

Detecting Bias

Name:

Date:

Title of the text to be analyzed:

Author:

Source:

Some “tests” we can apply to texts to help us to detect bias:

The test of “reasonableness”

The test of “word choice”

The test of “emotion/reason”

The test of “proof”

The test of “balanced representation”

The ideas in this text are reasonable.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Mixed	Agree	Strongly Agree
1	2	3	4	5

The word choice in this text is neutral.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Mixed	Agree	Strongly Agree
1	2	3	4	5

This text uses reason, not emotion.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Mixed	Agree	Strongly Agree
1	2	3	4	5

This text provides proof for the main ideas.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Mixed	Agree	Strongly Agree
1	2	3	4	5

This text gives a balanced representation of the issues.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Mixed	Agree	Strongly Agree
1	2	3	4	5

Overall, I think this text is free of bias.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Mixed	Agree	Strongly Agree
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