



Michigan Bureau of Elections

Election misinformation

The act of spreading misinformation about the election process, voter rights, or even an issue on the ballot is a serious threat to election security. These efforts – be they foreign, domestic, partisan, or simply malicious – are designed to create mistrust in our elections process and are damaging to a healthy democracy.

Countering misinformation

Counteracting harmful misinformation by knowing the truth is critical to not only ensuring our elections are a secure and accurate reflection of the will of the people, but to the survival of our democratic process.

Because of the vast amount of information available, it is more important than ever to be a critical consumer of media and to decipher the many competing messages coming from a variety of sources. The use of artificial intelligence technology to create realistic deepfake images, audio, videos and fake comments poses an increasing threat.

If you are unsure whether a story or claim is true, you can get trusted, verified nonpartisan information from the Michigan Bureau of Elections, your local clerk and these sites:

- **Michigan.gov/SOSFactCheck** – Provides accurate information about Michigan elections
- **Snopes.com** – Investigates and debunks misinformation, conspiracy theories and hoaxes
- **FactCheck.org** – Verifies accuracy of political speech, ads, debates, interviews and press releases
- **PolitiFact** – Verifies accuracy of statements made by politicians

Do your part!

Just as election officials have a duty to detect election misinformation and quickly provide correct information based on the law, voters have a responsibility to proactively seek out reliable sources of information and encourage productive and honest dialogue.

If you see misleading or inaccurate information regarding voting or elections in Michigan, please report it — and include an image if possible — to Misinformation@Michigan.gov.

For more information, visit Michigan.gov/Elections