

# CARP TEST!

## ASSESS THE WEBSITES YOU VISIT

### DIGITAL LITERACY

Avoid misleading news by filtering out bias and fiction with these four steps:

#### CARP

- C**urrent
- Is the information recent?
  - When was the website last updated?

- A**uthoritative
- Was the information shared by a reputable source?
  - Is there a sponsor behind its creation?

- R**eliable
- Does the information provide verifiable facts or data?
  - Is the presentation balanced and unbiased?

- P**urpose
- Is the information attempting to persuade you?
  - Are you being sold to?

**C**

When was it last updated?  
Is it current/relevant?

**A**

Name of author/editor? Email?  
Affiliated with an organization?

**R**

Bibliography? Quotes?  
References? I think...?

**P**

Persuasion? Opinion?  
Informational?

Domain: .gov, .net, .com,  
.org, .edu, .mil?

### INFORMATION BIAS

Now you understand how information is produced and how to identify trustworthy messages.

The test helps overcome giving in to confirmation bias and only accepting messages that align with our beliefs, or thoughtlessly trusting the person who shared the news — friend or family member — rather than vetting the creator of the information.