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## EVALUATING PRINT AND ELECTRONIC SOURCES FOR RELIABILITY AND CREDIBILITY (using CCRAP)

- 1. Currency:** **When** was the source of information written, posted to the web, or last updated? Is it dated, current, timely?
- 2. Coverage:** **How** deeply does it cover the research topic? **How** much more information is provided compared to other sources on the same topic? **How** ethical/grammatical//accurate is the information? Is it easy to navigate? What is the bias?
- 3. Relevance / Reliability:** **Why** might I use (or not use) this source of information? Is the information reliable?
- 4. Authority:** **Is** the author qualified to discuss the topic? **Who** sponsored or published this source? **What** can the url tell you?
- 5. Perspective:** **What** is the purpose of this source? **What** viewpoint or bias does it represent? **What** audience or reading level is it intended for? Is the presentation a satire or spoof?

Domain name endings by purpose of website – fill in the domain abbreviation:

- \_\_\_\_\_ business or commercial use
- \_\_\_\_\_ commercial entities
- \_\_\_\_\_ informative websites
- \_\_\_\_\_ computer or computer network / internet providers
- \_\_\_\_\_ non-profit organizations, interest groups, non-commercial
- \_\_\_\_\_ accredited post-secondary educational institutions, primarily in USA
- \_\_\_\_\_ government entities

Country codes for

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| _____ Canada | _____ Mexico         |
| _____ China  | _____ United Kingdom |
| _____ India  | _____ United States  |

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