

Evaluate the Sources You Find

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Criteria for evaluating sources found:

- Scholarly vs popular
 - Scope & Relevancy
- Currency or timeliness
 - Authority
 - Purpose

Evaluating Articles & Websites – Is it Scholarly?

- Is it **peer-reviewed**?
- **Is it a study** or research article?
- Does it have **cited references**?
- Does it contain a **literature review**?
- Is the **author's academic affiliation** shown?

Evaluating an Article – Is it **Relevant** to my Topic?

- **Does it add** to my thesis (my argument)?
- **Does it provide good information** or data I can really use?
- **Is it within the scope** of my topic?
 - Is it **too broad** in focus?
 - Is it **too specialized** or too focused

Currency -- Is it **recent enough** for my topic?

Look at:

- the **date of publication**
- and the **date of its cited works**

What is the **Authority** of the article?

- Is the **author a scholar** who is important in the subject?
- Was it published by **a respected scholarly publisher**?
- Has the **article been cited** by other works

What is the **Purpose** of the information?

- To inform?
- To educate?
- To entertain?
- To sell?
- To advocate or present an opinion?

Be careful of websites that advocate an opinion



Climate Skeptic

CATEGORIES

- Skeptic Summaries
- Cross-posted from CoyoteBlog
- What is Normal?
- Other Causes of Warming
- Warming Forecasts
- Climate Propaganda
- Climate Science Process
- Climate Socialists
- Temperature Measurement
- Temperature History
- Current Weather
- Effects of Warming
- Other Effects of CO2
- CO2 Abatement
- This Blog
- Uncategorized

PAST FAVORITES

Climate Video: Catastrophe

SKEPTIC SUMMARIES

WHY WE ARE EXAGGERATING "EXTREME WEATHER"

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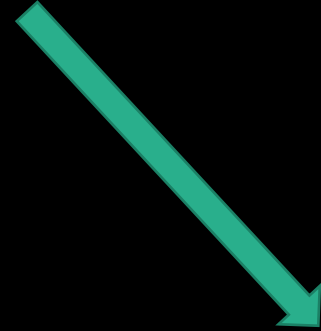
I have written in article at Forbes.com called [Summer of the Shark, Global Warming Edition](#). It describes why the media, and many citizens, are exaggerating the degree and effects of extreme weather. Here is a preview of that article, but I encourage you to read

In the summer of 2001, a little boy in Mississippi lost an arm in a shark attack. The media went absolutely crazy. For weeks and months they highlighted every shark attack on the evening news. They ran aerial footage of sharks in the water near beaches. They coined the term "Summer of the Shark." [According to Wikipedia](#), shark attacks were the number three terms of network news time dedicated, of the summer.

Bombarded by such coverage, most Americans responded to polls by saying they were concerned about the uptick in shark attacks. In fact, there were actually about 10% fewer shark attacks in 2001 than in 2000. Our perceptions were severely biased by the coverage.

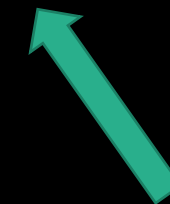
Similarly, every bit of severe weather now makes the news, so the American public can be forgiven for thinking that n

Currency



Analyzing the
citation of an
article

Yang, G., Song, G., & Liu, H. (2016). The development of ecological environment in China based on the system dynamics method from the society, economy and environment perspective. *Journal Of Environmental Biology*, 37(1), 155-162.



Scholarly

Read **the abstract** (the summary)

In this case, the abstract shows the article is a study

- Abstract:

.... **The present study** is an attempt to investigate the relationship and interaction of society, economy and environment in China based on the data from 2004 to 2013....

Then read **the article**

--to fully determine if it is relevant