Reliable Source or Fake News Davis Library LA 100 Assignment

Directions: Using Davis Library’s Fake News LibGuide (libguides.rio.edu/fakenews) as a helping aid, find and examine an online news article then determine if it is a reliable source or fake news by answering the questions below. Submit this completed assignment to your LA 100 Instructor.

See the staff of Davis Library for help or email at RefDesk@Rio.edu

1. What is the headline of the article?:

2. What is the source of the article? (For example, nyt.com, wsj.com, facebook.com):

3. Is the source a major, well-known provider of news? How can you tell? Can you find information about the source such as staff members’ names, a physical location, etc...?:

4. Is an author provided? If there is no author, it is a sign the information might not be reliable. If there is an author, who is it?:

5. Is the author known for having experience in their field? How could you tell?:
6. Is there a date provided with the article? If so, what is the date?:

7. Does the article present specific information? If so, does it say where it got that information? Identify any sources cited:

8. If there are sources cited in the article, can those sources be considered credible? How can you tell?:

9. What is the domain of the website? (For example, .com, .org, .edu, gov, etc.) The domain .edu is reserved for colleges and universities and usually has credible sources. Does the site’s domain make it more or less reliable?:

10. Does the site appear professionally designed or poorly designed? Does it look like a blog? What are some indications?:

11. Could the article be intended as satire? How can you tell? Remember to check your biases! Ask yourself: Is this something I am more likely to believe because it confirms my previously held beliefs?:

12. Conclusion: Is this a credible source?: