

We currently accept 3 types of articles:

**-- Current Events --**

These articles must be about a current event pertaining to Social Security, Medicare/Medicaid, Student Loans, or the Federal Budget. The best submissions answer these questions: What's the current event? What questions does this event raise for the future of the program? What's the debate around it look like? What should the reader keep an eye on, or in other words, why should the reader care?

*Examples: The Social Security Administration makes an announcement, the president issues an executive order on student loan debt, or there's a House debate around a Medicare bill.*

**-- Event Recap --**

So you went to an event on your campus, whether that's virtual or in-person! Share what was discussed at the event, what it meant to you, and what a student from another campus could learn from your experience.

*Examples: [Pete Souza](#) speaks at your school, there's a debate between two policy experts about an issue, or an expert delivers a presentation about rising healthcare costs.*

**-- "We Read It So You Didn't Have To" --**

Think tanks publish policy white papers every day... so often that the average reader can't possibly keep up with them! In your article you'll give a TL;DR summary of the white paper, pick out key points the reader should care about, and share your biggest takeaway.

*Examples: AEI releases their analysis of the federal budget, Brookings writes a paper on Medicaid and health outcomes, or Urban Institute releases findings on healthcare market pricing.*

Keep in mind, we *don't* accept:

-  Opinion pieces
-  Original policy write-ups
-  Articles on unapproved topics

## Current Events

**Article Title:**

**Subheading:**

What is the current event? *(100 words)*

What questions/concerns does this event raise? *(150 words, include graph or visual if possible)*

What does the debate around this event look like? *(150 words, cite 2-3 expert insights)*

Why should the reader keep an eye on this event? *(100 words)*

**Main Sources** *(1-2 links):*

**Secondary Sources** *(links):*

**Graphs/Visuals** *(and link to source if applicable):*

**Author's contact information-** *name, school, academic year, major, phone number, and email address (only your name and school will be published):*

[Optional]

Social handle(s) if you would like us to tag you when sharing on social media:

1 - 2 other pictures to include when we share your post on FtF's social media accounts:

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## Event Recap

**Article Title:** \_\_\_(speaker or group's name)\_\_\_ Talks \_\_\_(event topic)\_\_\_ at \_\_\_(school)\_\_\_

**Subheading:** Free the Facts Ambassador \_\_\_(your name)\_\_\_ attended the event at \_\_\_(your school)\_\_\_ on \_\_\_(date)\_\_\_.

Who spoke at the event? Share something that introduces them to the reader. (100 words)

What anecdotes or stories did they share? (200 words)

**-or-**

What did they teach the audience about? (200 words)

What questions were asked, and how did they answer? (100 words)

What was your biggest takeaway from this event? (100 words)

**Sources** (if applicable):

### 1-2 Pictures from the Event or Supplementary Graphics:

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**Speaker's Social Media Account(s)** (if applicable):

**Author's contact information-** name, school, academic year, major, phone number, and email address  
(only your name and school will be published):

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**“We Read It So You Didn’t Have To”**

**Article Title:**

**Subheading:**

**Link to the White Paper:**

What’s this paper all about? Why did the think tank/author write it? *(100 words)*

If the reader could leave with just 1-2 takeaways, what would they be? *(200 words)*

Pick a graph or chart and explain what it’s showing. Include a link to the source. *(100 words)*

What did you learn from this white paper? *(100 words)*

**Secondary Sources** *(if applicable):*

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**Ready to submit your article for review? Here's how:**

- Follow the guidelines outlined in this *Ambassador Writing Program Submission Form* to draft your article. Make sure you include all the required supplementary info.
- Make sure your piece is in AP Style and follows the *Ambassador Comms Guide*.
- Share the Google Doc, along with full editing privileges, with Ven Gopal ([venkatram@freefacts.org](mailto:venkatram@freefacts.org)).