



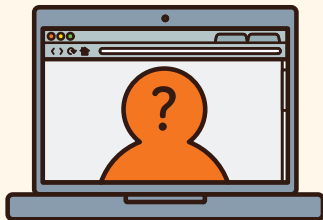
# – What Makes a – Credible Website?



## Domain Name



- Government and education websites are easily identified by checking the top-level domain.



## Author

- Does the author have experience in the topic? How do you know?
- If an author is willing to list their name and/or contact information, it is an indication that they are willing to support the information.
- News companies are legally required to print facts, but other companies will print information that aligns to their goals and mission.



## Date

- Are there recent updates or additions to the website?
- If a recent date is listed on a website, it is more likely to be updated information.



## Writing Style

- What is the author's goal in writing this information?
- Does the author sound like they are advertising something?
- Is the website biased in some way?
- Spelling and grammar errors indicate a lack of credibility.



## Accuracy

- Is the information factual?
- Is similar information found on other credible websites?
- Presenting and acknowledging other views increases credibility.