TEACH-OUT SERIES Fake News, Facts, and Alternative Facts Evaluating Your Media Diet

This worksheet will help you track some basic information like when you saw the information, what the source was, and how you came across it (Facebook, Twitter, Cable TV, Network TV, etc.) This checklist also helps you make note of your perception of the reputation of the source of the information, what kind of information it is (news, partisan information, satire, etc.), whether it confirms or challenges your beliefs, and your overall assessment of the quality of the information.

Where did you find the article?	Have you heard of the source?	What kind of story is it?	Does it reinforce what you already believed?	1
Cable TV; Network TV;	Strong reputation; Mixed Reputation (beware); I	Breaking news (be cautious); beat reporting; editorial/opinion (be	It confirms my beliefs	
Radio; Other	don't know the reputation (be cautious); No (beware)		(beware); It both confirms and challenges my beliefs; It challenges my	

(beware); satire (beware); partisan piece (beware); beliefs; I t challenges m beliefs; I didn't have beliefs about this **likely quality of this information?** Very low quality; low

What is your

assessment of the

quality; moderate quality; high quality; very high quality

Day	Outlet and Title	1. Where	2. Reputation	3. Kind	4. Confirmation	5. Overall Quality