News and Social Media

Purpose: evaluate the credibility of a news article from social media

Tasks:

* Select a political news story of interest to you from a social media account such as Facebook or Twitter.
* The news story must include a hyper-link to allow you to read from original source.

Answer the following questions:

1. Identify two claims made in the news story. Summarize each claim.
2. How did the story support each claim? Support would be things like hyper-links, expert opinion, academic research.
3. Was the link to the story shared by a friend or posted by a news outlet that you follow?
4. How many times has this story been given some kind of emoji (thumbs up, liked, etc.)? How many times has this story been shared? Did you share the story? Why do you think the likes and shares matter?

**Frames: Authority Is Constructed and Contextual, Information Creation as a Process, Information Has Value**