**Evaluating a News Source**

On 30 December 2015, an article published on the web site *MadWorldNews* and reposted on scores of others declared that Democrats in the House of Representatives had that month introduced a bill aimed at implementing Sharia law (religious rules governing members of the Islamic faith) in the United States:

*While we were busy celebrating the Christmas holiday, House Democrats introduced a dangerous resolution that threatens to strip us of basic rights in our nation’s first major step towards Sharia law.*

*On December 17, Democrat Congressmen quietly sponsored House Resolution 569, a resolution that asks lawmakers to condemn “violence, bigotry, and hateful rhetoric towards Muslims in the United States.” The resolution specifically mentions Muslims, no other religious groups, and will serve as a test by which further criminalizing of “Islamophobia” may be introduced.*

*Democrats have shamelessly lumped together “hate speech” with “violence” in an effort to compare criticism of Islam to physically harming Muslims. H. Res. 569 threatens to restrict our right to even report facts that tarnish Islam’s reputation, a law that all Sharia-governed countries already have in place.*

How should we evaluate whether this claim is true or false? Whether this is real news or fake news?

* Develop a list of questions you need to find answers for in order to evaluate whether the “news” story is reliable or not.
* List the questions in a logical order on your poster chart.
* Suggest at least one good way to find the answer to each question, and be ready to defend why it is a good approach.

http://www.snopes.com/democrats-sharia-law/