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Correction request

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- Hi, I have two items of concern from the latest "Factually" newsletter.
- 1) The "interesting" fact check item from USA Today gets credited in the body of the description to PolitiFact:
- PolitiFact rated the claim "PARTLY FALSE."

USA Today rated the claim "Partly False." PolitiFact, so far as I can tell, hasn't weighed in on that fact check topic. PolitiFact, in any case, has no "PARTLY FALSE" rating.

2) It's appropriate to inform readers that PolitiFact (like the IFCN) has Poynter as its owner. That counts as appropriate ethical disclosure when the IFCN is highlighting various fact-checking works and may choose to give its Poynter-owned brethren preferential treatment. Poynter has been inconsistent with this policy, but it's clear an effort's been made, and it will look good if the effort is more consistent.

Of course Poynter and the IFCN, like PolitiFact, should follow Poynter's corrections policy in making corrections.

Sincerely,

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