**MEDIA TRAINING: Journalism and credibility - presentation**

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**What is a journalist's task?**

The journalist investigates, collects, processes, and presents information (in word or image). Journalists do this in newspapers and magazines, but also in radio and television shows, online, through websites, blogs, podcasts, and other digital platforms.

**Journalism and facts**

In journalism, unlike literature, there is no inventing of information.

Journalism should be based on facts.

To "get" to the facts requires research - the source of information.

According to the rules of the journalistic profession, in each news journalists must refer to at least two independent sources.

**The basic principles of journalism**

Don't write what you haven't seen, checked, or learned from verifiable sources.

**Quoting**

Quality journalism cites and quotes sources.

Citation is a method used by journalists to strengthen the credibility of their data and enrich content values.

**Let's read together**

**The article #1**

<https://www.dw.com/en/nigeria-vigilantes-rescue-kidnapped-children/a-56001860>

**Nigeria: Vigilantes rescue kidnapped children**

Local vigilantes and police have rescued a group of children who were kidnapped by an armed gang. The release followed a shootout in northwestern Nigeria.

**Local vigilantes claimed that the kidnappers were herders**

Vigilantes from a small village in northern Nigeria rescued scores of children who had been abducted while returning from a religious ceremony, **police** said on Sunday.

Armed bandits kidnapped 80 children on Saturday as they were heading home to the village of Mahuta in the state of **Katsina, Gambo Isah, spokesman for state police** said.

The children who were from local Islamic seminaries had been traveling with their teachers at the time of the abduction.

**Locals** said that they rescued 113 children including some who had been abducted earlier.

Watch video01:49

**Nigerian schoolboy describes kidnap ordeal**

Freed after a firefight

The vigilantes assembled after learning of the abduction of the children. **Local leader Abdullah Sada** said that the group then set off in pursuit of the kidnappers who had been identified as Fulani herdsmen.

The locals found the bandits' hideout and after a fierce firefight the group finally freed the children.

"We laid siege on the area [where] we knew they were holding the children and also took some Fulani settlements in the area hostage, warning that if anything happened to our children no Fulani would live in the area henceforth," Sada said.

"They released 60 children around 3:00 am and this morning they called and said they had released the remaining 53 who are now being ferried from the bush," he added.

Police were still looking for the perpetrators, who had managed to escape.

Watch video01:05

**Clashes between herders and farmers in Nigeria**

Region plagued by roving gangs

The northwestern region of Nigeria has seen a spate of violence from criminal gangs, including raiding villages, stealing cattle, kidnapping for ransom and burning homes after looting supplies.

Saturday's incident took place just days after the release of hundreds of school boys who were kidnapped from a boarding school in Katsina state — an act which Boko Haram claimed responsibility for.

**Who are the sources in the article?**

**Can we rate it as credible?**

**The article #2**

<https://www.srednja.hr/novosti/senzacionalan-uspjeh-nasih-ucenika-pobrali-dvije-medalje-olimpijadi-iz-fizike/>

 The sensational success of our students: Conquered two medals at the Physics Olympics

Croatian students do not stop to achieving success in international competitions. The last one featuring five of our high school students was the International Physics Olympics ([IPhO 2019](https://www.facebook.com/ipho2019/?fref=mentions)), where they won two medals.

Thisyear’s International Physics Olympics ([IPhO 2019](https://www.facebook.com/ipho2019/?fref=mentions)) is the 50th in a row and took place from 7th to 15thin Israel in Tel Aviv. It featured students from 79 countries around the world, including Croatia.

Our colors were defended by Bernard Faulend of the XV. Grammar school of Zagreb, Janko Vrček and Marko   Srpak, both students  of the First Grammar school of Varaždin, Elizaveta Chernova  from the Grammar school of Andrija Mohorovičića in Rijeka andLuka  Meštrović**,** a graduate of the Grammar school of Ivan Zakmardi Dijankovečki, Križevci.

The success of our high school students was not absent this time either – students Bernard and Janko won bronze medals, and Elizaveta won praise!

You can see the  full [**results**](https://www.ipho2019.org.il/results/)here, and the tasks that the

students have solved[**at this link**](https://www.ipho2019.org.il/problems-solutions/). Let us mention for the end that these days the International Mathematical Olympics and the International Biological Olympics are being held, and in both Croatia has its representatives.

**Who are the sources in the article?**

**Can we rate it as credible?**

**The article #3**

<https://www.glasistre.hr/pula/ekskluzivno-doznajemo-lijecnik-iz-pulske-bolnice-jedan-od-voditelja-odjela-u-samoizolaciji-zbog-sumnje-da-je-zarazen-koronavirusom-629049>

**EXCLUSIVE: A doctor from Pula's General Hospital, one of the heads of the department, in self-isolation due to suspicions that he is infected with Coronavirus**

A doctor at Pula General Hospital, one of the heads of the department, was sent to self-isolation yesterday after it was determined that he had been skiing in Italy two weeks ago, claim **confidential sources**.

The hospital director, Irena Hrstić, would not give any information at this time.

Yesterday, Minister of Health, Vili Beroš, urgently sent a document to all health institutions in Croatia and ordered them to submit a list of all doctors who have been out of the country for the past 14 days by 3 p.m.

So far, a dozen doctors have been infected in Croatia, Zagreb, and Varaždin.

**Who are the sources in this article?**

**Can we rate it as credible?**

**The article #4**

This news was published in the newspaper 24sata in the section Curiosities on April 24 2007

**The cat returned after 13 months**

To return to its owners, the cat Mimin travelled 500 miles. She disappeared when

moved from the south to the north of France. Veterinarians say that a cat's venture is

‘incomprehensible’*.*

It is this kind of "incomprehensible cat venture" that deserves at least a word, two or a timestamp, information about the city, the owners... Or maybe this cat, who has traveled 500 or 8,000 kilometers, is nevertheless a paradigm of a new, short, drinkable, and readable journalism that has no serious connection to journalism. /Gordana Vilović – "Credibility of newspapers"/

**How to choose topics for an article?**

**The topic** must be **current, important, interesting** (considering the audience to which it is intended).

A journalistic article must answer questions: **who, how, why, when, and where**(5 Ws)

**Newspaper forms - news**

There are various forms of journalistic articles (news, report, commentary, interview...)

The news is a fundamental journalistic form.

NEWS - The shortest form that outlines an event or facts of interest to a wider range of people in the basic lines. The author does not comment on the news but presents the facts.

**SOURCES**

The credibility of the paper. Ed. Stjepan Malovic. Zagreb: ICEJ, 2007 http://lib.irb.hr/. <https://bib.irb.hr/file/329094.Vjerodostojnost\_novina.pdf>.