**The SMART Check**

The SMART Check is beneficial when evaluating news stories.  Determine if your news source is SMART before believing what is reported.

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| S | Scope | What is the scope of the article?  Does it cover the subject with enough depth and detail? |
| M | Motivation | What is the purpose of the article?  To sell you an idea or to inform? |
| A | Authority Accuracy | Who created the article, and what are the author's credentials? Can the information be verified? |
| R | Relevancy Reliable | Is the content appropriate for your needs?  Do you need scholarly sources? |
| T | Timely | Is the content current? |

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