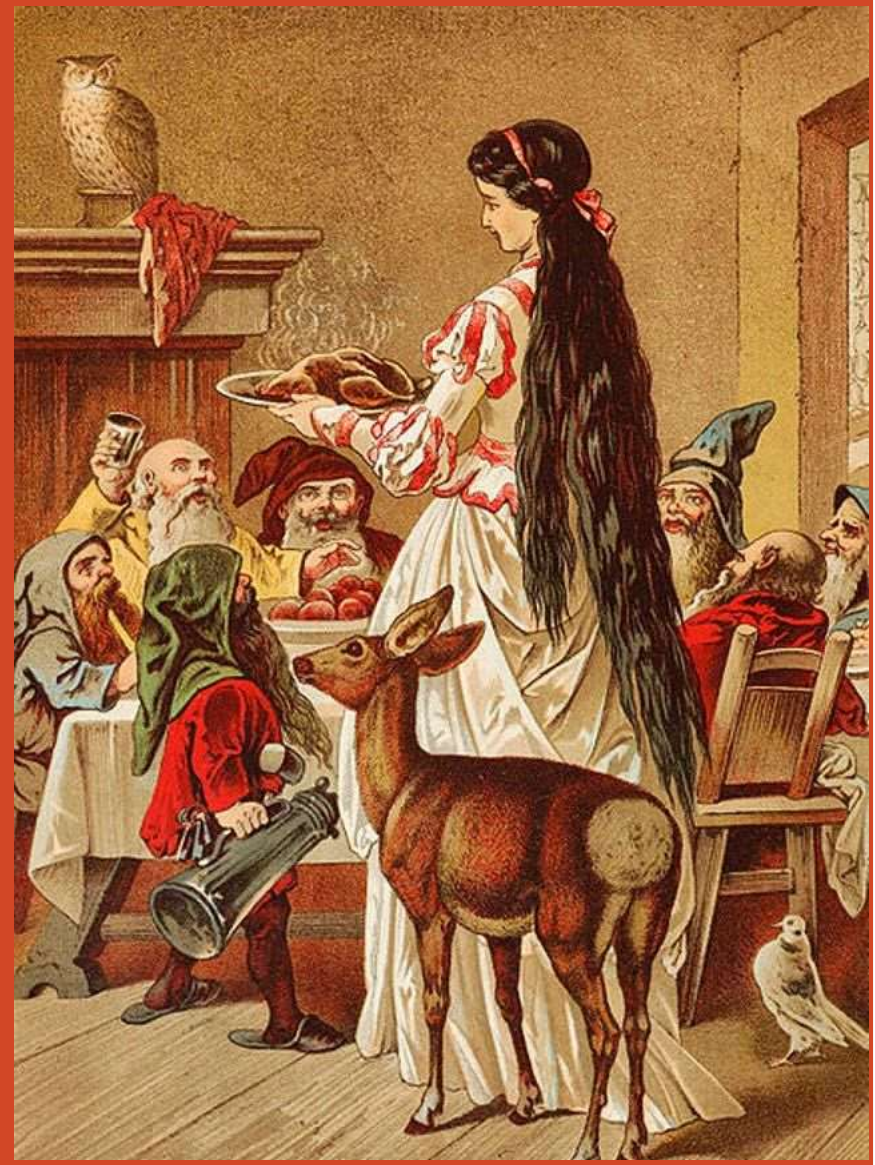


Website reliability: the Snow White example



Terms explained

Credibility: the fact that someone or something can be believed or trusted.

Reliability: how accurate or able to be trusted someone or something is considered to be. Αξιοπιστία.

Validity: the quality of being based on truth or reason, or of being able to be accepted.

Εγκυρότητα.

Source: Cambridge Online Dictionary



What is BIAS?

Bias (n): Preference (προτίμηση). the action of supporting or opposing a particular person or thing in an unfair way, because of allowing personal opinions to influence your judgment.

- *Reporters must be impartial and not show political bias.*

- ***bias against:***

There was clear evidence of a strong bias against her.

- ***bias towards:***

There has always been a slight bias towards employing liberal arts graduates in the company.

(Cambridge Dictionary: <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/bias>)



How to check website reliability



- **Author/s:** Are there any?
- **Date:** Is it up-to-date?
- **Bias:** Is it free from bias? (objective, with no prejudice or favouritism)
- **Sources:** Is the website content followed by credible sources or links?
- **Domain:** domains such as .com, .org, and .net used by companies/individuals/non-profit organizations and they may lack objectivity and credibility. More reliable domains are .edu or .ac (for universities), and the domain .gov, .eu (used by governments, EU).
- **DOI:** Digital Object Identifier. Unique identifier of an article or document.
- **Writing Style:** Does the website have proper spelling and grammar? If not, the site may be unreliable.

Can you assess the reliability of the following websites?

<https://news.harvard.edu/gazette/story/2020/07/the-tale-of-snow-white-and-what-the-various-versions-mean-to-us/>

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/1468-5922.12237>

<https://www.newyorker.com/books/page-turner/snow-white-beauty-is-power>

<http://home.iscte-iul.pt/~fgvs/Girardot>

<https://goldenkeyministry.com/inspirational-articles/enlightenment/the-inner-meaning-of-snow-white-the-seven-dwarfs/>



Extension: What are Echo Chambers?

Watch this short video:

What is an Echo Chamber?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Se20RoB331w>

You can also study the following article & discuss:

Do digital echo chambers exist?

<https://www.bbc.com/news/entertainment-arts-47447633>

