

JOSHUA K. OCRAN

PROF. BARLOW

[ENG 1151]

2/5/2017

Fact Checking:

An advantage or disadvantage?

Fact checking has been a huge asset within journalism. It allows editors and other journalists check over the work for any inconsistencies or deception of the writer's piece. All work is checked through the editing process to ensure that writers do not falsely advertise their pieces of work.

We see this act of fact checking of the article on Jack Humphrey and *The Seeing eye*. Walcott Gibbs, an American Editor and playwright, had tried to edit the article that was very hard to believe. They believed that the article had eighteen factual errors that raised questions within the staff. Mr. Gibbs reportedly said that there was a "lack of body" within the article. After going through the article one of the staff members then explains what's wrong with the article. The influence of radio stations has affected his writing and he would never be able to write factual stories. So throughout the process the staff gets together and work on the article; editing and forming the price into a readable story without all it's tales.

The main reasons for fact checking work is to make sure untrue stories do not get out to the readers. False advertising can and will affect the society and even the owners of the work costing them their jobs and the company's reputation will plummet. Everyone wants to get the best story out there so get that they can get recognition from the prices of work they have written. This

process just makes life easier for journalists because it allows everyone to have insight on your work and allows corrections that need to be made to have the perfect article. Writers do tend to fib a little on articles they've written to make the idea more interesting . As the article shows us that the writer had questionable additions to his piece, it caused friction between the editor and writer. The people within the article are major editors and writers during the late 1800s and early 1900s. Most of the writers that were within the article all have or had worked for the New Yorker Magazine in the 1900s. Their fact checking process led them to handle the situation at best not causing any discrepancies.