



“Falsehood Face-Off – Statements since 2007 by presidential candidates (and some current and former officeholders) ranked from most dishonest over all to least dishonest, as fact-checked by PolitiFact. ‘Pants on Fire’ refers to the most egregious falsehoods. Too few statements have been fact-checked to include Jim Gilmore, George E. Pataki and George W. Bush. The number of statements analyzed varies for each person. Some bars total more or less than 100% because of rounding. Source: PolitiFact. [Graphic] By Bill Marsh/The New York Times”

This is an excellent graphic based on excellent data. It was slightly modified. “Half False, Half True” was moved from the top to the bottom to allow “Percent True or Mostly True” to be a column head. The line between Rand Paul and Joseph Biden was added to mark a strong pattern. Except for Jeb Bush, all Republicans are above the line and all Democrats are below it. The data show that for US presidential candidates since 2007, Republicans employ a much higher amount of political deception than Democrats, about double.