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Source Strength Test

Directions: Read the source excerpt below carefully. Use the checklist to evaluate the credibility of the source. For each category (author expertise, date, publisher, evidence), check whether the source is **Strong**, **Weak**, or **Unclear**. Write a brief explanation (1-2 sentences) for your choice in each category. At the end, give your overall judgment: Is this source **credible**, **somewhat credible**, or **not credible**?

Source Excerpt

An online article titled "*The Future of Solar Cars*" was published in 2015 on a personal blog called *TechDreamer*. The author, Alex Rivera, is a college student majoring in literature with no stated background in science or engineering. The article claims that by 2020, most cars on the road would be powered by solar energy, reducing the need for gasoline almost completely. The article cites no studies, data, or expert sources but includes colorful photos of futuristic car designs. The blog is not connected to any recognized news outlet, university, or research organization.

Category	Strong	Weak	Unclear	Explanation
Author Expertise				
Date				
Publisher				
Evidence				

Final Judgment: _____
