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Source Evaluation Worksheet

Web address / URL / Title of Article or Book	https://www.nytimes.com/2022/03/09/briefing/covid-precautions-red-blue-states.html "Do Covid Precautions Work?"
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AUTHORITY: Who is responsible for this source?

Who sponsors / authors this source? What else have they published / written?

This article was published by the New York Times. The author (David Leonhardt) writes articles about Covid, US foreign policy, politics, and government. He has written for the New York Times since 1999, and has won a Pulitzer Prize for his reporting there.

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What is the source's primary intent? (Why was it created? To Inform? To sell? To persuade? As a joke?) How do you know?

This article was written to inform. It states facts and cites statistics instead of arguing an emotional or partisan position.

Does the source show bias? How?

No, it doesn't show significant bias. The language is clear and not loaded.

Describe the audience that the source is targeting:

The audience the article is targeting is a general one, and the language is understandable.

How current is the source? (Provide date written or last updated)

The article is very current. It was written on March 9, 2022.

REPUTATION

How did you locate this source?

I located this article by using Google's search engine with the terms "Covid precautions" then filtering the results leaving only "news" results.

Would you use this source in your paper? Why or why not?

Yes, this source is informative, without obvious bias, and has information that I can use in my research about the measured effectiveness of Covid precautions.

NOTES: What information did you gain from this source?

I learned that vaccinations are tremendously effective in reducing Covid deaths and hospitalizations, but the effects of masks and social distancing are still "surprisingly unclear" given existing data and many confounding variables.

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