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The Annenberg Public Policy Center's project FactCheck.org launched **SciCheck** in 2015 to monitor distortions of science. Science Editor Jessica McDonald, a trained scientist with a Ph.D. in immunology, leads a team of journalists who debunk false and misleading claims about health and science, including climate change.

“If policy is to serve the public good it must be informed by accurate representations of what science knows,” said Kathleen Hall Jamieson, director of the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania. “When leaders misconstrue scientific evidence or spinmasters contort it, SciCheck steps in to explain what science knows at the time and how it knows it.”

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By Stephanie Stahl
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By Julia Donheiser – November 2, 2015

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