

HOW IS INFORMATION CONSTRUCTED?



JOURNALISTIC SOURCES

A source is a person who relays information to a journalist.

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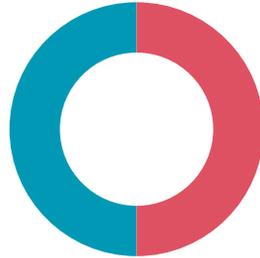
THE SOURCE IS CLEARLY IDENTIFIED. BUT HE OR SHE CAN REMAIN ANONYMOUS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.



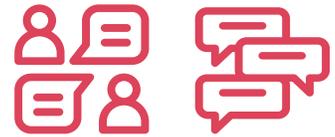
THE SOURCE IS RELEVANT TO THE SUBJECT RAISED AND HAS RECOGNIZED EXPERTISE.



THE ASSERTIONS ARE CONFIRMED BY OTHER SOURCES.



UNRELIABLE



THE SOURCE ISN'T IDENTIFIED OR IS IMPRECISE. FOR EXAMPLE: "SCIENTISTS SAY THAT...".



THE SOURCE'S ROLE AND RELEVANCE AREN'T IN LINE WITH THE SUBJECT RAISED.



THE INFORMATION ISN'T VALIDATED WITH OTHER SOURCES.