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# Biased, Totally Fabricated or Misleading?

Can you spot biases, fabrications and misleading information in the news? We are being bombarded with opinions, false and misleading news on a regular basis. Hence, it is extremely important to be able to discern the differences between facts, opinions, fake and misleading news. Show your media smarts by being a news skeptic, know when to reject or accept the news you read.

## The Task:

Locate 5 Online News Reports and Answer the Following:

- 1 Looking at the headline, what does your inner voice say? Does it seem believable? Outrageous? Does something signal a 'red flag' to you? What is your initial reaction? Biased? Fabricated? Misleading? How do you know?
- 2 Has the story happened or is it set in the future? Any story that says what will happen isn't really first hand info.
- 3 Does the story have a credible source and writer/author? How do you know?
- 4 Is there a bias? If so, what is it and how do you know?
- 5 Is it misleading? If so, how do you know?
- 6 Is this news completely fabricated? How do you know?
- 7 Is this news 'sponsored content'. How do you know?
- 8 Can you locate multiple sources for the news report? Are those sources reputable?
- 9 Is this news worthy of a share? Why or why not?
- 10 Are you left with any additional questions after reading this news? Do you have any nagging doubts? Would you rate this news as valid? Why or why not?