

Data-driven Research & Investigative Journalism

"The way you cultivate sources over time will be based on the integrity you bring to your work."



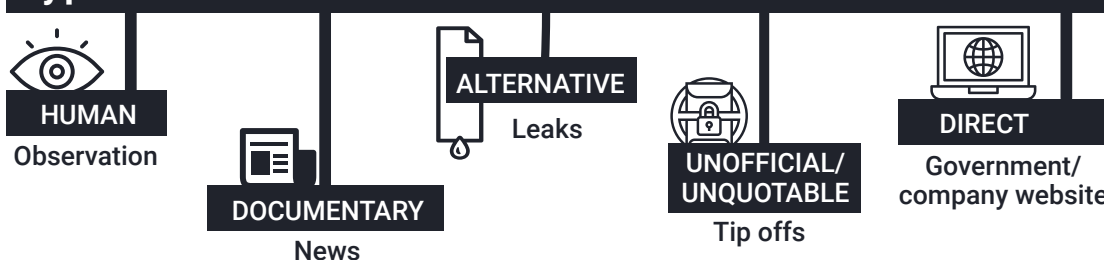
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Always cross-check information – it is an obligation.

It increases the chance of getting it right and reduces risks of facing legal issues.

types of sources



dos & don'ts



Don't be in a rush to be the first to publish, prioritize reliability over timeliness.



Do not lose your life for a story. Know where to draw the line.



Be bold but be mindful!

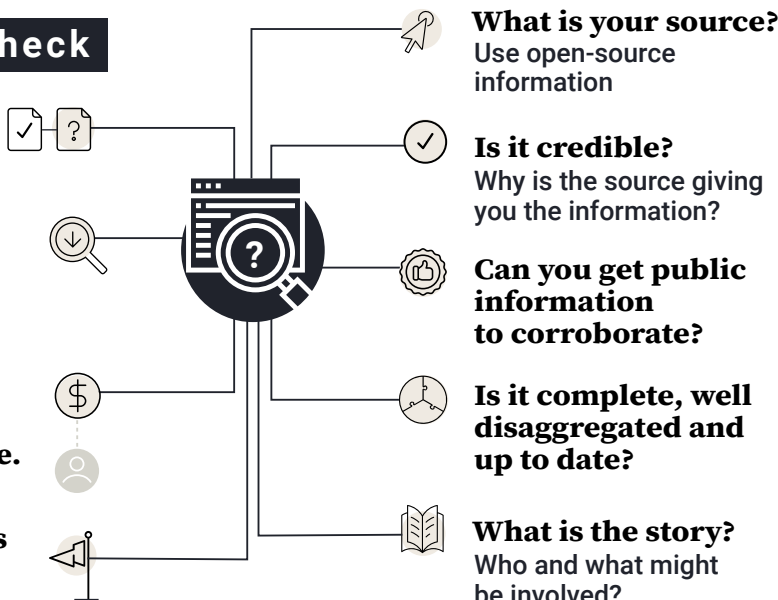
source fact-check

Start from the known to the unknown

Narrow down your subject so you don't drown in so much information.

As you follow the money, also follow the people. Identify similarities.

Identify red flags
(e.g. too many tax exemptions for one company?)



What is your source?
Use open-source information

Is it credible?
Why is the source giving you the information?

Can you get public information to corroborate?

Is it complete, well disaggregated and up to date?

What is the story?
Who and what might be involved?

"The global energy transition will exacerbate corruption risks in several countries. Journalists and CSOs have a real opportunity to use existing information to ensure accountability. Let's make it count!"



Edwin Wuadom Warden

Ghana Country Lead, EITI Int Secretariat

Open Resources

Relevant publicly available sources:

GLOBAL

- Beneficial ownership: [Open Ownership Global BO Register](#)
- Public records for investigations: [OCCRP ALEPH](#)
- Database of extractive contracts: [Resource Contracts](#)
- Extractive sector company payments and government receipts, subnational revenues and more: [EITI Summary-data](#)
- Company information: [Open Corporates](#)

GHANA

- Beneficial Ownership: [Registrar General's Portal](#)
- Mining License holders, contracts, laws: [Minerals Commission](#)
- Oil/Gas License holders, contracts, laws: [Petroleum Commission](#)
- Extractive sector company payments and government receipts, subnational revenues and more: [Ghana EITI Website](#)
- Audit Reports: [Ghana Auditor General's website](#)
- Parliamentary proceedings and PAC meetings: [Parliament Library Repository](#)
- State Owned Enterprise (GNPC): [Crude Oil Sales Reports 2015-2019](#)
[Financial Statements 2014-2019](#)



Opening Extractives

Unlocking the benefits of ownership data