**Criteria 2.1 Required**

**Proof you meet criteria**

**Please share links to 10 fact checks published over the past year that you believe demonstrate your non-partisanship.**

**Please briefly explain how the fact checks selected show that (I) you use the same high standards of evidence for equivalent claims, (II) follow the same essential process for every fact check and (III) let the evidence dictate your conclusions.**

The selection of our fact checks below demonstrate our consistent research methodology, including the discovery of primary sources, a thorough editorial review process, and publishing our conclusions, regardless of verdict (e.g. claims that are validated as well as rebuked).

It is also important to consider the nature of societal divisions and party structure in Northern Ireland, based mainly on national identities. This is also reflected in people’s choice of media. FactCheckNI works hard to ensure a broad coverage of political orientations, suggested by the following examples:

1. [Is childcare the biggest cost for NI families, after housing?￼](https://factcheckni.org/articles/is-childcare-the-biggest-cost-for-ni-families-after-housing%ef%bf%bc/) (DUP; British/Unionist party; political right)
2. [Was the Tories’ £20 cut to Universal Credit the biggest overnight drop in welfare since World War II?](https://factcheckni.org/topics/economy/was-the-tories-20-cut-to-universal-credit-the-biggest-overnight-drop-in-welfare-since-world-war-ii%ef%bf%bc/) (SDLP; Irish/Nationalist party; political centre-left)
3. [Did average pay plummet by 3.7% in the three months from May?](https://factcheckni.org/articles/did-average-pay-plummet-by-3-7-in-the-three-months-from-may/) (Sinn Fein; Irish/Republican party; political left)
4. [Are children entitled to free school meals 29 percentage points less likely than their peers to get good GCSEs? Has this attainment gap barely closed in over a decade?](https://factcheckni.org/topics/education/are-children-entitled-to-free-school-meals-29-percentage-points-less-likely-than-their-peers-to-get-good-gcses-has-this-attainment-gap-barely-closed-in-over-a-decade/) (UUP; British/Unionist; political right)
5. [Do nearly 30% of NI’s carbon emissions come from farming, compared with 10% in the rest of the UK?](https://factcheckni.org/topics/elections/do-nearly-30-of-nis-carbon-emissions-come-from-farming-compared-with-10-in-the-rest-of-the-uk/) (APNI; constitutionally agnostic; political centre)
6. [Do 140 people per year die while fishing in Irish waters?](https://factcheckni.org/topics/health/do-140-people-per-year-die-while-fishing-in-irish-waters/) (BBC NI; Radio programme; general audience)
7. [Is Belfast the most lucrative city in the UK for students’ landlords?](https://factcheckni.org/articles/is-belfast-the-most-lucrative-city-in-the-uk-for-students-landlords/) (Belfast Telegraph; newspaper; general audience)
8. [Is childcare the biggest cost for NI families, after housing?￼](https://factcheckni.org/articles/is-childcare-the-biggest-cost-for-ni-families-after-housing%ef%bf%bc/) (BBC NI; Radio programme; general audience)
9. [Has the economy in Derry/Londonderry contracted 21% since 2007?](https://factcheckni.org/topics/economy/has-the-economy-in-derry-londonderry-contracted-21-since-2007/) (The Derry Journal; regional newspaper; general audience)
10. [Does Northern Ireland spend least per pupil?](https://factcheckni.org/topics/education/does-northern-ireland-spend-least-per-pupil/) (BBC News NI; Radio programme ; general audience)