How to avoid falling for fake news

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1. What date was the article published?

The publishing date can often be found at the top of the article, next to the title.

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2. Who wrote the article or said it?

Knowing who is conveying the information can help you make an informed decision as to if the information is credible or not.

Look for credible sources who works with the subject matter, like a doctor or a journalist f.ex.





Look at different sites and find different opinions so you can get a nuanced picture of the situation and make sure that you're not being lied to.



4. Look at the site, is it credible? And what does it mean to be credible?

Credibility is how trusted one can be when it comes to certain subjects, a doctor can more accurately comment on a medical emergency compared to a standard person.





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Think about how you found this article, was it from a youtube video? Did a friend send to you? If yes, can that person be trusted when sharing information?



6. What value does the article have, why was it written?

Is the article important or was it created with the purpose to make you upset or to make you enraged? If it's the latter, you should look up other credible sources, with a more fact-based body.



7. What's the agenda of the article ?

Think about what the writer of the article wants to convince you of and what point of view he is conveying. A journalist or a newspaper aren't always neutral so you must take a step back and try to form your own opinion.



8. What news criteria does it live up to? Is it: impact, timeliness, prominence, proximity, the bizarre, conflict, currency and human interest.

Why is that important? The news criteria are important factors when determining the credibility of a piece of news, which of these criterias does it live up to?