

News Verification Template

Section 1: Source Information

1. Source Name:

 Name of the news outlet or website where the news is published.

2. Author:

• Name of the author or journalist who wrote the article.

3. Publication Date:

• The date when the news article was published.

4. URL:

• Link to the online news article.

Section 2: Initial Assessment

1. Headline Analysis:

- Does the headline seem sensational or clickbait? Yes / No
- Is the headline aligned with the content of the article?
 Yes / No



2. Source Credibility:

- Is the source well-known and reputable? Yes / No
- Has the source been reliable in the past? Yes / No

3. Author Credibility:

- Is the author a recognized journalist or expert in the field? Yes / No
- Has the author published credible work previously? Yes / No

Section 3: Content Verification

1. Cross-Referencing:

- Are there other credible news outlets reporting the same story? Yes / No
- List any other sources that corroborate the story:
 - Source 1:
 - Source 2:
 - Source 3:

2. Fact-Checking:

- Are the facts presented in the article verifiable from independent sources? Yes / No
- List any key facts and their sources for verification:
 - o Fact 1: Verified by:
 - Fact 2: Verified by:
 - o Fact 3: Verified by:



3. Ouotes and References:

- Are the quotes in the article from credible and identifiable sources? Yes / No
- Are the references and data cited in the article from reputable organizations? Yes / No

Section 4: Bias and Objectivity

1. Bias Detection:

- Does the article show a clear bias or a one-sided perspective? Yes / No
- Is the language used neutral and objective? Yes / No

2. Opinion vs. Fact:

- Are opinions clearly distinguished from facts? Yes / No
- Does the article provide a balanced view of the topic? Yes
 / No

Section 5: Additional Verification Steps

1. Expert Consultation:

- Consult with an expert in the field to verify the information if necessary.
 - o Expert Name:
 - o Contact Information:



o Verification Notes:

2. Official Statements:

 Check for official statements or press releases related to the news story.

3. Social Media Verification:

 Look for discussions or confirmations on credible social media platforms.

Section 6: Final Evaluation

1. Overall Credibility:

 Based on the verification process, rate the overall credibility of the news article on a scale of 1-10.

2. Action Taken:

- Accept the news as credible and share / use.
- Reject the news as not credible and do not share / use.

3. Additional Comments:

 Any additional observations or comments about the news verification process.