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In the contemporary age, the evaluation of a news source has become a contentious and critical aspect. Not all the news sources are trustworthy or reliable. Moreover, the surge of fake news has further exacerbated the situation. A certain criteria ought to be established and applied to serve the purpose of following a credible source of news and information. It can be essentially based on the selection of questions while assessing the news and its source. With the availability, it becomes further challenging to believe and adhere to the news source in true letter and spirits. Internet platforms, advertisement, print media and news channels are the dominant sources that confuse the readers and often engage in the spread of fabricated news.

First, the key is evidence. Always seek the evidence offered that supplements the argument or theme of the news story(“What Makes Information Reliable? | Student Skills Workshops,” n.d.). Merely ruminating upon the speculations or likelihoods are the prominent variables present in fake or exaggerated news. The other aspect to search for is the sentiment of biases. Political affiliation and the inclination towards maligning specific parties are pervasive practices in the contemporary trend of news and media(Brittany Rhea Deputy, n.d.). If the news only highlights the negative sides of a story, it is probably aiming at prejudice. Besides, the appealing or exaggerated depiction of visuals that evoke a radical response of reads is also an indication of the biases inculcated in the news. Last, the critical analysis of the headline and the content is imperative to distinguish between a fake and a credible source of information.

To conclude, the adherence to every other news source ought not to be observed. Evidence, biases and the appeal are the critical elements that must be examined before following a news source.

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