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Web Page Credibility Checklist

Use this checklist as a guideline to help you decide whether an online source is reliable.

7 or more points: This is probably a reliable source; consider using it.

4-6 points: This might be a good source; try to find out more about it before using it.

3 or less: This is probably not worth including in your sources.

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Circle the number in the column that is the best answer	Yes	No/Not Sure
POSITIVES		
I can identify a group or individual responsible for the content on this site.	1	0
This site is maintained by a person or organization that I know is credible outside of the Internet	1	0
This site has been updated in the past 3 to 6 months	1	0
This site has external links to other credible websites	1	0
I know of other credible websites that link to this website	1	0
This site has a .gov or .edu suffix	1	0
This site provides a phone number or mailing address that I could use for contacting the person or organization for more information	1	0
I have verified the information on this site using reliable offline resources	1	0
The main purpose of this site is to provide facts (not opinions)	1	0
subtotal:		
NEGATIVES		
This site is clearly biased toward a specific opinion or point of view	-1	0
This site contains many misspellings and/or broken links	-1	0
The main purpose of this site is to sell a product or service	-1	0
This site has no external links	-1	0
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Would you use this as a credible source? Why or why not?		

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