



EVALUATING RESOURCES

Authority:

Who is responsible for presenting the information?

▶ Who has written the information and can we check their qualifications?

▶ Is the information from an 'expert' in this field?

Accuracy:

Is the information precise, can it be proven and verified?

▶ Is the information correct?

▶ Can we check the accuracy of information through links, footnotes or bibliography?

Currency:

How old is this information and is this important?

▶ When was the information written?

▶ Has the information been revised or updated and if so, when?

Bias:

Is the information based on facts, things we can observe or based more on opinions, emotions? Is it from just one point-of-view?

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Source:
Time Magazine, *Strong Man*,
page 26 (Sept 24th, 2012)

Evidence:

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| Authority: | Well respected magazine world wide. Been operating since 1923. Alex Perry article author been with Time for 10 years and focussed on the Africa, Asia and Middle East. TIME's Bureau chief at present. |
| Accuracy: | Main article details are consistent with other sources I have read. |
| Currency: | Article is only one month old, published on September 24th, 2012. |
| Bias: | Article contains statistics that can be verified with other sources. Well researched article, author refers to several investigations and sources that he consulted in writing his own. |

SUMMARY COMMENT: *Based on this evaluation, this source is a credible and authentic source for me to use in my research.*



Source:
www.paulkagame.com/

Evidence:

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| Authority: | Unable to verify who the author of the site is. |
| Accuracy: | Details can be verified by other sources. They are factual events that have been recorded on other media sites and information that is freely available as public record |
| Currency: | Events recorded are current and regular. At the time of this evaluation the latest article was 4 days old. |
| Bias: | The site records the public appearances of the Rwandan President attends. All articles are related to positive public interactions and do not show any criticism of his authority and Presidency. |

SUMMARY COMMENT: *Based on this evaluation, this source is factual, but further reading will be required to verify information and to obtain a balanced view of the president.*

