

# SHOULD I USE THIS SOURCE?

## Judging information using the **ACT UP** method



### **A: AUTHOR**

INVESTIGATE the author(s).  
Look at their degrees and publishing record. What clues demonstrate expertise on the topic area? Are there concerns with their credibility?



### **C: CURRENCY**

When was the information created? Financial information and metrics often need to be current. A good rule of thumb is to focus on sources from the last **FIVE** years



### **T: TRUTH**

LOOK for: supporting evidence. Is original research credible? Is the work of others cited? Are sources for numbers, percentages, and statistics provided?



### **U: UNBIASED**

STRIVE for: Informative rather than persuasive sources. MINIMIZE: use of partisan arguments. STAY AWARE: of stakeholder funding that lacks transparency.



### **P: PRIVILEGE**

ASK yourself: Who is missing from the conversation? Is there a way to include new & underrepresented voices?