New York state’s job losses were “worse than just about any place in the country” when Hillary Clinton was the state’s senator. (0.58)
23. Clinton supported abortions on the “final day” of pregnancy. (0.28)
24. John Podesta, Hillary Clinton’s campaign chairman, was quoted in WikiLeaks as saying, illegal immigrants could vote as long as they have their driver’s license. (0.47)
25. Hillary [Clinton] admitted that ISIS could infiltrate with the refugees, Great, Then why’s she letting so many people into our country? (0.36)
26. His promise to “repeal and replace disastrous Obamacare” (Affordable Care Act) would “instantly save another 2 million jobs. (0.4)
27. The debates are “rigged” because the Commission on Presidential Debates’ “head guy used to work for Bill Clinton.” (0.26)
28. ISIS is taking over oil (making money off of oil). (0.23)
29. Hillary unleashed ISIS. (0.22)
30. 15,000 more work-related e-mails she did not disclose. (0.42)
31. My father gave him a “very small loan in 1975” of \$1 million, from which he built his real estate company. (0.59)
32. Hillary wants to cut Medicare/Medicaid and Social Security benefits. (0.48)
33. The new emails show members of the Clinton team attacking Catholics and Evangelicals. (0.24)
34. Department of Justice fed information to the Clinton campaign about the e-mail investigation, so that the campaign could be prepared to cover up her crimes. (0.4)
35. They were going to build the wall a while ago, not so long ago, like in ’06. And they couldn’t get environmental impact statements. (0.23)
36. Hillary wants to double your taxes. (0.28)
37. Ambassador Stevens sent 600 requests for help but was ignored by Hillary. (0.47)
38. “Many of (Hillary Clinton’s) friends took bigger deductions (than me). Warren Buffett took a massive deduction. (George) Soros, who is a friend of hers, took a massive deduction.” (0.54)
39. U.S. election system is “rigged.” (0.33)
40. Hillary Clinton attacked those same women (that were abused by Bill) and attacked them viciously. (0.56)
41. Wikileaks also shows how John Podesta rigged the polls by oversampling Democrats, a voter suppression technique. (0.37)
42. State Department misplaced or lost \$6 billion in taxpayer funds. (0.6)
43. Hillary Clinton with long-standing ties to her and her husband gave more than \$675,000 to the campaign of the spouse of a top FBI official – his wife... who helped oversee the investigation into Mrs. Clinton’s illegal e-mail server. (0.59)

44. It's possible that non-citizen voters were responsible for Obama's 2008 victory in North Carolina. (0.4)
45. Large scale voter fraud happening on and before election day. (0.26)
46. More than 14 percent of non-citizens in both the 2008 and 2010 samples indicated that they were registered to vote. (0.69)
47. Hillary Clinton is "wrong" to say he mocked a disabled reporter. (0.37)
48. Hillary Clinton was "let off the hook" for her email scandal while Gen. David Petraeus had his life "destroyed for doing far, far less." (0.44)
49. I've gotten to see the commercials that they did on you. And I've gotten to see some of the most vicious commercials I've ever seen of Michelle Obama talking about you, Hillary. (0.25)
50. Clinton set aside environmental and labor rules to help a South Korean company with a record of violating workers' rights set up what amounts to a sweatshop in Haiti. (0.54)
51. Hillary laughed at the girl who was raped. (0.21)
52. Hillary Clinton "wants to go to a single-payer plan" for health care. (0.31)
53. The stories from women saying he groped or forced himself on them "largely have been debunked." (0.44)
54. "In her campaign for president, Hillary Clinton has received \$100 million in contributions from Wall Street and hedge funds." (0.62)
55. Says he has "a fiduciary responsibility to his business, his family and his employees to pay no more tax than legally required." (0.31)
56. Says "no, you're wrong," responding to the assertion that stop-and-frisk was ruled unconstitutional in New York. (0.25)
57. "I did not — I did not — I do not say that" climate change is a hoax perpetrated by the Chinese. (0.29)
58. Hillary Clinton has pledged amnesty in her first 100 days. (0.41)
59. Illegal immigrants are treated better than veterans. (0.32)
60. In New York City, "murders are up." (0.32)
61. Illegal immigration costs our country more than \$113 billion dollars a year. (0.74)
62. Our African-American communities are absolutely in the worst shape they've ever been in before. (0.41)
63. Hillary Clinton and her campaign of 2008 started the birther controversy and I finished it. (0.37)
64. My opponent has no child care plan. (0.2)
65. Hillary Clinton has "not answered a single question" about her immigration plan. (0.29)
66. The number of illegal immigrants "could be 3 million. It could be 30 million." They have no idea what the number is. Frankly our government has no idea what they're doing on many, many fronts, folks. (0.39)
67. NATO is opening up a major terror division and I'm sure I'm not going to get credit for it, but that was largely because of what I was saying and my criticism of NATO. (0.3)

68. Hillary Clinton's energy agenda "will cost the U.S. economy over \$5 trillion" (0.58)
69. You heard what I said about it, and all of a sudden you were against it (TPP). (0.25)
70. I was against the war in Iraq. (0.38)
71. You don't learn that much from tax returns. You learn a lot from financial disclosure. (0.2)
72. Here is another example of pay-for-play (Ericsson)..... A Trump administration will end the government corruption. (0.205)
73. Hillary wants to bring in 620,000 refugees. (0.56)
74. Hillary will give illegal immigrants access to social security, medicare, and welfare. (0.32)
75. Obama is the founder of ISIS. (0.3)
76. 2 million more Latino Americans (Hispanics) live in poverty under Obama and Clinton. (0.59)
77. Says Hillary Clinton "wants to raise taxes on African-American owned businesses to as much as nearly 50 percent more than they're paying now." (0.69)
78. Hollywood celebrities endorsing Hillary Clinton are "in many cases celebrities that aren't very hot anymore." (0.34)
79. "Hillary Clinton wants to shut down family farms" using "radical regulation," by raising business tax rates as high as nearly 50 percent and by taxing family farms again at death by as much as 45 percent. (0.58)
80. Canadians come to US for healthcare. (0.24)
81. NATO is obsolete because it does not cover terrorism. (0.31)
82. 92 million Americans are on the sideline outside of the workforce, and they're not a part of our economy. It's a silent nation of jobless Americans. (0.475)
83. That was a lawsuit brought against many real estate firms. (0.37)
84. Clintons used \$400 million in aid and U.S. taxpayer funds to build what amounted to a massive sweatshop. (0.63)
85. Hillary Clinton doesn't have that strength and stamina. (0.31)
86. Obamacare premium increase delay until after the election. (0.26)
87. The policies put into place by Rudy ultimately brought down crime by 76 percent and murder by 84 percent. (0.67)
88. Bombings in New York and New Jersey were made possible because of our extremely open immigration system. (0.28)
89. She is proposing to print instant work permits for millions of illegal immigrants. (0.34)
90. Hillary's plan would cost \$400 billion in terms of lifetime welfare and entitlement costs. (0.52)
91. You triple the size of our country in one week. (0.32)
92. Says top Clinton advisers were pressing birther movement stories very hard. (0.37)

- 93. In Chicago, which has the toughest gun laws in the United States, probably you could say by far, they have more gun violence than any other city. (0.49)
- 94. Obamacare is a disaster and you remember, I called that from before it was approved. (0.26)
- 95. The number of Hispanic children living in poverty increased by 15 percent in that short period of time. (0.56)
- 96. Says Hillary Clinton’s plan would tax many small businesses by almost 50 percent. (0.67)
- 97. We have the highest murder rate in this country in 45 years. (0.54)
- 98. I have tremendous support from women. (0.28)
- 99. Says Hillary Clinton wants to let people just pour in, You could have 650 million people pour in and we do nothing about it, Think of it, That’s what could happen. (0.38)
- 100. Then there’s the issue of illegal immigrants voting. (0.32)
- 101. 58 percent of African American youth are unemployed. (0.46)
- 102. Health care costs are more than their mortgage costs or their rent, which, by the way, is a first in American history. (0.4)
- 103. I was endorsed by ICE. (0.23)
- 104. People are making less money now than they made 16-18 years ago, in real wages. (0.59)
- 105. Obama and Hillary refuse to use the term “radical Islamic terrorism”. (0.25)
- 106. Hillary wants/supports open borders. (0.19)
- 107. Hillary wants to raise taxes. (0.16)
- 108. Protesters are paid \$1,500 to cause violence in Trump’s rallies. (0.46)
- 109. A middle-class family will get about a 35 percent tax reduction. (0.49)

Barack Obama

True

- 1. After a decade of decline, this country created over half a million manufacturing jobs in the last two and a half years. (0.63)
- 2. Mitt Romney “wants to end tax credits for wind producers.” (0.31)
- 3. We got back every dime used to rescue the banks. (0.39)
- 4. Mitt Romney’s plan rolls back regulations on banks. (0.35)
- 5. The federal tax code has “loopholes that are giving incentives for companies that are shipping jobs overseas.” (0.47)
- 6. Mitt Romney says class sizes don’t matter. (0.33)
- 7. As Massachusetts governor, Mitt Romney condemned coal-fired plants, saying they kill people. (0.31)
- 8. Romney called Russia our Number 1 enemy. (0.35)
- 9. Mitt Romney refused to say whether he’d sign the Lilly Ledbetter bill. (0.31)

10. Mitt Romney opposes requiring employers to cover contraception and would eliminate funding for Planned Parenthood. (0.45)
11. George Bush never suggested that we eliminate funding for Planned Parenthood. (0.5)
12. Mitt Romney wants to add \$2 trillion to defense budget that the military hasn't asked for. (0.72)
13. Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan want to turn Medicare into a voucher system. (0.26)
14. Mitt Romney said we should still have troops in Iraq. (0.49)
15. His new running mate, Congressman Ryan, put forward a plan that would let Governor Romney pay less than 1 percent in taxes each year. (0.57)
16. Mitt Romney is proposing a tax plan that would give millionaires another tax break. (0.23)
17. I've cut taxes for middle-class families. (0.33)
18. I've cut taxes for small businesses. (0.43)

Half True

1. His administration put more border patrol agents on the U.S.-Mexico border than at any time in history, and the flow of undocumented workers across the border is actually lower than it's been in 40 years. (0.76)
2. Romney's Medicare plan was estimated to cost the average senior about \$6,000 a year. (0.64)
3. A few months ago when you were asked what's the biggest geopolitical threat facing America, you said Russia. (0.39)
4. Women "rely on" Planned Parenthood for mammograms. (0.4)
5. Romney said "we should ask Pakistan for permission" to take a shot at Osama bin Laden. (0.39)
6. His administration has created "5 million jobs . . . over the last 30 months in the private sector alone." (0.76)
7. Their plan makes seniors pay more to help finance another tax cut for folks who don't need it. (0.38)
8. Veterans' unemployment is actually now lower than (the) general population, It was higher when I came into office. (0.64)
9. Mitt Romney said it was 'tragic' to end the war in Iraq. (0.32)
10. Mitt Romney's plan "calls for a \$5 trillion tax cut." (0.66)
11. His budget plan "would cut our deficits by \$4 trillion." (0.62)
12. After 30 years of inaction, we raised fuel standards so that by the middle of the next decade, cars and trucks will go twice as far on a gallon of gas. (0.5)

False

1. Mitt Romney was clear that he would not provide government assistance to the U.S. auto companies, even if they went through bankruptcy. (0.4)
2. Romney invested in a firm that made goods in China that could have been made here in America. (0.38)
3. Romney's tax plan could take away middle-class deductions for child care, mortgages and college tuition. (0.35)

4. On wind energy, Governor Romney says these are imaginary jobs. (0.29)
5. Romney called Arizona's 2010 immigration enforcement law "a model for the nation." (0.47)
6. Under Governor Romney's definition, Donald Trump is a small business. (0.32)
7. Because of Obamacare, over the last two years, health care premiums have gone up – it's true – but they've gone up slower than any time in the last 50 years. (0.7)
8. The sequester is not something that I've proposed, It is something that Congress has proposed. (0.3)
9. U.S. automakers are "back on top of the world." (0.18)
10. It's "just not true" that domestic oil production on federal lands is down 14 percent and gas production has fallen 9 percent in one year. (0.77)
11. Mitt Romney is planning to raise taxes by \$2,000 on middle-income taxpayers. (0.52)
12. His tax plan would restore "the same rate we had when Bill Clinton was president" for upper-income taxpayers. (0.47)
13. Mitt Romney plans to fire Big Bird. (0.24)
14. We've doubled our use of renewable energy. (0.39)

Mitt Romney

True

1. Obama promised to cut the deficit in half. (0.57)
2. Half the kids coming out of college this year . . . can't find a job, or a job that's consistent with a college degree. (0.29)
3. Obama broke his promise to offer a comprehensive immigration bill in his first year. (0.38)
4. I went to the Olympics that was out of balance, and we got it on balance. (0.29)
5. Barack Obama's comments indicate he believes in redistribution of wealth. (0.3)
6. The president said he was going to create daylight between ourselves and Israel. (0.45)
7. Pakistan has 100 nuclear warheads and they're rushing to build a lot more, They'll have more than Great Britain sometime in the relatively near future. (0.39)
8. At Bain Capital, we helped start an early childhood learning company called Bright Horizons that First Lady Michelle Obama rightly praised. (0.45)
9. In his first TV interview as president, Obama said "we should talk to Iran." (0.39)
10. We're now spending 42 percent of our economy on government. (0.55)
11. Barack Obama has pension investments that include Chinese firms, and "investments through a Caymans trust." (0.56)
12. Massachusetts schools are ranked Number 1 of all 50 states. (0.52)

13. A university survey concluded his Massachusetts administration “had more women in senior leadership positions than any other state in America.” (0.54)

Half True

1. Under Obama, families have lost over \$4,000 a year in income. (0.75)
2. [Obama] said by now [unemployment] would be down to 5.4 percent. (0.54)
3. His plan would balance the federal budget in eight to 10 years. (0.34)
4. Under the president’s plan, he cuts Medicare by \$716 billion, takes that money out of the Medicare trust fund and uses it to pay for Obamacare. (0.62)
5. The cost of gasoline doubled [under Obama]. (0.58)
6. The president took Detroit bankrupt, That was precisely what I recommended and ultimately what happened. (0.39)
7. Under the “Obama economy ... utility bills are higher.” (0.62)
8. The majority of Americans now doubt that our children will have a better future. (0.18)
9. President Obama waited two weeks to call the attack in Libya “terror.” (0.4)
10. While I was governor, I was proud that our fourth graders came out number one of all 50 states in English and then also in math, and our eighth graders number one in English and also in math — first time one state had been number one in all four measures. (0.73)
11. Three-quarters of the small businesses in this country that were surveyed by the Chamber of Commerce said they were less likely to hire people because of Obamacare. (0.62)
12. Latin America’s economy is almost as big as the economy of China. (0.31)
13. Oil production is down 14 percent this year on federal land. (0.58)

False

1. Under President Obama: \$4,000 tax hike on middle-class families. (0.7)
2. Health insurance premiums have gone up by \$2500 [under Obama]. (0.74)
3. The number of new permits and new leases for onshore drilling also declined by half under Obama. (0.6)
4. President Obama has “doubled” the deficit. (0.5)
5. I want to focus on getting the cost of health care down and one way to do that, by the way, is to finally deal with the malpractice costs. (0.27)
6. Regulations have quadrupled, The rate of regulations quadrupled under this president. (0.36)
7. [Obama] said something that was so contrary to the American experience that shocked people, regardless of their backgrounds, when he said, “If you’ve got a business, you didn’t build that – someone else did that.” (0.48)
8. One promise [Obama] kept, though, he said if his energy policies got put in place, the cost of energy would skyrocket And that’s happened. (0.5)
9. Obama put \$90 billion into solar and wind. (0.49)

10. Says President Obama promised “he’d keep unemployment below 8 percent” if the stimulus passed. (0.67)
11. Terrorism wasn’t mentioned in any presidential debate in 2000. (0.39)
12. Says Barack Obama was silent on Iran “when the students took to the streets in Tehran and the people there protested, (and) the Green Revolution occurred.” (0.55)
13. \$90 billion in breaks to the green energy world” half of them went out of business. (0.65)
14. I’m going to get that pipeline from Canada so we can get more oil. (0.17)
15. Barack Obama began his presidency “with an apology tour.” (0.34)
16. Pre-existing conditions are covered under my (health care) plan. (0.43)
17. Barack Obama “put in place a board that can tell people ultimately what treatments they’re going to receive.” (0.31)
18. Our “Navy is smaller now than any time since 1917.” (0.52)
19. Right now, the (Congressional Budget Office) says up to 20 million people will lose their insurance as Obamacare goes into effect next year. (0.7)
20. \$90 billion, that would have — that would have hired 2 million teachers. (0.69)
21. In one year, (President Obama) provided \$90 billion in breaks to the green energy world . . . into solar and wind, to Solyndra and Fisker and Tesla and Ener1. (0.61)
22. Obama campaign is trying to “undermine” the voting rights of military members through a lawsuit filed in Ohio. (0.36)
23. We owe China a trillion dollars and owe other people \$16 trillion in total, including China. (0.46)
24. \$90 billion is about 50 years’ worth of what oil and gas receives. (0.57)

Appendix C. List of Unchecked Statements

Hillary Clinton

- He (Trump) doesn't think we should raise the national minimum wage. (0.14)
- Trump retweets white supremacists. (0.16)
- Donald Trump is buying Chinese steel to build his buildings, instead of American steel. (0.18)
- Trump praises Putin. (0.19)
- Trump says children born to undocumented parents in America should be deported. (0.21)
- Trump calls us a third world country. (0.22)
- He (Trump) has tried to block a union at his hotel in Vegas. (0.24)
- Trump said pregnancy is an inconvenience to employers. (0.24)
- Donald Trump would give trillions – that's trillions with a "T" – in tax cuts to big corporations, millionaires and Wall Street money managers. (0.25)
- Trump attacks former flag officers. (0.26)
- Trump even wants to abolish the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. (0.27)
- Trump supported the invasion of Iraq. (0.29)
- Trump went on to attack a Gold Star family whose son, Captain Khan, died defending our country, simply because that family was Muslim. (0.29)
- He (Trump) promoted the racist lie that President Obama is not really an American citizen. (0.3)
- Trump says our military is a disaster. (0.3)
- I fought to defend New York's manufacturers and steel makers from unfair Chinese trading practices. (0.32)
- Trump started this campaign by describing immigrants as criminals and rapists. (0.33)
- Obama's leadership saved us from a Great Depression. (0.34)
- Trump stiffed small businesses. (0.34)

- He (Trump) talks about banning Muslims from coming to the United States, a land built on religious freedom. (0.36)
- He (Trump) said that if another country's troops taunted ours, not fired at them, but taunted them, just taunts, he'd responded, he would respond by blowing them out of the water. (0.38)
- When my husband left office, we had a balanced budget and a surplus. (0.38)
- Donald Trump took out full-page ads in four newspapers calling for the death penalty for Central Park Five. (0.4)
- Trump supported shutting the government down to defund Planned Parenthood. (0.4)
- He (Trump) has said repeatedly that he didn't care if other nations got nuclear weapons. (0.4)
- Not a single CEO of a Fortune 100 company supports Trump's campaign. (0.41)
- Trump says "I know more about ISIS than the generals do." (0.42)
- When millions of jobs were on the line in the auto industry, President Obama made the right decision to save the auto industry. (0.44)
- We have 40 million people who already have student debt in America. (0.45)
- I voted for sanctions against Iran when I was in the Senate. (0.45)
- Trump lost a billion dollars on bad investments and failing casinos. (0.46)
- Two thirds of the people on minimum wage are women. (0.48)
- Trump's tax loophole allow Trump to pay a lower rate than millions of middle class families. (0.5)
- National Guards members and their families didn't have health care unless they were deployed before I worked with Republicans to fix that. (0.53)
- 50 Republican national security experts wrote an open letter saying that they will not vote for Donald Trump, because he would be – in their words – 'the most reckless President in American history.' (0.55)
- The result of Trump's plans would be over a 3 million jobs loss. (0.58)
- An independent economist recently calculated that if my agenda for jobs and growth is put into place, our economy would create at least 10 million jobs within four years. (0.65)

- 20 million people now have health insurance. (0.67)
- When I was secretary of state, we actually increased American exports globally 30 percent, we increased them to China 50 percent. (0.73)
- The 400 richest tax payers in America would get an average tax cut of more than \$15 million a year from the Trump loop hole. (0.82)

Donald Trump

- Hillary claimed not to know what the letter "C" (confidential) meant – unfit to hold public office. (0.12)
- ISIS is going to give Obama and Hillary MVP awards. (0.15)
- Hillary calls Bernie voters basement dwellers. (0.17)
- Hillary opposes school choice. (0.18)
- China manipulates its currency. (0.19)
- Hillary will hurt small businesses. (0.2)
- NRA endorsed me. (0.21)
- Hillary will put coal workers/(steelworkers) out of business. (0.21)
- Bernie Sanders says Hillary has bad judgment. (0.23)
- Obama knew about the server. (0.24)
- Hillary called young African-American men "super-predators". (0.28)
- 75 percent of the American people think our country is on the wrong track. (0.28)
- Bill Clinton called Affordable Care Act a "crazy system". (0.29)
- John Podesta says Hillary Clinton has bad instincts. (0.3)
- Saudi Arabia paid Bill Clinton a fortune to do a speech. (0.31)
- FBI made a side deal with Clinton's top aides to DESTROY their laptops. (0.31)
- One in five households have no one with a job. (0.31)
- Jonathan Gruber (architect of Obamacare) said the American people are essentially stupid for approving and allowing Obamacare to happen. (0.31)
- Obama has allowed Syrian refugees to pour into our country. (0.31)

- Hillary was given questions and answers before a debate. (0.31)
- It's hard to tell where the Clinton Foundation ends and where the State Department begins, (If you donated to the Clinton Foundation or paid massive speaking fees to Bill Clinton, you got an entry to the Department of State), Hillary ran the State department like it's her personal hedge fund. (0.33)
- Clintons ripped them off after the earthquake in Haiti. (0.36)
- Bill Clinton was at the back of the airplane talking to the Attorney General for 39 minutes. (0.36)
- economic recovery has been slowest since the Great Depression. (0.39)
- 1 in 5 American households do not have a single member in the labor force. (0.39)
- US is one of the highest taxed nation in the world. (0.39)
- 32 percent of Hispanic school-aged children live in poverty. (0.4)
- 1.2 growth by the Obama-Clinton team (0.41)
- General Cartwright did only a fraction of what Hillary did but serving jail time, fine was worse. (0.41)
- The Democratic Party has run nearly every inner city in this country for 50 years, and run them into financial ruin. (0.45)
- As people were dying in Haiti, Clinton insiders were separating out requests from "Friends of Bill" or "William Jefferson Clinton VIPs" so that their business interests or contracts would receive special treatment. (0.48)
- Chelsea Clinton in the WikiLeaks emails expressed, quote, "serious concerns about conflicts of interest at the Clinton Foundation and the State Department." (0.49)
- 43 percent of African-American school-aged children live in poverty. (0.49)
- Illegal immigrants and other non-citizens had around 25,000 homicide arrests to their names. (0.51)
- 97% of Department of Justice employee's presidential contributions went to Hillary Clinton. (0.53)
- America has lost 70,000 factories since China entered the World Trade Organization. (0.55)
- 70 million American women and children live in poverty or near the brink of poverty. (0.57)

- Hillary then told the FBI she couldn't remember 39 times and then in written testimony last week, under oath, she said that she couldn't remember another 21 times. (0.57)
- nearly 1 million individuals in the United States with deportation orders who have not yet been removed. (0.62)
- There are now 1,000 open ISIS investigations in all 50 states. (0.62)
- 47 million Americans are in poverty. (0.69)
- Overregulation costs our economy \$2 trillion dollars a year. (0.7)
- The Clintons made \$60 million in gross income while she was secretary of state. (0.72)
- US has the smallest air force since 1947, the smallest army since 1939, and one of the smallest Navy's since 1917. (0.72)
- Under Obama, there was a 30% increase to refugee admissions, bringing the total to 110,000 refugees in just one single year. (0.73)
- Homicides are up nearly 50 percent in Washington, D.C. and more than 60 percent from last year in Baltimore. (0.77)

Barack Obama

- Romney says "let's let foreclosure bottom out". (0.26)
- When Governor Romney said stopping an unfair surge in Chinese tires would be bad for America, bad for our workers, we politely declined his advice. (0.27)
- My plan saves money in Medicare by cracking down on fraud and waste and insurance company subsidies. (0.36)
- The stock market has nearly doubled. (0.36)
- The equivalent of 12 Hoover Dams worth of electricity is being generated by wind power in this country. (0.37)
- Unemployment has fallen to its lowest level since I took office. (0.37)
- Governor Romney's math (in his tax plan) just doesn't add up. (0.37)
- Mitt Romney said Bill Clinton's plan would hurt the economy and kill jobs. (0.42)
- Romney wants to keep giving tax breaks to companies that ship jobs overseas. (0.43)

- A bunch of Romney’s private sector experience was investing in companies that have been called “pioneers” of outsourcing. (0.45)
- Seniors have saved hundreds of dollars on their prescription drugs. (0.47)
- The amount of electricity that is produced from wind is enough to power 13 million homes with clean and renewable energy. (0.48)
- Foreclosures are at their lowest point in 5 years. (0.5)
- Individuals and businesses are getting rebates from their insurance companies because insurance companies have to use most of the money they get in premiums to provide care. (0.51)
- When I was sworn into office, we were losing 800,000 jobs a month. (0.51)
- The average student who borrows to pay for college now graduates with about \$26,000 worth of student loan debt. (0.55)
- Without tax credits for wind energy producers, 37,000 American jobs, including potentially hundreds of jobs right here, would be at risk. (0.55)
- Obama’s plan helps all families take advantage of historically low rates, refinance your homes, get an extra \$3,000 a year. (0.55)
- We can cut oil imports in half by 2020. (0.55)
- We’re on track to emit fewer greenhouse gases this year than we have in nearly 20 years. (0.56)
- Obama’s energy agenda can support 600,000 new jobs in natural gas development alone. (0.56)
- Romney’s plan would cut aid to 10 million students. (0.57)
- The economic plan of Governor Romney could cut our investments in education by about 20 percent. (0.58)
- I’ve already worked with Republicans to cut \$1 trillion in spending. (0.58)
- when I walked into office we already had a \$1 trillion deficit. (0.59)
- We’ve brought more trade cases against China in one term than the previous administration did in two. (0.6)
- Today, America is less dependent on foreign oil than at any time in nearly 20 years. (0.6)
- The typical family is paying about \$3,600 less in taxes than they were when I came into office. (0.61)

- Since I took office, we have helped more than 3 million additional students afford a college education with grants that go farther than they did before. (0.63)
- The unemployment rate has fallen from a peak of 10 percent down to 7.8 percent. (0.65)
- our opponents' plan would mean as much as \$16 billion to \$26 billion in new profits for insurance companies. (0.7)
- Governor Romney wants to end the tax credit that we created to help families save up to \$10,000 over 4 years on their college tuition. (0.72)
- Last year I challenged the private sector to hire or train 100,000 veterans or military spouses and last week Michelle was able to announce that patriotic companies across America have actually exceeded that goal ahead of schedule with 125,000 jobs. (0.78)

Mitt Romney

- China has manipulated its currency. (0.21)
- He(Obama) said he can't change Washington from the inside, he can only change it from outside. (0.22)
- We have about a 250-year supply of coal. (0.23)
- This has been the slowest economic recovery. (0.28)
- We're at a 30-year low in the number of business startups that have occurred. (0.29)
- He said that with regards to his first four years, he gets an incomplete. (0.33)
- Incomes go down every single year. (0.33)
- The president wasn't able to put forward a plan to get the economy going. (0.36)
- Within 10 years America could be the largest energy producer in the world. (0.39)
- In Massachusetts, we balanced the budget and began building a rainy day fund. (0.39)
- For every net new job that was created last month, four people dropped out of the workforce. (0.46)
- There are 47 federal training programs reporting to eight different federal agencies. (0.48)

- We cut taxes 19 times. (0.5)
- Taking advantage of our energy resources will create 3-1/2 to 4 million jobs. (0.52)
- He wants to cut a trillion dollars out of our military budget. (0.52)
- Nearly one out of six Americans are in poverty today. (0.56)
- Manufacturing jobs in the last four years have dropped by 582,000 people. (0.58)
- Unemployment rate has not been below 8 percent for 41/42/43 straight months. (0.58)
- We have 23 million Americans today that are out of work or underemployed, people who have pulled out of the workforce. (0.58)
- Romney's economic plan will create 12 million more jobs according to experts. (0.6)
- Obama's tax proposal will cost 700,000 jobs. (0.61)
- Right now the president wants to raise the tax on small business from 35 percent to 40 percent. (0.66)
- Sixty-five percent of the jobs created in the last 15 years in America were created by small business. (0.69)
- 47 million people in this country on food stamps, When he took office, 33 million people were on food stamps. (0.69)
- There are 3.5 million more women living in poverty today than when the President took office. (0.73)

Appendix D. Replication of Tables 1 and 2 without Controlling for Speech Length

Table 1b - Interrupted Time Series Estimate for False Claims & Diff-in-Diff Estimate for Unchecked vs. Checked Claims Without Controlling for Speech Length This replicates Table 1 in the main text, but without controlling for speech length.

	False Claims			Unchecked vs. Checked		
	All	2016	2012	All	2016	2012
Factcheck	-0.113 (0.014)	-0.116 (0.015)	-0.095 (0.036)	-0.089 (0.018)	-0.089 (0.019)	-0.092 (0.048)
Statement F.E.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Observations	2,200	1,820	380	5,030	4,220	810

Table 2b - Interrupted Time Series Estimate for True Claims & Diff-in-Diff Estimate for True vs. False Claims Without Controlling for Speech Length This replicates Table 2 in the main text, but without controlling for speech length.

	True Claims			True vs. False		
	All	2016	2012	All	2016	2012
Factcheck	-0.073 (0.027)	-0.089 (0.035)	-0.053 (0.042)	-0.031 (0.030)	-0.016 (0.038)	-0.047 (0.056)
Statement F.E.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Observations	660	360	300	2,610	1,930	680

Appendix E. Coefficient Estimates from Robustness Checks using Placebo Fact-check Speeches

An estimate for “Day 0” corresponds to a coefficient derived from a regression using the actual date of fact-check. “Day -5” through “Day -1” each represents a coefficient estimate from a regression using each of the corresponding 5 pre-factcheck dates as a placebo treatment date. “Day 1” through “Day 5” each represents a coefficient estimate from a regression using each of the corresponding 5 post-factcheck dates as a placebo treatment date.

Placebo Factcheck Speech	Clinton	Trump	Obama	Romney
Day -5	0.029 (0.039)	0.103 (0.018)	0.272 (0.053)	0.053 (0.041)
Day -4	0.065 (0.041)	0.119 (0.018)	0.305 (0.056)	0.011 (0.047)
Day -3	0.064 (0.038)	0.115 (0.018)	0.254 (0.055)	-0.010 (0.042)
Day -2	0.058 (0.036)	0.082 (0.017)	0.140 (0.050)	0.022 (0.039)
Day -1	-0.033 (0.031)	-0.017 (0.016)	0.056 (0.045)	-0.056 (0.028)
Day 0	-0.075 (0.036)	-0.107 (0.017)	-0.003 (0.050)	-0.115 (0.035)
Day 1	-0.128 (0.034)	-0.144 (0.017)	-0.098 (0.052)	-0.121 (0.035)
Day 2	-0.116 (0.037)	-0.133 (0.016)	-0.147 (0.045)	-0.114 (0.035)
Day 3	-0.067 (0.033)	-0.104 (0.015)	-0.129 (0.045)	-0.102 (0.036)
Day 4	-0.064 (0.032)	-0.083 (0.014)	-0.095 (0.041)	-0.090 (0.034)
Day 5	-0.052 (0.033)	-0.059 (0.013)	-0.104 (0.047)	-0.079 (0.032)

Appendix F. LDA Classification Results for Speeches Before and After the Presidential Debate and p-values from Fisher's Exact Test

Hillary Clinton

1. Presidential Debate at Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York (9/26/2016)

LDA Classification of Speech Topics

Before the Debate		After the Debate	
9/16/2016	A	9/27/2016	C
9/18/2016	A	9/27/2016	A
9/19/2016	A	9/28/2016	A
9/19/2016	E	9/29/2016	A
9/21/2016	A	9/29/2016	A

p-value: 0.696

2. Presidential Debate at Washington University in St.Louis, Missouri (10/9/2016)

LDA Classification of Speech Topics

Before the Debate		After the Debate	
10/2/2016	D	10/10/2016	B
10/3/2016	B	10/10/2016	A
10/3/2016	B	10/11/2016	E
10/4/2016	B	10/12/2016	B
10/4/2016	D	10/19/2016	C

p-value: 0.100

3. Presidential Debate at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas (10/19/2016)

LDA Classification of Speech Topics

Before the Debate		After the Debate	
10/4/2016	D	10/20/2016	D
10/10/2016	B	10/21/2016	D
10/10/2016	A	10/22/2016	C
10/11/2016	E	10/22/2016	B
10/12/2016	B	10/22/2016	D

p-value: 0.609

Donald Trump

1. Presidential Debate at Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York (9/26/2016)

LDA Classification of Speech Topics

Before the Debate		After the Debate	
9/21/2016	C	9/28/2016	C
9/21/2016	B	9/28/2016	C
9/22/2016	B	9/29/2016	C
9/22/2016	E	9/30/2016	C
9/24/2016	B	10/1/2016	B

p-value: 0.601

2. Presidential Debate at Washington University in St.Louis, Missouri (10/9/2016)

LDA Classification of Speech Topics

Before the Debate		After the Debate	
10/3/2016	E	10/10/2016	A
10/4/2016	D	10/11/2016	D
10/5/2016	D	10/12/2016	D
10/5/2016	D	10/12/2016	A
10/6/2016	A	10/13/2016	A

p-value: 0.601

3. Presidential Debate at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas (10/19/2016)

LDA Classification of Speech Topics

Before the Debate		After the Debate	
10/15/2016	E	10/20/2016	D
10/15/2016	E	10/20/2016	E
10/17/2016	E	10/21/2016	E
10/18/2016	D	10/21/2016	E
10/18/2016	D	10/22/2016	A

p-value: 0.596

Barack Obama

1. Presidential Debate in Denver, Colorado (10/3/2012)

LDA Classification of Speech Topics

Before the Debate		After the Debate	
9/26/2012	D	10/4/2012	D
9/26/2012	D	10/4/2012	D
9/27/2012	D	10/5/2012	B
9/29/2012	E	10/5/2012	A
9/30/2012	D	10/5/2012	E

p-value: 0.707

2. Presidential Debate in Hempstead, New York (10/16/2012)

LDA Classification of Speech Topics

Before the Debate		After the Debate	
10/7/2012	A	10/17/2012	C
10/8/2012	A	10/17/2012	A
10/9/2012	A	10/18/2012	E
10/11/2012	A	10/18/2012	C
10/13/2012	E	10/19/2012	B

p-value: 1

3. Presidential Debate in Boca Raton, Florida (10/22/2012)

LDA Classification of Speech Topics

Before the Debate		After the Debate	
10/17/2012	A	10/23/2012	B
10/18/2012	E	10/23/2012	B
10/18/2012	C	10/24/2012	D
10/19/2012	B	10/24/2012	B
10/20/2012	E	10/24/2012	D

p-value: 0.714

Mitt Romney

1. Presidential Debate in Denver, Colorado (10/3/2012)

LDA Classification of Speech Topics

Before the Debate		After the Debate	
9/26/2012	C	10/4/2012	E
9/26/2012	D	10/4/2012	C
9/27/2012	C	10/5/2012	C
9/28/2012	C	10/5/2012	C
10/1/2012	E	10/6/2012	C

p-value: 0.601

2. Presidential Debate in Hempstead, New York (10/16/2012)

LDA Classification of Speech Topics

Before the Debate		After the Debate	
10/10/2012	A	10/17/2012	A
10/11/2012	E	10/17/2012	A
10/12/2012	E	10/18/2012	B
10/12/2012	C	10/19/2012	E
10/13/2012	C	10/23/2012	B

p-value: 1

3. Presidential Debate in Boca Raton, Florida (10/22/2012)

LDA Classification of Speech Topics

Before the Debate		After the Debate	
10/13/2012	C	10/23/2012	B
10/17/2012	A	10/23/2012	B
10/17/2012	A	10/24/2012	A
10/18/2012	B	10/26/2012	E
10/19/2012	E	10/29/2012	E

p-value: 1

Appendix G. Assignment of Ratings to Factcheck.org’s Factchecks

I. Statements that are evaluated by both Factcheck.org and Politifact / Fact Checker

Donald Trump

1. Then there’s the issue of illegal immigrants voting.
 - Fact Checker’s Rating: 4 Pinocchios
 - Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “distorts the facts”

2. Clinton’s email scandal is bigger than Watergate.
 - Fact Checker’s Rating: 4 Pinocchios
 - Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “distorts the facts”

3. We have the highest murder rate in this country in 45 years.
 - Fact Checker’s Rating: 4 Pinocchios
 - Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “false”

4. Criminal illegal immigrants have been released into US communities by Hillary and Obama.
 - Fact Checker’s Rating: 3 Pinocchios
 - Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “distorts the facts”

5. 58 percent of African American youth are unemployed.
 - Fact Checker’s Rating: 4 Pinocchios
 - Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “No, it was 15.7 percent”

6. We have an increase in murder within our cities, the biggest in 45 years.
 - Politifact’s Rating: Mostly True
 - Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “Trump got that right this time.”

7. Ford is moving all of their small-car production to Mexico.
 - Politifact’s Rating: Mostly True
 - Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “Trump was right in saying that Ford is moving its small-car division overseas.”

8. Debt doubled during the Obama administration.
 - Politifact’s Rating: Half True
 - Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “straining facts”

9. Federal debt had doubled to \$20 trillion under Obama.
 - Politifact’s Rating: Half True
 - Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “straining facts”

10. Hillary laughed at the girl who was raped.
- Politifact’s Rating: False
 - Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “distorts the facts”
11. Hillary wants to double your taxes.
- Politifact’s Rating: Mostly False
 - Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: On average, low- and middle-income households would see small increases in after-tax income.
12. Illegal immigration costs our country more than \$113 billion dollars a year.
- Politifact’s Rating: Mostly False
 - Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “questionable”
13. Obama is the founder of ISIS.
- Politifact’s Rating: Pants on Fire!
 - Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “false”
14. Hillary wants to bring in 620,000 refugees.
- Politifact’s Rating: False
 - Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “Clinton didn’t say that.”
15. People are making less money now than they made 16-18 years ago, in real wages.
- Politifact’s Rating: Mostly False
 - Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “false”
16. The Obama administration gave Iran \$400 million in ransom payment cash.
- Politifact’s Rating: Mostly False
 - Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “left the false impression”
17. Hillary wants to raise taxes.
- Politifact’s Rating: Mostly False
 - Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: But the tax increases Clinton has proposed would fall almost entirely on the top 10 percent of taxpayers.
18. Hillary wants/supports open borders.
- Politifact’s Rating: Mostly False
 - Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “distorts the facts”
19. Large scale voter fraud happening on and before election day.
- Politifact and Fact Checker’s Rating: Pants on Fire! and 4 Pinocchios
 - Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “bogus”

20. Illegal immigrants are treated better than veterans.

- Politifact and Fact Checker's Rating: False and 4 Pinocchios
- Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org's Evaluation: Immigrants in the U.S. illegally are largely barred from receiving benefits or participating in government programs, with few exceptions.

21. Hillary Clinton with long-standing ties to her and her husband gave more than \$675,000 to the campaign of the spouse of a top FBI official – his wife... who helped oversee the investigation into Mrs. Clinton's illegal e-mail server.

- Politifact and Fact Checker's Rating: Mostly False and 4 Pinocchios
- Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org's Evaluation: "no evidence"

22. 2 million more Latino Americans (Hispanics) live in poverty under Obama and Clinton.

- Politifact and Fact Checker's Rating: Mostly False and 3 Pinocchios
- Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org's Evaluation: "outdated figure"

23. I was against the war in Iraq.

- Politifact and Fact Checker's Rating: False
- Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org's Evaluation: "no evidence"

24. Hillary 20 percent of Uranium to Russians.

- Politifact and Fact Checker's Rating: Mostly False and 4 Pinocchios
- Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org's Evaluation: "Trump falsely claimed"

Hillary Clinton

25. Under their leadership we've created 15 million new private-sector jobs.

- Fact Checker's Rating: 3 Pinocchios
- Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org's Evaluation: "cherry-picks"

26. Comprehensive immigration reform "will add \$700 billion to our economy."

- Politifact's Rating: Half True
- Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org's Evaluation: "missing context"

27. Donald Trump's strategy is pretty simple: They have even said in his campaign it's to get women to stay home, get young people to stay home, get people of color to stay home, and get a lot smart, intelligent men to stay home, too.

- Politifact's Rating: Half True
- Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org's Evaluation: "goes too far"

28. The only years that anybody's ever seen of Donald Trump's tax returns showed he didn't pay any federal income tax.

- Politifact’s Rating: Mostly False
- Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “wrongly said”

29. I got the treaty cutting Russia’s nuclear arms

- Politifact and Fact Checker’s Rating: Half True and 2 Pinocchios
- Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “exaggerated”

30. Donald Trump said rescuing the auto industry didn’t really matter very much. He said, and I quote again, ‘Let it go.’

- Politifact and Fact Checker’s Rating: Pants on Fire! and 4 Pinocchios
- Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “false”

Mitt Romney

31. Obama put \$90 billion “into solar and wind.”

- Politifact’s Rating: False
- Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “falsely claimed”

32. In one year, (President Obama) provided \$90 billion in breaks to the green energy world . . . into solar and wind, to Solyndra and Fisker and Tesla and Ener1.

- Politifact’s Rating: False
- Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “falsely claimed”

II. Statements that are evaluated by Factcheck.org alone

II-A. Assigning Scores based on Part I

Donald Trump

1. Clinton will close down detention centers for border crossings

- Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “distorts the facts” → False

2. A middle-class family will get about a 35 percent tax reduction.

- Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “misleading” → False

3. Hillary [Clinton] admitted that ISIS could infiltrate with the refugees, Great, Then why’s she letting so many people into our country?

- Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “distorts the facts” → False

4. Workers’ hours are being cut, hiring is frozen — totally frozen — and wages are being slashed.

- Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “wrong” → False

5. 15,000 more work-related e-mails she did not disclose.
• Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “distorts the facts” → False

6. Clinton’s criminal action was willful, deliberate, intentional and purposeful.
• Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “no evidence” → False

7. ISIS is taking over oil (making money off of oil).
• Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “wrong” → False

8. His promise to “repeal and replace disastrous Obamacare” (Affordable Care Act) would “instantly save another 2 million jobs.
• Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “falsely claimed” → False

9. Hillary Clinton “had her emails — 33,000 emails — acid washed ... a very expensive process.”
• Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “false” → False

10. Hillary wants to cut Medicare/Medicaid and Social Security benefits.
• Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “falsely claimed” → False

11. Almost 4,000 have been killed [in Chicago] since Barack Obama became president.
• Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “missing context” → Ambiguous

12. Clinton’s immigration plan “would functionally end enforcement of visa overstay rules — another open border decree.”
• Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “no evidence” → False

13. We will also repeal the Obama-Clinton defense sequester and rebuild our badly depleted military.
• Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “misleading” → False

14. Hillary unleashed ISIS.
• Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “misleading” → False

Hillary Clinton

15. He started his business with \$14 million, borrowed from his father.
• Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “Clinton is right” → True

16. Trump’s businesses had filed for bankruptcy six time.
• Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “Clinton is right” → True

17. Trump’s plan “would end up raising taxes on middle class families.”
• Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “distorted Trump’s plan” → False

18. Trump said “our armed forces are a disaster.”
• Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “cherry-picks” → False

19. Her economic plan “would create more than 10 million new jobs.”
• Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “spins the facts, false and misleading” → False

20. Donald Trump said, “I alone can fix it.”
• Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “cherry-picks” → False

21. He [Trump] wants to ban every Muslim in the world from coming to the United States.
• Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “misleading” → False

22. Under their leadership, we’ve created 15 million new private-sector jobs.
• Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “cherry-picks” → False

Mitt Romney

22. [Obama] said something that was so contrary to the American experience that shocked people, regardless of their backgrounds, when he said, “If you’ve got a business, you didn’t build that – someone else did that.”
• Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “misleading” → False

23. One promise [Obama] kept, though, he said if his energy policies got put in place, the cost of energy would skyrocket And that’s happened.
• Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “misleading” → False

24. I’m going to get that pipeline from Canada so we can get more oil.
• Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “misleading” → False

25. Our “Navy is smaller now than any time since 1917.”
• Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “wrong” → False

26. \$90 billion, that would have — that would have hired 2 million teachers.
• Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “falsely claimed” → False

Barack Obama

27. On wind energy, Governor Romney says these are imaginary jobs.
- Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “falsely claimed” → False

II-B. Not based on Part I but Classified as False

Donald Trump

1. Many people are working two jobs largely “because of this horrible Obamacare.”
- Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “unsupported”

Mitt Romney

2. I want to focus on getting the cost of health care down And one way to do that, by the way, is to finally deal with the malpractice costs.
- Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: Malpractice doesn’t have as big an impact on health care spending as Romney implies.

3. Terrorism wasn’t mentioned in any presidential debate in 2000.
- Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: Actually, Al Gore made one brief mention. → False

4. “\$90 billion in breaks to the green energy world” half of them went out of business.
- Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “incorrect”

5. Health insurance premiums have gone up by \$2500 [under Obama].
- Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: The actual increase has been \$1,700.

6. The number of new permits and new leases for onshore drilling also declined by half under Obama.
- Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: The decline isn’t that steep, although the numbers have fallen under Obama.

Barack Obama

7. Romney called Arizona’s 2010 immigration enforcement law “a model for the nation.”
- Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: Obama said that Romney called Arizona’s 2010 immigration enforcement law “a model for the nation.” But Romney was referring to an employment verification law enacted three years earlier.

8. U.S. automakers are “back on top of the world.”

- Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: Nope. GM has slipped back to No. 2 and is headed for third place in global sales this year, behind Toyota and Volkswagen.

9. Mitt Romney is planning to raise taxes by \$2,000 on middle-income taxpayers.

- Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: Romney has stated clearly that he wouldn’t do any such thing.

10. His tax plan would restore “the same rate we had when Bill Clinton was president” for upper-income taxpayers.

- Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: Not accurate.

II-C. Ambiguous

Donald Trump

1. U.S. has admitted about 100,000 immigrants from Iraq and Afghanistan over the last five years.

- Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “not the whole story”

2. Another 14 million people left the labor force (during the Obama administration).

- Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “not the whole story”

3. Hillary’s policies have put Iran onto a path of nuclear weapons.

- Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “not the whole story”

4. Hillary Clinton “lied” when she said she was not secretary of state when President Obama issued his “red line” threat to use military force if Syrian President Bashar Assad used chemical weapons against his own people.

- Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: “spins the facts”

Hillary Clinton

5. He doesn’t believe in equal pay.

- Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: Trump doesn’t support equal pay legislation, but he has said that he believes in paying people based on performance, not gender.

6. Trump thinks “climate change is a hoax perpetrated by the Chinese.”

- Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org’s Evaluation: So Trump may have been joking about global warming being invented by the Chinese. Still, he has said time and again that global warming is a “hoax.”

Mitt Romney

7. The cost of gasoline doubled [under Obama].

- Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org's Evaluation: Technically correct but misleading.

8. [Obama] said by now [unemployment] would be down to 5.4 percent.

- Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org's Evaluation: Correct but the way he framed it is a stretch.

9. While I was governor, I was proud that our fourth graders came out number one of all 50 states in English and then also in math, and our eighth graders number one in English and also in math — first time one state had been number one in all four measures.

- Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org's Evaluation: True, though it's worth pointing out that the state faced a budget gap and the Democratic Legislature proposed cuts, too.

10. Three-quarters of the small businesses in this country that were surveyed by the Chamber of Commerce said they were less likely to hire people because of Obamacare.

- Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org's Evaluation: Romney has accurately cited the survey. The problem is that because it was based on an online, opt-in survey of small-business executives, the chamber can't be sure it's a representative sample of small-business executives.

11. His plan would balance the federal budget in eight to 10 years.

- Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org's Evaluation: The plan, however, doesn't lay out how this would be achieved. Instead, it's short on specifics.

Barack Obama

12. Their plan makes seniors pay more to help finance another tax cut for folks who don't need it.

- Key word or phrases from Factcheck.org's Evaluation: Ryan's old plan limited the rise in premium-support payments to the rate of inflation. An analysis from the Congressional Budget Office indicated that plan would have led to seniors paying about \$6,000 more for a private plan than they would on traditional Medicare, which was not an option under the old plan. But the new plan, by tying the subsidies to GDP plus 0.5 percentage points, is more generous. Nevertheless, it's still possible that out-of-pocket costs would rise for seniors under the Romney-Ryan plan.

Appendix H. Examples of Politicians Accusing Fact-checkers of Being Biased or Too Nitpicky

1. CBS Face The nation: September 25, 2016

Dickerson: [Trump] suggests the moderator shouldn't fact-check in the debates. Why shouldn't they?

Pence: Well, I think we all had the experience a few years ago of Mitt Romney being interrupted and being challenged on an assertion that he made. I believe it was about the tragedy in Benghazi. And it turned out the moderator was wrong. I think the important thing is, is that the American people hear from these two candidates. The choice in this campaign could not be more clear.

2. NBC Meet the Press: September 27, 2015

Chuck Todd: They said that it doesn't excuse your mistruth. They said they understand you have a deeply-held belief on abortion, but that you're exaggerating this specific claim.

Carly Fiorina: No, no. Well, first of all the Washington Post also claims that I am lying about being a secretary. So let's get real. I mean, I don't even know how to deal with that. I was a secretary part-time to put myself through college, and full-time after I graduated. The Washington Post gave me three Pinocchios for claiming that I was a secretary. So honestly, I don't think The Washington Post has a lot of credibility here. This is not about being pro-life or pro-choice. It is certainly not about birth control. It is not even about women's health. It is about the character of our nation. No one can deny this is happening because it is happening.

3. NBC Meet the Press: November 29, 2015

Eugene Robinson: Well, but there's a Republican campaign going on now. So, who are you going to fact check if you're going to fact check the Republican candidates? But, you know, I think you are right that safety and strength are the theme for this phase of the campaign. I am not sure that one can say right now that they are indeed the main themes of the entire campaign.

Hugh Hewitt: When Hillary Clinton says, "The reset button worked because Medvedev was in power," that's just palpably false. Everyone knows Putin was running it. That doesn't get fact checked, every time she tries to explain it with a reset button. That's why Republicans don't trust fact checkers. Because they allow her to slide with something like the reset button. It worked.

4. Presidential Candidate Donald Trump Rally in Sanford, Florida: October 25, 2016

Trump: Even the so-called fact checkers – who are really crooked as hell themselves, by the way. These fact checkers, they’ll check facts with me and I’m like 99 percent right and they’ll say ”and therefore, he lied.” I’ve gone through them where I’ve said OK, finally. They say ”and therefore, he lied.” Oh, boy, these people are bad. What a group of people we have. What a group of dishonest scum we have, I’m telling you.

5. Presidential Candidate Donald Trump Rally in Lakeland, Florida: October 12, 2016

Trump: Since China entered the World Trade Organization, another Bill and Hillary backed disaster, 70,000 factories have shut down or left the United States. So when I saw that number, I said, wait a minute, go back, it’s a mistake. Can’t be seven – maybe 7,000, maybe 700. Can’t be 70,000. Ready, 70,000 factories – now that won’t fact check, oh, it was 69.99 – these people are the worst.

6. Jeb Bush Campaign Event in Derry New, Hampshire: February 4, 2016

Jeb Bush: I got politifacted. Have you heard of that? The journalists are like judges, and they give you ratings. the ratings are like Pinocchio’s. I got a couple of pinocchios for saying we are the best. Germany and Luxembourg – Belgium and Luxembourg are ahead of us. I apologize. I apologize to the mighty jurists who came up to that.