# Evaluating World Wide Web Resources on the collapse of World Trade Center 7

These 3 web sites represent 3 very different uses of the web. They rank pretty high in a search under "The collapse of World Trade Center 7" in any of the big search engines, like Google. Answer the first question BEFORE you actually look up the site. Then take a look at them, with a critical eye, and answer the other questions. Be prepared to explain to the rest of us how you came to the conclusions you come to in your answers.

A. FEMA report `http://www.fema.gov/library/wtcstudy.shtm`

B. Hawaii Independent Media Center `http://www.whatreallyhappened.com/fema_report.html`

C. WTC 7: the improbable collapse `http://www.media-criticism.com/World_Trade_Center_7_2003.html`

1. Just looking at the url (web address), what do you EXPECT or ASSUME about the site?

   A. _____

   B. _____

   C. _____

2. Tell me something about WHO is responsible for the information on the site. WHO can be a person or a group of people, like an organization or agency. What are their credentials or background?

   A. _____

   B. _____

   C. _____

3. Websites exist for many different reasons. A lot of them are advertising or selling products or services. That isn't true of any of these. So, look each over and decide for yourself. What is the PURPOSE of this site? Why did the people who created it bother?

   A. _____

   B. _____

   C. _____

4. Rank your level of confidence in the reliability of the information you find on these sites. Imagine you were writing about the collapse of World Trade Center 7. How confident would you be about using the information on these pages?

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| A. | Very Confident | | Somewhat Confident | | Very Skeptical |
| | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| B. | Very Confident | | Somewhat Confident | | Very Skeptical |
| | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| C. | Very Confident | | Somewhat Confident | | Very Skeptical |
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