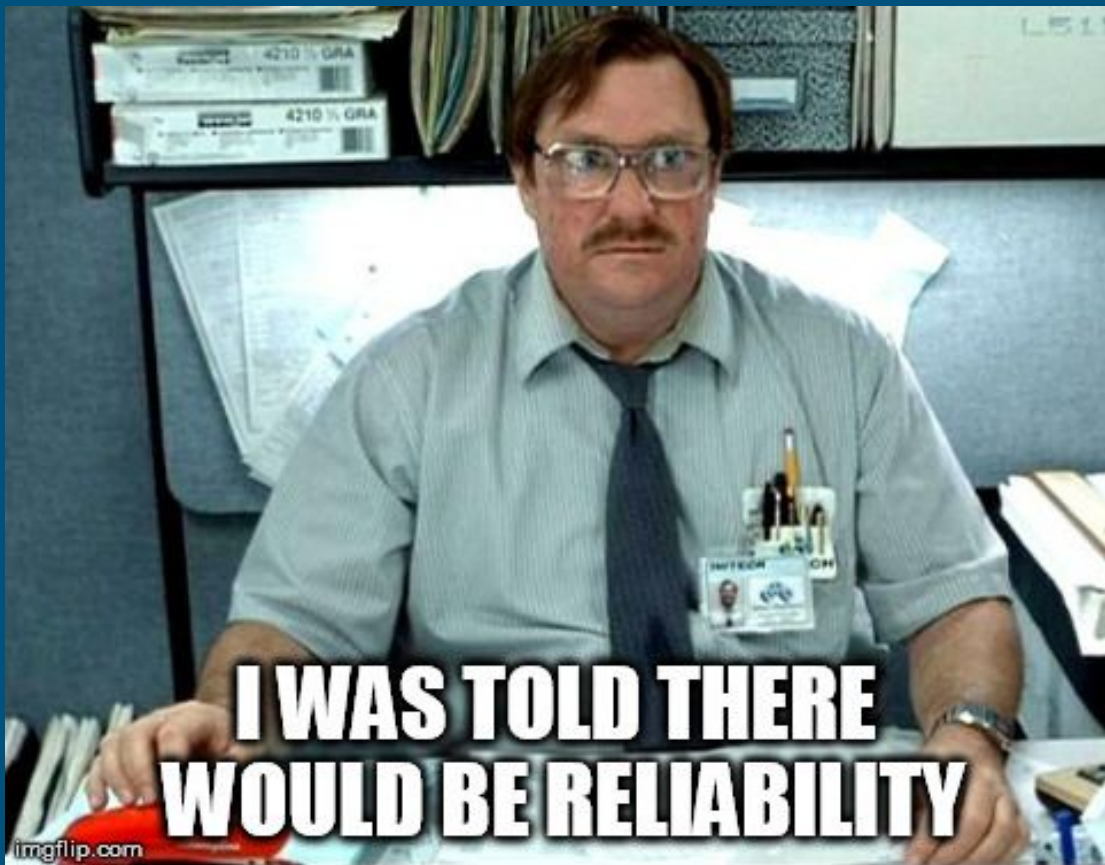Social Studies Virtual Learning

Contemporary Issues
Lesson #11
April 7, 2020

Contemporary Issues
Lesson #11
April 7- Reliable Sources

Objective/Learning Target:
I can understand and identify reliable sources

Warm Up

Read the three headlines and article names on the right. Links are provided for reading the articles. On a separate sheet of paper, write down whether you believe this information to be reliable or not. Make sure you explain.

RELIABLE => GOOD QUALITY, TRUSTED

1. "How to Protect Yourself Against COVID-19"
   a. https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html
2. "These 46 Rare Historical Photos Will Leave You Speechless. #35 Is Mind Blowing.
   a. https://boredomtherapy.com/rare-history-photos/
3. "What is the Truth Behind Carole Baskin?"
   a. https://www.reddit.com/r/TrueCrimeDiscussion/comments/fqg2u5/what_is_the_truth_behind_carole_baskin/

Warm Up Answers

1. "How to Protect Yourself Against COVID-19"
   a. https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html
   b. This is a RELIABLE source. Notice the .gov and the facts mentioned in the article. At the bottom, the last day reviewed/edited was March 18, 2020, therefore the information is current.
2. "These 46 Rare Historical Photos Will Leave You Speechless. #35 Is Mind Blowing.
   a. https://boredomtherapy.com/rare-history-photos/
   b. This is an UNRELIABLE source. Notice the title enticing the reader to continue looking through pictures. These pictures are an example of clickbait (aimed to draw viewership on emotion rather than facts.)
3. "What is the Truth Behind Carole Baskin?"
   a. https://www.reddit.com/r/TrueCrimeDiscussion/comments/fqg2u5/what_is_the_truth_behind_carole_baskin/
   b. This is an UNRELIABLE SOURCE. Notice the article came from reddit and allows viewers to post opinions and others to comment.

Lesson Activity

Using the same piece of paper from the warm up activity, watch the following video and answer the following questions.

1. Why is it important that an author has "authority" on a subject? Why does it matter?
2. What is the importance of a source admitting mistakes?
3. Why is it important to understand the political ideology of a website before viewing it?

Practice

Using the same piece of paper, read and review eview the following two sources and determine whether it is a reliable or unreliable source. Include 2-3 pieces of evidence to backup your claim.

1. "NCAA Division 1 Athletes Get Another Shot At Spring Sports"
   a. https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/03/30/824303652/ncaa-division-1-athletes-get-another-shot-at-spring-sports?utm_medium=RSS&utm_campaign=nprblogscoronavirusliveupdates
2. "Defining Moments of the NBA Season: One LeBron Dunk Becomes the Perfect Kobe Tribute"
   a. https://www.theringer.com/nba/2020/3/31/21200461/nba-defining-moment-lebron-james-dunk-kobe-bryant-tribute

Practice Answers

1. "NCAA Division 1 Athletes Get Another Shot At Spring Sports"
    a. https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/03/30/824303652/ncaa-division-1-athletes-get-another-shot-at-spring-sports?utm_medium=RSS&utm_campaign=nprblogscoronavirusliveupdates
    b. RELIABLE
    c. .org trusted website, facts from NCAA, no opinions
2. "Defining Moments of the NBA Season: One LeBron Dunk Becomes the Perfect Kobe Tribute"
    a. https://www.theringer.com/nba/2020/3/31/21200461/nba-defining-moment-lebron-james-dunk-kobe-bryant-tribute
    b. UNRELIABLE
    c. Opinion, blog, ideology of writer is fan's perspective

Reflection

1. Based on the political cartoon, what type of sources are hurting journalism?
2. How can we help prevent these sources from "polluting the news?"