

## REAL NEWS THE EVIDENCE TOOLKIT EXERCISE

## **BALANCED NEWS**

- Look at each of the five pre-prepared examples in the Evidence Toolkit (https://www.bbc.co.uk/taster/pilots/evidence-toolkit-moralmaze)
- For each line of reasoning that you've analysed in the Reasoning Palette, turn next to the Critique Templates. For each question in the appropriate Template, click on Yes, No or Maybe. Click again to see how you did.
- In groups of four, select one or two of the reasoning patterns from the Reasoning Palette and look at the associated Critique Template. Discuss in your group:
  - a) whether there are any connections between the questions; and
  - b) how you would go about establishing the answers to the questions.

Report a summary of your discussion back to the whole class

- In pairs, think about ways in which either the claim of the lines of reasoning can be challenged. The questions in the Critique Templates might give you some inspiration. Next see if the author of the article has considered any of these potential objections to their claim. Have they addressed them?
- Putting it all together. Select a news article from today's news. Load it in to the Evidence Toolkit.

Select what you think is the main claim. You can use the Reason Checker which will make a suggestion. Select the main lines of reasoning. Again, the Reason Checker can make suggestions. Identify the types of reasoning as you did before. Use the Trust Toolbar to help you answer the questions in the associated Critique Templates. Identify any objections that are anticipated in the article. Finally, summarise your work with an overall assessment of the article. You can share your assessment online.