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WORKSHEET: Evaluating Web Sites

Approx. time: 40 min.

Complete & bring worksheet to Library's Electronic Classroom for the library session on Monday, October 20.
Be prepared to discuss your results!

Your assignment: look at each of the web sites below and answer the following questions.
Explain your reasoning—do not just answer yes or no.

A. Propaganda & Psy-War Studies

<http://www.africa2000.com/PNDX>

1. *Currency* ... When was the site last maintained?
2. *Authority* ... Who authors the site? What are the person's or institution's credentials/reputation?
3. *Coverage* ... Discuss briefly the range of subjects covered and the depth of coverage.
4. *Ease of navigation* ... Is the site effectively designed and easy to move around in?
5. *Relevance to this course* ... Is there material on this site that could be useful for any research you might do for this course?

B. Propaganda Critic

<http://www.propagandacritic.com>

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WORKSHEET: Evaluating Web Sites (cont'd)

C. Winning CNN Wars

<http://carlisle-www.army.mil/usawc/Parameters/1994/stech.htm>

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D. A Critical Comparison Between Japanese and American Propaganda during World War II

<http://www.msu.edu/~navarro6/srop.html>

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