

What is independent? Reputable?

So, what makes these Charity Reviews Sites above (and in the articles below) any better than what some white supremacist web site might tell you????

They are better because they were vetted by reputable sources.

What's a reputable source for me? One I've verified by independent checking of articles to be truthful (what's independent? Reputable? Skip to the end.)

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Finding that is of course easier said than done, and few, very few do so, much, if ever.

If you're curious how to vet news, To search for any truth in this world of liars much rather the internet, facebook and twitter of liars, you either need to find sources you can trust BECAUSE YOU HAVE INDEPENDENTLY CHECKED OUT MANY OF THEIR ARTICLES AND FOUND THEM TO BE TRUTHFUL, and then take what they say as the truth, or, independently check out everything you hear and read.

The easiest way is to ask someone you believe to be truthful and capable of verifying news sources, who have they verified speaks the truth. That's a pretty tall order though.

To DIY.....

Find a news sources to check your news source against, ie, an independent reliable source that won't lie to support their opinions. Check your source against it until you know your source matches say at least 80% of the time (Why 80%, why not 100%, well, Clinton spoke the truth 80% of the time vs Trump getting it right 20% of the time, and that left us with him going back on his promise to help the poor before he even takes office, putting in his 100 day plan that he'll cut taxes on the top 1% 10%, but the middle class, not even a 2% cut).

How to find independent reliable news sources, give up your hobbies, quality time with anyone, OT to impress the boss, sneaking around before during and after work trying to land better jobs, etc and

Pick big name media organizations and I'd like to say with national broadcast network, but any billionaire with an axe to grind can buy one of those so say also in business for at least two decades (way longer than a billionaires attention span). Or just stick with ABC, NBC, and CBS, New York Times, Washington Post, Guardian (British), NPR, the Catholic Church (though the three big networks certainly get most of their news from services and often run the very same articles, and obviously the news people will do what the CEO says, but they also need to avoid being caught in outright lies, less they lose market share and ad revenue, so the rare actual fact quoted is likely to be true, they'll simply leave out most of the facts) and use what they are spouting to verify other sources.

Now you can check out to see if the source isn't shilling for someone / thing, ie unaffiliated with political party, super pac, super pac mouthpiece, etc. (you check that by Googling like "NBC and the

Republicans” or “CBS lies” or “ABC is commie” and see if any reputable sources accuse them of being shills for the Republicans, liars, or commies.

Now you need to vet them, see if they agree to the facts on the same news. Though first you have to find FACTS in NEWS, which is tough, as media outlets don’t like spending money on fact checking, or being ham strung by the facts, and prefer to ask “peoples opinions” then air the ones they think will get the best ratings, thus boosting their billions in ad revenues so the CEO can get a clean Lear Jet every New Years. A FACT is say “farmers in Topeka county MA are using 20% more water this year”, it’s not “farmers are sucking the reservoirs dry in Topeka county MA. That’s at best little more than a rumor. See how many other sources support this, go to US Gov’t web sites to check the data, University authored studies, books even. You might well need to do some math, you might only find lists of how many of each energy type is used, not the % and need to convert to %. You might need to skim a 20 pg scholarly research paper for a single stat.

Way too much effort?

You bet.

Then just use ABC, CBS and NBC for fast sound byte pseudo news and the NYT for detailed facts ‘cause folks if these big four 60 to 100 plus year news outlets are all “liars” as our president insists they are, then you need to assume the rest of our society has also fallen apart and it’s survival of the strongest, best armed, supplied, rich, survivalist with the most secure bunker and since you aren’t in that bunker, you don’t believe society has broken down, so stop whining about news being lies when it dosen’t support your take on life.