**Web Page Credibility Checklist**

Use this checklist as a guideline to help you decide whether an online source is reliable.

- **7 or more points:** This is probably a reliable source; consider using it.
- **4-6 points:** This might be a good source; try to find out more about it before using it.
- **3 or less:** This is probably not worth including in your sources.

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### POSITIVES

- I can identify a group or individual responsible for the content on this site.
  - 1 | 0 |
- This site is maintained by a person or organization that I know is credible outside of the Internet
  - 1 | 0 |
- This site has been updated in the past 3 to 6 months
  - 1 | 0 |
- This site has external links to other credible websites
  - 1 | 0 |
- I know of other credible websites that link to this website
  - 1 | 0 |
- This site has a .gov or .edu suffix
  - 1 | 0 |
- This site provides a phone number or mailing address that I could use for contacting the person or organization for more information
  - 1 | 0 |
- I have verified the information on this site using reliable offline resources
  - 1 | 0 |
- The main purpose of this site is to provide facts (not opinions)
  - 1 | 0 |

**subtotal:**

### NEGATIVES

- This site is clearly biased toward a specific opinion or point of view
  - -1 | 0 |
- This site contains many misspellings and/or broken links
  - -1 | 0 |
- The main purpose of this site is to sell a product or service
  - -1 | 0 |
- This site has no external links
  - -1 | 0 |

**final total:**

Would you use this as a credible source? Why or why not?