

Ranking Reliability Answer Key

Suggested Ranking:

1. **A - Scientific journal article**

- Most reliable because it is peer-reviewed, written by experts, and based on long-term research data.

2. **C - Government research agency report**

- Highly reliable since it provides official data and analysis, though it may still be influenced by political framing.

3. **D - Blog by clothing company**

- Less reliable because it comes from a commercial source with potential bias (selling products) and presents an oversimplified claim.

4. **B - Anonymous social media post**

- Least reliable since it lacks identified authorship, evidence, and credibility.

Teacher Notes:

- Encourage students to notice **peer-review, transparency, and data use** as hallmarks of strong sources.
- Discuss how **bias and motives** (financial or political) can weaken credibility.
- Use this as a springboard for evaluating real-world sources students encounter online.