

## Sample CRAAP test with commentary

**Question:** Do the media always give accurate, factual information when reporting on Climate Change?

**Site:** Delingpole, J. (2017, July 9). *Delingpole: 'Nearly All' Recent Global Warming Is Fabricated, Study Finds*. Retrieved from Breitbart.com: <https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2017/07/09/delingpole-nearly-all-recent-global-warming-is-fabricated-study-finds/>

	Comment	Score
<b>Currency</b>	Article written in last 2 years	3
<b>Relevance</b>	Article gives one perspective, but would need to look for a number of other articles to get a full picture.	2
<b>Authority</b>	<p>The author, James Delingpole, is executive editor of Breitbart, London. Various websites (Sourcewatch and DeSmogBlog) report that he has an MA in English Literature but no science qualifications. He does not claim science qualifications.</p> <p>The widely respected website climatefeedback.org which asks highly qualified climate change scientists to “evaluate articles and provide a credibility score based on accuracy, logic, objectivity, and factual precision; giving readers an overall guide to the scientific credibility of the article” consistently scores his climate change articles as having very low scientific credibility and his claims as inaccurate or unsupported. (Climate Feedback, 2018)</p> <p>The publisher, Breitbart, is described on Media bias/ Fact Check as “Questionable based on extreme right wing bias and publication of numerous false claims” (Huitsing, 2018) and also has poor ratings on climatefeedback.org.</p> <p>I therefore conclude that <b>there is evidence that the author or the organisation has a history of being misleading on this topic.</b></p>	0
<b>Accuracy</b>	<p>The seven climate scientists who reviewed the article for climatefeedback.org claim that “found that its claims are false and misleading. Data are indeed adjusted to accurately account for things like changes in the instruments used to make measurements or the relocation of weather stations. However, the impact of these adjustments on the global temperature record is actually small, and the warming trend of the last century would appear to be <i>larger</i> without the adjustments, in contradiction with the claims in the Breitbart article.” (Johnson, 2017)</p> <p>There is one link to a peer-reviewed “study” in the original article, which works, but it is widely reported not to be a peer reviewed study at all e.g. (Kasprak, 2017). You could possibly give this article a “1” for citing a source, but I have given it “0” because that source is deliberately misleading.</p>	0
<b>Purpose</b>	The page is clearly promoting the idea that climate change scientists are lying to the public, and doing so in a misleading way. Any site that describes “NASA, NOAA, and the UK Met Office” as “alarmist organisations” clearly has a strong agenda, and the author and the organisation have been shown to have a strong bias.	0
<b>Total /15</b>		<b>5</b>

### Conclusion

This site only managed to score a dismal 5/15 despite being very recent and highly relevant. It scored nothing for Authority, Accuracy and Purpose and should be treated with extreme caution and only as an example of a particular point of view. It is not to be trusted for factual information.

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