

Source 3: Evaluate the Authority and Objectivity of the speaker. Skim through the video and then do a search on the speaker (Tip: Turn your volume down or put on your headphones).

David Roberts

Ted Talk is usually a good source of information. The speaker is a writer for [Grist.org](https://grist.org), a nonprofit independent media organization dedicated to highlighting climate solutions and uncovering environmental injustices. Looking at the over 1000 articles he's written and that he works for a company focused on climate change, I would almost immediately assume bias. This does not mean his information is wrong/false but it is definitely skewed towards the side of climate change and certain political views.

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His authority is based on citation as he always refers to research projects and professionals and his power to influence since he had the audience constantly engaged. After searching him up, I realized that he is not an environmental scientist but he is often featured in well known sources such as The Atlantic, CNN, and broadcasting corporations which further emphasised his authority to influence.

Video

The presenter David Roberts is staff writer at [Grist.org](https://grist.org). He is invited to TEDx talks, which is a self-organized platform that make TED style presentations. It's not a very authoritative source in comparison to TED. David Roberts made some generalizations where he said "studies from scientists" rather than referring to a specific article or scientist. At the end of video he mentioned that "every delay adds to \$500 billion to the required investment" which doesn't sound objective and feels like he's pressuring his audience and has profit involved.

The authority of David Roberts is he is a blogger and a social media influencer. He is working with ted talk which is a useful source in which they claim to be peer reviewed. David seems to be credible as it seems he is trying to educate, but he is trying to prove a point so its hard to know.

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Authority:

- What is the author's expertise (education, professional experience), which particularly qualifies him or her to write on this topic?
David Roberts is a staff writer at [Grist.org](https://grist.org). He also runs a very successful Twitter page where

he spreads information about clean energy & politics. Not much else qualifies him on this topic

- What, if any, institutional affiliation does the author have? Has the author published widely on this specific topic? David Roberts has been widely published and has a Twitter page where he spread more information about climate change and the importance of it in the modern world.

Objectivity:

- Does the author, publication, or institution have a particular point of view in relation to this topic? David has a very particular view point about climate change. He believes that the situation is very dire and that it is crucial that we act now before it is too late. He also brings up the political side of climate change as a way to promote change in climate.
- Does the author make an effort to present a balanced point of view in order to account for bias? David's view on climate change is very particular and he establishes his opinions very early on. He doesn't really leave room for other ideas and thoughts. He emphasizes his opinions and that his thoughts are the only correct/valid ones. At times bias does seem to be present.
- Are there data or statistics used in the article? Where did the data/stats come from? Yes, throughout his TED talk he uses lots of facts and statistics. However, he doesn't really state where the data/stats came from.

