6.6: The Focus of this Chapter

The foundation of any argument is evidence. The higher the quality of evidence the stronger the argument. Poor quality evidence is open to counter arguments that weaken the strength of your argument. In this chapter, we looked at:

- The challenge of sifting through the enormous amount of evidence that is available to us.
- We looked at the five types of evidence and their strengths and weaknesses.
- It is important to analyze the source of the evidence. To do this we can use the “5 W’s” or the C.R.A.A.P test.
- If the source of the evidence is the Internet, checking on the domain names becomes important.
- Because of the growth of “Fake News” sites, determining what is “real news” and what is “fake news” has become more and more of a challenge.