News Literacy

BE A SAVVY NEWS CONSUMER

Ask: How do you know that?

Don't just accept outrageous headlines. Read the story and critically evaluate the content. Analyze it through the eyes of an editor or fact checker.

EVALUATE SOURCES

SMART CHECK the story.
Question the Source
Motive
Authority
Review
Two-Source Test

FACT CHECK

Confirm that the content is true.

Read beyond the HEADLINES

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READ OPPOSING VIEWS

Lean left? Watch Fox News or read the Wall Street Journal editorial page. Lean right? Watch MSNBC or listen to Democracy Now! Hear both sides on PBS’ NewsHour and NPR.

Savvy News Consumer

Check your BIASES

Take Harvard University's Project Implicit bias test. implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/takeatest.html

CONSUME LOCAL NEWS

Be informed of what's happening in your neighborhood, school board, city council, county government, state legislature, and state supreme court. Subscribe to local newspapers and listen to your local NPR station.

Am I learning every day what I need to know?
- Do I understand what people are talking about? If not, where can I learn more?
- Can I explain the situation to others?
- Do I understand today's top news stories?

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