

Working with Online Sources of Data and Information

RELIABILITY

What is the original source of the piece?

Is the author identified and what role does the author have?

Why was the piece created/commissioned?

Are sources cited for any factual claims made and can they be checked/verified?

VALIDITY

When was this piece published and is it still relevant to my research?

Is data/information provided kept up to date?

Can I identify quantitative and/or qualitative data and information in this piece?

How does this piece relate to other sources of data/information that I have used

BIAS

What is the intended audience/readership for the piece?

Is the website part of a commercial organisation, a political party, a personal website or an organisation with a specific agenda?

Are other relevant points of view taken into account?
