

Pillars of Credible Information

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Is the information reliable and free from typos, grammar or	Is the author's (real) name listed? What are the author's	Is the date of the publication visible and recent?	Is the scope of the topic clearly stated? Are supporting	Is the information presented with the least possible bias?
to verify the	credentials? Do these identify the author as an authority or expert	Is the date given for when the information was gathered?	materials (references, charts, statistics, graphics, etc.) given? Are there links to other	does the author try to change the user's
information? Is it clear who is responsible for the accuracy of the material?	in the field? Is there a clear relationship between an institution and the author? Is it a	Is the page kept current? Are the links current; i.e., do they really work?	resources on the topic?	mind? Are pictures used to influence the opinion of the user? Are they emotional or neutral?
Are there links to other reliable sources?	respected institution? Is there a link to the	Is this truly the latest information on the		Are they edited in any way?
If statistical material is included, are the sources for these materials clearly stated?	author's biographical information?	topic?		

