

**Engaging with the News and Media as People of Faith:  
Are we building or tearing apart community with social media?**

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**Before you re-share that tweet, or tell a friend about that surprising headline you saw, ask yourself three questions:**

**1 Where's it from?**  
Look for the source and be careful of fake copycat websites.



**2 What's missing?**  
Do the headline and article match? Are other news organizations talking about it?



**3 How do you feel?**  
If a headline or article sparks an intense emotion like fear, anger, or vindication, be watchful. That's a common tactic from someone trying to manipulate you, not from someone trying to spread reputable news.



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2. Wall Street Journal
3. Washington Post
4. BBS (British Broadcasting Corporation)
5. The Economist
6. The New Yorker
7. Wire Services: The Associated Press, Reuters, Bloomberg News
8. Foreign Affairs
9. The Atlantic
10. Politico

#### Runners Up:

National Public Radio (NPR)  
TIME magazine  
The Christian Science Monitor  
The Los Angeles Times (and many other regional, metropolitan daily newspapers)  
USA Today  
CNN  
NBC News  
CBS News  
ABC News

#### Business News Sources:

FORBES magazine  
Bloomberg BusinessWeek magazine  
Fortune magazine  
The Financial Times newspaper

#### Sources of reporting and opinion from the right of the political spectrum:

National Review  
The Weekly Standard

#### Sources of reporting and opinion from the left of the political spectrum:

The New Republic  
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