

# Validity of Information Checklist

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<b>Information Source</b> _____		
<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Response</b>
Reliability	Who is the author?	
	Why did the author write this piece?	
	Has the author written other material on this subject?	
	What is the author's reputation for reliability?	
Context	When and where was the piece written?	
	Who is the target audience?	
	What medium was used to deliver the message?	
	What effect might the choice of medium have on the target audience?	
Bias	What are the author's main arguments or interpretations?	
	What preferences or dislikes does the author express? Provide at least one example.	
	What persuasive or propaganda techniques does the author use? Provide at least one example.	

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	What powerful words and phrases does the author use? Are they used in a positive or negative manner?	
Objectivity	What is the purpose of the message?	
	Is the information based on fact, or does the message appeal mainly to emotions?	
	Is the language of the piece objective or emotionally charged?	
	Does the piece present alternative points of view and perspectives?	
Evidence	What evidence does the author present to support the arguments?	
	Can the evidence be checked against other accounts?	
	Does the author overgeneralize, stereotype, or exaggerate?	
	Are relevant facts left out?	