

Bias Detection Rubric

This is a rubric to help you score whether your source is biased. You will complete one rubric for each of the three sources you have identified for this assignment. Please save this document as "Source 1," "Source 2," or "Source 3" when you have it completed in order to submit it for your assignment.

To complete this assignment, provide your source for each rubric, then score each category by looking at each category row, and choosing the answer that is most appropriate.

Provide source:

| | Objective | Moderately Biased | Highly Biased |
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| | 5 | 3 | 1 |
| Intent of Publication: | Strictly Informative | Mixed purpose & Intent | Agenda driven |
| Language & Tone: | Completely neutral language | Neutral with Occasional Emotion | Strongly emotional language |
| Balance of Viewpoints: | Balanced views | Some opposing views | Only one side is presented |
| Source Background: | Credible, neutral author or organization | Some partisanship in author or organization background | Author or organization has highly biased reputation. |
| Evidence: | Reliable and credible | Some credible evidence | Highly selective evidence |
| Objectivity: | Author’s perspective is evident, lacks transparency | Mostly objective with subtle author perspective | Fully transparent and objective |

After you complete your analysis, please add your scores for each category:

Source 1 Total Bias Score: ____ / 30 Bias Level: High/Moderate/Objective

- Scoring Interpretation:**
- 26-30: Highly objective source with minimal bias—ideal for balanced research.
 - 21-25: Mostly objective but may lean subtly; can be used with caution and noted context.
 - 16-20: Moderately biased; useful with critical analysis and cross-verification from other sources.
 - 15 and below: Highly biased; consider using only for analyzing one side of the argument.

Explain your rating in 3-5 sentences: