**CRAP Detection: Fake News** Name:

The first thing that comes to mind when talking about CRAP detection is sites like Snopes and [FactCheck.org](https://www.factcheck.org/?utm_campaign=elearningindustry.com&utm_source=%2Fcontent-curation-crap-detection-10-ways-detect-crap&utm_medium=link), which you use can use to quickly check if something is fact or fiction. But we don’t just deal with factual rumors. We regularly come across ideas, theories, and concepts, and these sites will not help us with these. It’s really up to us to use “built-in mechanisms” to detect such misinformation and weed it out ourselves.

A good tool we can use to do this is [the **CRAP Test**](http://loex2008collaborate.pbworks.com/w/page/18686701/The%20CRAP%20Test?utm_campaign=elearningindustry.com&utm_source=%2Fcontent-curation-crap-detection-10-ways-detect-crap&utm_medium=link), which is a series of questions we can ask to determine the veracity of content based on four criteria:

**Currency, Reliability, Authority, and Purpose / Point of View (CRAPP)**

Copy and Paste the link below into your browser to find the news article titled, “Canada’s Prime Minister begs Nigeria President for one million immigrants”

<http://archive.is/psd6u>

Answer the following questions to determine if the article is Real or Fake News.

**CURRENCY**

1. Can you identify the date this article was created?​ If so what is it?
2. Has the website been updated recently? How can you tell? ​

**RELIABILITY**

1. This article was published by CBTV. Google CBTV. Are they a reliable news source? What are they primarily?
2. Does the creator provide references or sources for data?
3. Are the quotations referenced? ​
4. Copy + paste a **quote** into another window of your browser, what do you find?
​
5. Does the site acknowledge other links? ​
6. Is the information in this article comparable to other sources? ​ Try googling the topic and see what comes up.

**AUTHORITY**

1. Can you identify the author or journalist who wrote this piece?
2. Can you contact the author? ​

**PURPOSE/POINT OF VIEW**

1. What do you think is the motivation behind this article? ​
2. At the bottom, if you click on the “MORE FROM THE AUTHOR” tab, what do you get?

**CONCLUSION:**

1. What do you think, is this article reliable or is it CRAP?