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**Evaluating Articles**

**Author**

Who is the author? Does the author have a public affiliation with any group? Is the author part of a professional community? What gives the author his/her authority?

**Publisher**

What information is provided about the publisher? How recent is the article?

**Source**

Does this news source generally lean to a particular side of controversies? In other words, does the news source have a liberal or conservative bent? What section of the newspaper or magazine does the article come from?

**Audience**

What kind of people generally read the magazine, newspaper or website? Based on the author's writing, who is being addressed? Look at key information like what assumptions the author seems to be making about the audience's information or position in relation to the argument at hand.

**Alternate Views**

How, if at all, does the author address alternate viewpoints? What other sources (if any) are being referred to? What bias does the author attribute to the other positions?

**Emotional Keywords**

What words does the author use that *reveal* his or her position? Is emotional language used to describe any of the arguments in the article?