Evaluating Internet Sources: Climate Change

Scenario

You have done a Google search to check on a claim made by a notable celebrity that challenges a prominent scientific theory. You don’t know much about science, but this is something you’ve heard before and you’ve decided that it’s time to learn about it.

The claim is, “Climate change isn’t real. It was invented to hurt American businesses.”

You have done two searches – one search was *climate change real*, and another search was *climate change fake.* The following are websites that came up on the first page of results for both Google searches.

Using CRAAP to help you evaluate, you will determine a source is credible or not credible.

* <http://www.realclimate.org/>
* <http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2015/11/28/science/what-is-climate-change.html>
* <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/seven-answers-to-climate-contrarian-nonsense/>
* <http://www.infowars.com/scientists-admit-fake-climate-change-predictions/>
* <http://www.debate.org/opinions/can-someone-prove-that-climate-change-is-real-yes-or-fake-no>
* <http://climate.nasa.gov/evidence/>
* <http://www.wnho.net/global_warming.htm>
* <http://web.mit.edu/effects/www/zjinman/GWFalse.htm>

Your Assignment

Click the links above to **view each source. Select two sources** from the list. One of the sources should be a “good source,” and the other source should be a “bad source.”

In a two-page paper, you will explain why you have determined that the source is either “good” or “bad." **Bold** the use of **CRAAP criteria** throughout your paper. For example:

One of the reasons this source isn't reliable is that it lacks **authority.** The author makes assumptions about the behavior of autistic children but isn't an expert in autism, child behavioral psychology, or a related field. He/she also does not cite any experts in the field.