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Journalist inquiry, PolitiFact state franchise "Truth-O-Meter" juries?

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Dear Josie Hollingsworth,

I'm writing a review of PolitiFact's recent description of its "Truth-O-Meter" process. While working on that project it occurred to me that in the past PolitiFact encouraged state franchises to operate their own star chambers, with assistance from PolitiFact National as needed.

That history seems hard to reconcile with the claim that each voting member of a jury has years of PolitiFact experience.

Can you confirm for me that PolitiFact has centralized all "Truth-O-Meter" decisions, so that there is one jury making all the decisions, albeit not necessarily the same three voting members each time?

Could you in addition list for me each PolitiFact staffer who has cast a vote as a member of the "Truth-O-Meter" star chamber in the past calendar year? Precision on that length of time isn't necessary. I'm just looking to give the public a sense of the size of the pool from which voting members are drawn.

Thanks!

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Sincerely,

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