

ANALYZING SOURCE CREDIBILITY: "RAVEN"

Reputation	<p>What do you know about the reputation of the author, the sources, and the publication? Is the source's reputation harmed at all due to any past actions (which would make it less reliable)? Is the author/source/publication in a position of authority?</p>	
Ability to Observe	<p>Is the author in a position that allows him/her access to reliable evidence? If the article is about an event, did the author actually observe the event?</p>	
Vested Interest	<p>Does the author have a personal stake in the topic or event? Would the author gain anything by lying? Would the author gain anything by telling the truth?</p>	
Expertise	<p>Does the author have specialized knowledge on the topic or event? Does the evidence come from a source that has expertise on the topic or event?</p>	
Neutrality	<p>Is the author neutral about the issue or is bias evident? Is the source of the evidence neutral or biased?</p>	