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? |  |