

News Site Evaluation Sheet

Introduction:

As you read a news story or explore a news website, use this sheet to evaluate the presence of bias. Check off or rate each criterion based on your observations.

Loaded Language: Are there words that evoke strong emotions?

Examples of words found: _____

Exclusion of Information: Are key details or perspectives omitted?

What was omitted? _____

Unequal Coverage: Is there unequal emphasis or space given to one side?

Note the imbalance: _____

Framing: Is the issue presented in a specific light or context?

How was it framed? _____

Labeling and Stereotyping: Are there generalizations or categorizations used?

Examples of labels: _____

Questionable Sources: Are there biased or non-credible sources relied upon?

Questionable sources used: _____

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- Opinions Presented as Facts:** Are subjective views shared without labeling them as opinions?

Note the opinions: _____

Reflection Section:

Overall, how would you rate the level of bias in this news story/website?

(Low, Moderate, High) _____

Were you surprised by any biases you identified? _____

How will this evaluation influence your trust in this news source in the future?

Tips:

Always cross-check information with other sources.
Stay aware of potential biases, even in trusted sources.
Engage in discussions with peers to gain multiple perspectives.



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