Source Trust Test: Can you trust this source?

Start: Check your source

Who does it come from?

- *An expert or trusted organization* → How do they know?
- *Someone else* → *Keep checking, but be careful*

How do they know?

- *Facts, data, or evidence* → Can you find this somewhere else or double check?
- *Gossip, opinions, or assumptions* → *Do not trust*

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- *Yes (footage, other experts, interviews, articles)* → Does it show all the information?
- *Not sure* → Does it show all the information?

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- *Yes, it's fair and presents the best available information.* → Trustworthy! Use this source
- *It seems to be hiding something or trying to make me think a certain way* → *Do not trust*

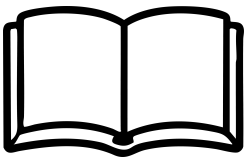
These sources can generally be trusted

(but always check through the test)

- *websites that end in .org, .edu, .gov*
- *.com websites from trusted organizations*

- *Datasets and reports from government and organizations with experts on staff*

- *Social media channels from trusted organizations, nonprofits, government, or experts*



- *nonfiction books, text books and science magazines*

- *expert interviews and articles*