Good News Week

Websites to analyse reliability

* Centrelink <https://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/dhs/centrelink>
* Deakin University <http://www.deakin.edu.au>
* News <http://www.news.com.au>
* Mama Mia <http://www.mamamia.com.au>
* Margaret Zhang blog <http://shinebythree.tumblr.com>
* Harold Holt Murder <http://www.harold-holt.net>
* Climate change <http://davidsuzuki.org/issues/climate-change/science/climate-change-basics/climate-change-deniers/>
* Climate change <http://climate.nasa.gov/evidence/>
* Climate change <http://www.friendsofscience.org/index.php?id=3>
* Immunisation <https://avn.org.au>
* Immunisation https://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/subjects/immunising-your-children
* Quackwatch <http://www.quackwatch.com/>
* No Compulsory Vaccination <http://nocompulsoryvaccination.com>

***ALL WEBSITES ACCESSED 16/2/2016***

**THE CREDIBILITY CHALLENGE**

Think of a controversial topic that people have been discussing. Can you find **two websites** which gives information and advice on the topic?

Answer the following in your workbook. You might dedicate a page to each website or create a table. Remember to present your work professionally!

1. What is the site’s top-level domain?
2. What is the author’s education? Does he or she have a degree? Have they published their writing/ideas in an academic journal?
3. How much does the author know about the topic? Is there evidence of research or independent research?
4. Does the author have a neutral perspective on the topic or is he or she trying to promote a particular view?
5. Does the site have editors? When was the site last updated?
6. Is there an organization in charge of the site’s content or funds the site’s operation? What does this imply?
7. What is ‘bottom-up information’? What is ‘top-down information? Find an example of each and copy some text into your workbook to show this.

Where would you go to find information about a controversial topic?