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**Automated, Live Fact-Checking**

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# People Make Claims All the Time



**Donald Trump**

Republican presidential candidate



**POLITIFACT**

"The Mexican government forces many bad people into our country."

in an interview with NBC – Wednesday, July 8, 2015



**Hillary Clinton**

Democratic presidential candidate



**POLITIFACT**

<http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter>

Says she "never received nor sent any material that was marked classified" on her private email server while secretary of state.

in an interview on MSNBC – Saturday, July 2, 2016

# Fact-checking is Challenging



## Limited resources, time-consuming tasks

- 96 active fact-checking sites in 2016 (PolitiFact .com, CNN, Washington Post, ...)
- Several hundred professional fact-checkers
- One fact-check oftentimes takes one day

vs.

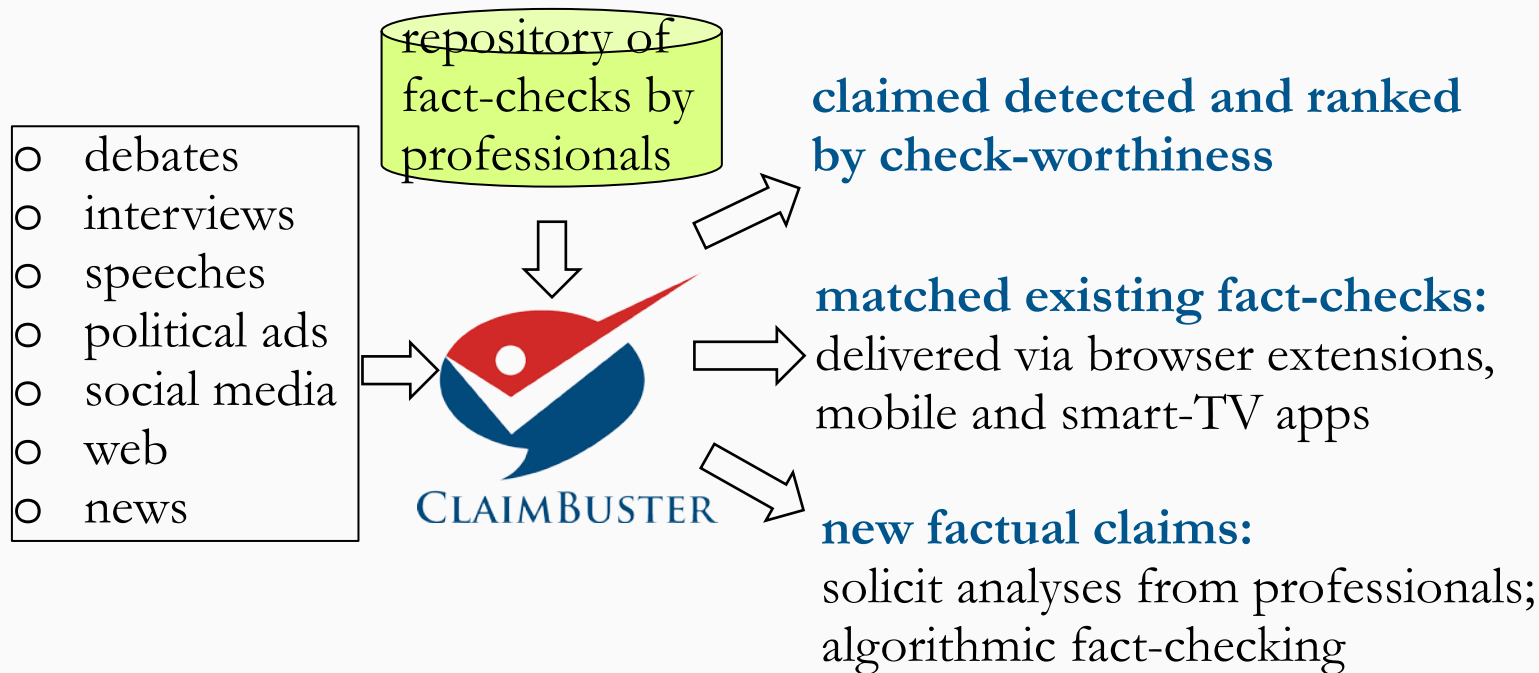
Fast-spreading falsehoods and half-truths on the web and social network

# The Holy Grail: Automated, Live Fact-Checking



Source: Bill Adair

# ClaimBuster



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2016 US Primary Debates



Hansard: Parliament of Australia

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**Bernadette Keefe MD**

@nxtstop1

@GlennThrush Bornstein,  
Trump's doc also stated that  
Trump had recently lost 15 lbs.  
Maybe Trump weighed  $267 + 15 = 283$   
pounds one year ago?



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**West Wing Reports** ✓

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The \$185 million fine against  
Wells Fargo (if it is actually paid)  
is set against [\\$WFC's](#) 2015 net  
income of approx. \$22 billion.

# Live Coverage of Debates




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2016 Republican Party Presidential Debate. Feb. 6, 2016, 8 p.m. EST

Venue: St. Anselm College, Manchester, New Hampshire. Broadcasted by: ABC News/IUReview.

Moderators: David Muir, Martha Raddatz, Mary Katharine Ham, Josh McElven, George Stephanopoulos, Jon Karl

Participants: Donald Trump, Ted Cruz, Ben Carson, Marco Rubio, Chris Christie, Jeb Bush, John Kasich

Transcript Source: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-fix/wp/2016/02/06/transcript-of-the-feb-6-gop-debate-annotated/>

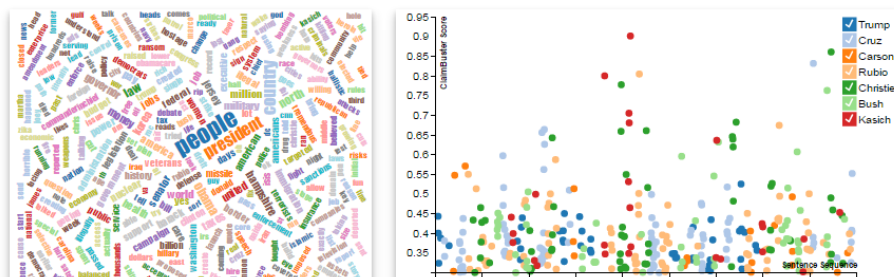
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David Muir: So let's get started. We welcome you all to the debate stage here tonight. We're going to tackle the issues Americans are most concerned about, the economy, ISIS, Homeland Security. And here in New Hampshire, some of the most heated rhetoric yet over who is best suited to step in on day one, who has the experience, who has the temperament to be commander-in-chief. Mr. Trump, Senator Cruz has said about you right here in New Hampshire this week, quote, "I don't know anyone who would be comfortable with someone who behaves this way, having his finger on the button. We're liable to wake up one morning, and if he were president, he would nuke Denmark." Saying, quote, "That's temperament of a leader to keep this country safe." I wanted to give you the opportunity to respond to this and to tell the American people tonight why you do have the temperament to be commander-in-chief.

Donald Trump: I actually think I have the best temperament. I built a massive corporation. I employ thousands and thousands of people. I've gotten along with people for years and years, have tremendous relationships with many people, including politicians on both sides. And no matter how you cut it, when I – when I came out, I hit immigration, I hit it very hard. Everybody said, "Oh, the temperament," because I talked about illegal immigration. Now, everybody's coming to me, they're all trying to say, well, he's right, we have to come to him. I hit other things. I talked about Muslims. We have a problem. Nobody else wanted to mention the problem, I brought it

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# Media Coverage

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