Validity of Information Checklist

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| Criterion | Question | Answers + Evidence (examples from the text) |
| Reliability | Who is the Author?Why did they write the piece?Has the Author written other material on the piece?What is the Authors reputation for reliability? |  |
| Context | When and where was it written?Who is the audience?What medium was used to deliver the message?How did the choice of media affect the message? |  |
| Bias | What are the main arguments?What does the author prefer or dislike?What types of propaganda techniques are used?What powerful words are used? |  |
| Objectivity | What is the purpose of the message?Is the information fact based?Does it appeal to emotions?Is it objective or emotionally charged?Are there alternate points of view or perspective? |  |
| Evidence | What evidence supports their argument?Can the evidence be confirmed?Does the author over generalize, sterotype or exaggerate?Are relevant facts left out? |  |