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Relevance

Questions

When was this content produced or written?

When was this page last updated?

Does your research topic require current, up-to-date information?

Do links to sources go to recent or updated sources?

Questions

Does this web source answer your research questions?

Why did this web source come as a result of your search?

Is language or terminology used too technical for you to understand?

Is the language or terminology used too simple to be appropriate for your research?

Does this source *add* to your body of knowledge on the topic?

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Accuracy

Questions

Who wrote this?

What makes this author an authority on this topic?

What are the author's credentials?

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Is the website making any extraordinary claims or claims that sound very different from other things you've read about this topic?

Can your source's claims be supported by other external sources?

Are there spelling errors?

Are all the links functional?

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