

## Mainstream Media, Social Media, Fake News, and the "Post-Truth" World

## Evaluating News Sources

Suggested Reading: Krueger, 9 Questions That Help You Verify Information

**Is it News?**

Outlet	Average number of "news" articles per day	Average number of "political news" articles per day
BBC News	72.8	4.3 (6%)
Chicago Tribune	16.0	3.8 (24%)
CNN News	100.1	29.1 (29%)
Fox News	95.9	44.2 (46%)
Huffington Post	118.7	44.8 (38%)
Los Angeles Times	32.5	9.1 (28%)
NBC News	52.6	14.6 (28%)
New York Times	68.7	24.7 (36%)
Reuters	30.3	10.8 (36%)
The Washington Post	65.9	37.9 (58%)
USA Today	33.7	11.8 (35%)
Wall Street Journal	11.7	4.6 (39%)
Yahoo News	173.0	53.9 (31%)
Breitbart News Network	15.1	11.2 (74%)
Daily Kos	14.0	9.8 (70%)

Table 1: Average number of daily "news" and "political news" stories identified in our sample for each outlet, with the percent of news stories that are political in parentheses.

Budak, C., Goel, S., & Rao, J. M. (2014). Fair and balanced? quantifying media bias through crowdsourced content analysis.

Is it True?	Is it Biased?
<p><i>Who else knows this?</i></p> <p><a href="http://news.google.com">news.google.com</a></p> <p><i>How do you know this to be true?</i></p> <p><a href="http://www.snopes.com">www.snopes.com</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.factcheck.org">www.factcheck.org</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.politifact.com">www.politifact.com</a></p>	<p><i>What does this really mean?</i></p> <p><i>Does this claim seem reasonable?</i></p> <p><i>Has it always been this way?</i></p> <p><a href="http://mediabiasfactcheck.com">mediabiasfactcheck.com</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.people-press.org/topics/media-performance">www.people-press.org/topics/media-performance</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.allsides.com">www.allsides.com</a></p>

**What is the Source? (Is it biased, Continued...)**

*Is the person making the claim willing to be questioned about it?*

*What motives might a source have to say this is true?*

*Who profits from things being as they are?*

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