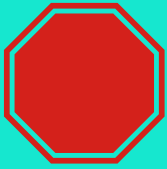


Is this information reliable?

Here are some ways to check:

Use the SIFT method:



STOP

Before reposting, or sharing any information, take a few steps to check the reliability of whatever you're reading.



Investigate the source

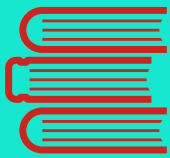
Leave the site and google the organization, this will provide information on the publisher

Do not trust the order of results on google; they do not order results based on reliability

Check Wikipedia. (If you can't find a wikipedia page for the site, that's a bad sign)

- Is this source the source you thought it was?
- Is there anything that might discredit this as a source?
- Does this source have the expertise and/or resources to do original reporting in this area?

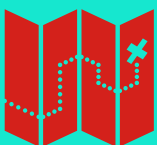
DO NOT trust a site's own 'about' page, they can write whatever they want



Find other coverage

A quick google search will show what other publications are covering the story

If you can't find any, the news is likely fake.



Trace claims, quotes, and media to the original source

Check the date

-extra clicking and searching may be required. Is the story recent? Or is the information outdated?

Click through and find

- does the story link to reputable news sources? If so, check those news sources to see if the story is the same.



Consider bias:

Does this publication have a reputation of being biased? A political leaning?

Does the author have any bias? Do they address it?

Check popular sources like:

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