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**Subject:** Re: [fakenewssci] Daily Caller  
**Date:** Mon, 22 Feb 2021 18:32:13 -0800

Yes, I'm familiar with the process and the documents. Simply saying, "We get our funding from (X)," while providing no information whatsoever about how (X) itself is funded, is not transparency -- it's obfuscation.

Check Your Fact is funded from the Daily Caller's newsroom budget, and the Daily Caller is funded by the Daily Caller News Foundation (DCNF). So where does the DCNF get its money from? Providing tax forms that merely document how much revenue the DCNF takes in does nothing to answer that question.

On Mon, Feb 22, 2021 at 6:03 PM Masato Kajimoto <(b)(6)@hku.hk> wrote:

Hi all. I serve as an IFCN assessor in Asia and so, I'm familiar with the process. Here's a link to the latest application made by Daily Caller's Check Your Fact and the assessor's evaluation (the certification must be renewed annually).

You can see the funding sources they disclosed, download their tax returns, etc, in Criterion 4a. All applications and assessments are publicly available on IFCN's website, by the way.

<https://ifcncodeofprinciples.poynter.org/application/public/check-your-fact/38F5A0E1-4438-54B9-68BA-4F805B53B429>

With all good wishes,

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One of the key requirements of IFCN certification is supposed to be transparency of funding. If anyone can parse this word salad and figure out who or what funds the Daily Caller's fact-checking arm, I'd like to know:

<https://checkyourfact.com/about-us/>

On Mon, Feb 22, 2021 at 6:30 AM Dean Jackson <[mailto:\(b\)\(6\)@ned.org](mailto:(b)(6)@ned.org)> wrote:

On the other hand, you really have to ask yourself if you want to be featured on a website with a history of <https://www.snopes.com/news/2018/09/06/many-daily-caller-writers-expressed-white-supremacist-views/>, next to headlines like "<https://dailycaller.com/2021/02/19/public-schools-woke-liberal-activism-critical-race-theory-teachers-unions-enrollment-private-schools/>."

It's something everyone has to answer for themselves. I personally wouldn't lend them the credibility.

From: Barrett Golding <mailto:[(b)(6)]@gmail.com> On Behalf Of Barrett Golding  
 Sent: Saturday, February 20, 2021 8:04 PM  
 To: <mailto:fakenewssci@googlegroups.com>  
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(b)(6) The Daily Caller has a NewsGuard Green rating (scoring 70/100), a Source Credibility of Medium from Logically, an Our.news status of Verified, and an MBFC factual-reporting rating of Mixed:

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(b)(6) By way of comparison CNN and MSNBC are also MBFC Mixed. Another thing Daily Caller has in its favor is its connection with the IFCN-verified fact-checking site:

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Plus their interview with Dr. Gleb Tsipursky seemed fair and fine.

On Feb 19, 2021, at 6:17 AM, 'Dr. Gleb Tsipursky' via Combating Fake News: The Science of Misinformation <<mailto:fakenewssci@googlegroups.com>> wrote:

(b)(6) Sharing my personal experience being interviewed by The Daily Caller a few months ago on my own project to address misinformation, it was a good experience, and they published a fair interview. Here's the article, FYI. Anyone interested in knowing more can contact me off the list [https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://dailycaller.com/2020/10/06/politicians-pro-truth-pledge-stop-spread-misinformation/&data=04|01|\[\(b\)\(6\)\]@ned.org|889bda42c90e49c7c56408d8d60ced2a|4e07708641b34a22b78e41daff10793d|1|0|637494699129310953|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6IklhaWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0=|3000&sdata=GxSzMfHznsl2GYRli+1zHWYZAarneCAU1j|0qxKEfxc=&reserved=0](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://dailycaller.com/2020/10/06/politicians-pro-truth-pledge-stop-spread-misinformation/&data=04|01|[(b)(6)]@ned.org|889bda42c90e49c7c56408d8d60ced2a|4e07708641b34a22b78e41daff10793d|1|0|637494699129310953|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6IklhaWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0=|3000&sdata=GxSzMfHznsl2GYRli+1zHWYZAarneCAU1j|0qxKEfxc=&reserved=0)

On Feb 19, 2021, at 2:41 AM, Harith Alani <mailto:[(b)(6)]@gmail.com> wrote:

... According to my database, Daily Caller has published several misinforming articles themselves.

De : <mailto:fakenewssci@googlegroups.com> <<mailto:fakenewssci@googlegroups.com>> de la part de Stephan Lewandowsky <mailto:[(b)(6)]@bristol.ac.uk>  
 ...the Daily Caller is an "orange" site (by the Grinberg et al., 2019, classification)

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