

### **Info Lit Tip #34 - Meet the Facts! Info Lit Tip Gets Criticized for Bias**

In Info Lit Tip #33 told about the website [www.meetthefacts.com](http://www.meetthefacts.com) which points out false statements made on the tv news program “Meet the Press.” The tip included the example of Senator John McCain (R-AZ) making a false statement about the amount of kidnapping in Phoenix, AZ.

In response to Tip #33, our Cambridge College professor Carla Castor asked that an example of a false statement by a Democratic senator be included. She is absolutely right – classroom content, such as an “Info Lit Tip,” should always be scrupulously watched for bias.

So, here’s the addendum to Tip #33: On the [www.meetthefacts.com](http://www.meetthefacts.com) site for May 18, 2010, Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY) was caught making the false statement that the economic stimulus, while unpopular at first, is getting more popular. According to the critical eyes of “Meet the Facts,” the polls show that in fact the stimulus had approval of 50% at first, meaning it was popular, and that since then the approval has been slipping. “Meet the Facts” does give the caveat that they don’t know exactly which poll Schumer was citing, but they refer to several highly regarded polls to prove Senator Schumer wrong.

Thank you Dr. Castor! I learned something today and I hope everyone else did too.