# What Sources Can You Trust?



When something grabs your attention on social media or in the news, ask yourself:

- do you know the author?
- do you know their motives?
- do you know this person IRL (in real life)?
- do you respect this person's opinions?

### Investigate the SOURCE

- WHO wrote it/sent it?
  - WHY--for what purpose?
  - WHAT was the goal/objective?
  - WHEN was it written or sent?

#### **Recognizing BIAS**

- Does it have ALL the facts?
- Are key facts LEFT OUT--are
  there half-truths?
  - Does it link to or reference OTHER sources?

#### LABELING Instead of Informing

- Does it use "NAME-CALLING" and EXAGGERATION?"
- Does it INFLICT a NEGATIVE or POSITIVE image?
- Does it CREATE anger/fear?

## REPETITION

 REPETITION of false and/or unproven statements does not make them TRUE, no matter how many times they are repeated

#### VERIFY Info for:

- ACCURACY
- TRUSTWORTHINESS
- TRANSPARENCY
- IMPARTIALITY
- <u>Click here</u> for more

#### **Reliable Websites**



- FACTCHECK.org
- <u>Ballotpedia.org</u>
- News Literacy Project

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Misinformation