PAUSE Evaluating Resources Checklist

**PURPOSE:** Is the resource designed to inform? Persuade? What is the author's main objective?

1. Looking at the content of the resource, is the primary goal to inform the reader? *(required)*
   - Yes  ☑  No  ☐  Unsure
2. Is the resource unbiased on the issue (it examines more than one point of view)? *(required)*
   - Yes  ☑  No  ☐  Unsure

**How do you know?** *(required)*

The article discusses the findings of two reports on business ethics. Shows they're looking at both sides.

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**ACCURACY:** Can the information be verified?

3. Did the author include a bibliography or list of references for the sources they consulted? *(required)*
   - Yes  ☑  No  ☐  Unsure
4. If yes, are the sources listed from other credible sources (i.e. not Wikipedia articles, etc.)? *(required)*
   - Yes  ☑  No  ☐  Unsure

**How do you know?** *(required)*

No list of sources, but the reports are listed in the text of the article.

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**UP-TO-DATE:** When was the information published or posted?

5. Based on the date published and/or revised, is the information current for your topic? *(required)*
   - Yes  ☑  No  ☐  Unsure

**How do you know?** *(required)*

Article is from 2014. Pretty current, but may need more recent statistics.

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**SUITABLE:** Who is the intended audience of the resource? Does the information provided further your knowledge of the topic?

6. Does the resource seem to be designed for use by students, faculty, and/or other experts? *(required)*
   - Yes  ☑  No  ☐  Unsure
7. Does the information provided by this resource address and/or answer your research topic? *(required)*
   - Yes  ☑  No  ☐  Unsure

**How do you know?** *(required)*

If I was writing about fraud in business, definitely could help.

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**EXPERTISE:** Who is the author/publisher/sponsor of the information?

8. Are the author's credentials listed (e.g. degrees & titles, organizational affiliations)? *(required)*
   - Yes  ☑  No  ☐  Unsure
9. Based on their credentials, is the author qualified to write on this topic? *(required)*
   - Yes  ☑  No  ☐  Unsure
10. If the author is an organization, is it a well-known expert on this topic? *(required)*
    - Yes  ☑  No  ☐  Unsure

**How do you know?** *(required)*

Author is listed. Professor of accounting so he seems qualified.

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Based on these responses, should I use this resource? *(required)*

- Yes, the majority of my responses were Yes. The resource is credible and appropriate.
- No, the majority of my responses were No or Unsure. I should look for another resource.
- Unsure, so I'll ask my professor or look for another resource.

**Why?** *(required)*

I had mostly yeses so this article seems ok to use.

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**Your Name** *(required)*

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