

## Evaluating Sources: Man Vs. Machine

### Context

You are researching whether humans or machines are better at detecting fake or misleading information for your ENG 1773 literature review and...

your professor sent you a link to article #1 after a discussion you had in class

you found article #1 after conducting a google search

a family member emailed you article #1

your friend (who is an honors student) posted a link to article #1 on Facebook

### Directions

#### **Step 1: Analyze article #1 using RECAP (Relevance, Expertise, Currency, Accuracy, Purpose)**

Towers-Clark, Charles. "Can AI Put An End To Fake News? Don't Be So Sure." *Forbes*. 4 Oct 2018.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/charlestowersclark/2018/10/04/can-ai-put-an-end-to-fake-news-dont-be-so-sure/>

**Relevance:** How related is this source to the topic you're researching? Does the source help you answer questions you have?

**Expertise:** Who is the author/ publisher / source / sponsor?

**Currency:** How up to date is this information?

**Accuracy:** Is the information presented truthful? Does the source seem reliable? Is there any evidence of bias?

**Purpose:** Why was this source created? Who is the intended audience?

**Step 2: Analyze article #2 using the same criteria**

Hartsoe, Steve. "Real Time Fact Checking: There's (Almost) an App for That." *Duke Today*. 11 Oct 2018.  
<https://today.duke.edu/2018/10/real-time-fact-checking-theres-almost-app>

**Relevance**

**Expertise**

**Currency**

**Accuracy**

**Purpose**

**Step 3: Answer the following questions....**

Without doing any additional research, which of these sources seems the most credible based on your initial evaluation?

Does the article #2 change the way you view article #1?

If you wanted to verify the information presented in either of these sources, how would you do that? What would your research process look like? What sources might you consult? What search terms would you use?