Verifying Sources

Root: ver- (Latin) truth

Grounding article: “How Your Brain Tricks You Into Believing Fake News” Katy Steinmetz. Time. August 20th 2018. <http://time.com/5362183/the-real-fake-news-crisis/?utm_source=time.com&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=social-button-sharing>

Steps to instruct on verifying sources (even if you agree with them)

1. How to create a neutral search term
   1. Try two ways. Ex. medical risks of abortion vs. how abortion hurts women
2. Survey your results environment.
   1. Review the first 1-3 pages of results- what kinds of websites/sources are appearing? Ex. medical and governmental vs. anti-abortion & religious groups. What does the search environment reveal about the neutrality of your search terms?
   2. Review at least 2 pages of results before selecting your choice article.
3. Lateral Reading.
   1. When you have selected (are reading) an article/website, start by opening an additional browser window(s) to see what the wider web has to say about the organization publishing your selected article.
4. Biases influencing susceptibility to non-reliable information.
   1. Confirmation bias- <https://www.britannica.com/science/confirmation-bias>
   2. Availability bias- <https://thedecisionlab.com/bias/availability-heuristic/>
   3. Discounting bias- <https://pdfs.semanticscholar.org/5088/30c644f73b6ad40ea0159f9ab9427d1f0f74.pdf>