

**Evaluating Web Sites:**

**Easy as A B C D**

# Author

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Is the author an expert?

The Discovery of Global Warming February 2014

A hypertext history of how scientists came to (partly) understand what people are doing to cause climate change.

This Website created by **Spencer Weart** supplements his much shorter [book](#), which tells the history of climate change research as a single story. On this Website you will find a more complete history in dozens of essays on separate topics, occasionally updated.

If you want **basic facts** about climate change, or detailed current technical information, you might do better using the [links page](#). But if you want to use history to *really* understand it all

THE DISCOVERY OF GLOBAL WARMING  
SPENCER R. WEART

Second edition, revised and updated (2008)

**TIP:** The author may be a company or organization rather than a single person. The page may not have a by-line like you usually see for newspaper and magazine articles.

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Born in Detroit, Michigan in 1942, he received a B.A. in Physics at Cornell University in 1963 and a Ph.D. in Physics and Astrophysics at the University of Colorado, Boulder, in 1968. He then worked for three years at the California Institute of Technology, supported as a Fellow of the Mount Wilson and Palomar Observatories. At Caltech he taught physics and did research on the sun's atmosphere and on ground-based and space-based telescope instrumentation, and published papers in leading scientific journals.

In 1971 Dr. Weart changed his field, enrolling as a graduate student in the History Department of the University of California, Berkeley. During his studies

**TIP:** If the author's name is not easy to find, look for an **About** page that may include the author's mission, vision, contact information, funding sources, and more.

# Bias

Does the site identify its sponsor? Who/what cause might benefit from the information?  
Is the site trying to convince you of a certain point (persuasive) or merely providing information, stating known facts (informational)?

Our purpose is educational. We prefer sites that:

- Offer fact rather than opinion.
- Present both sides of an issue.

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## GUN INDUSTRY DOUBLE-SPEAK ON FIREARM SAFETY

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A controversial [article](#) posted this month at [www.guns.com](#) titled "Down and Dirty Solutions to Hiding your Handgun (At Home Edition)" has raised many eyebrows and caused a certain gun manufacturer some embarrassment. Originally posted on the website's "Partnered Section" during the last week of May with input and sponsorship from [Beretta](#), the article claims to be the first "in a series on basic techniques and methods to keeping your handguns concealed and safe in any environment."

Concealed from whom, you ask? According to the article, from children, thieves and government "jackboots."

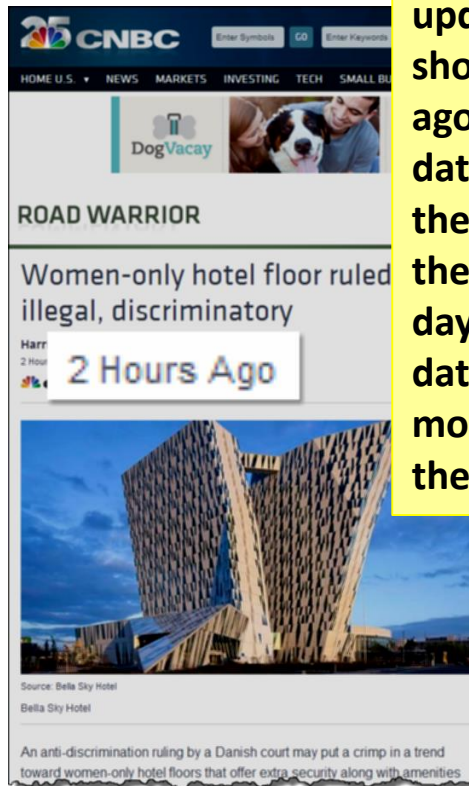
While *briefly* mentioning the option of gun safes and locking devices—both industry standards for [proper firearm storage](#)—the article quickly advanced to more creative recommendations that allow owners to "sidestep the access/security paradox." A few of the more interesting ideas include storing a handgun in your toilet bowl, linen closet, refrigerator, or on your front doorknob (in case your house guests are potential perpetrators, perhaps).



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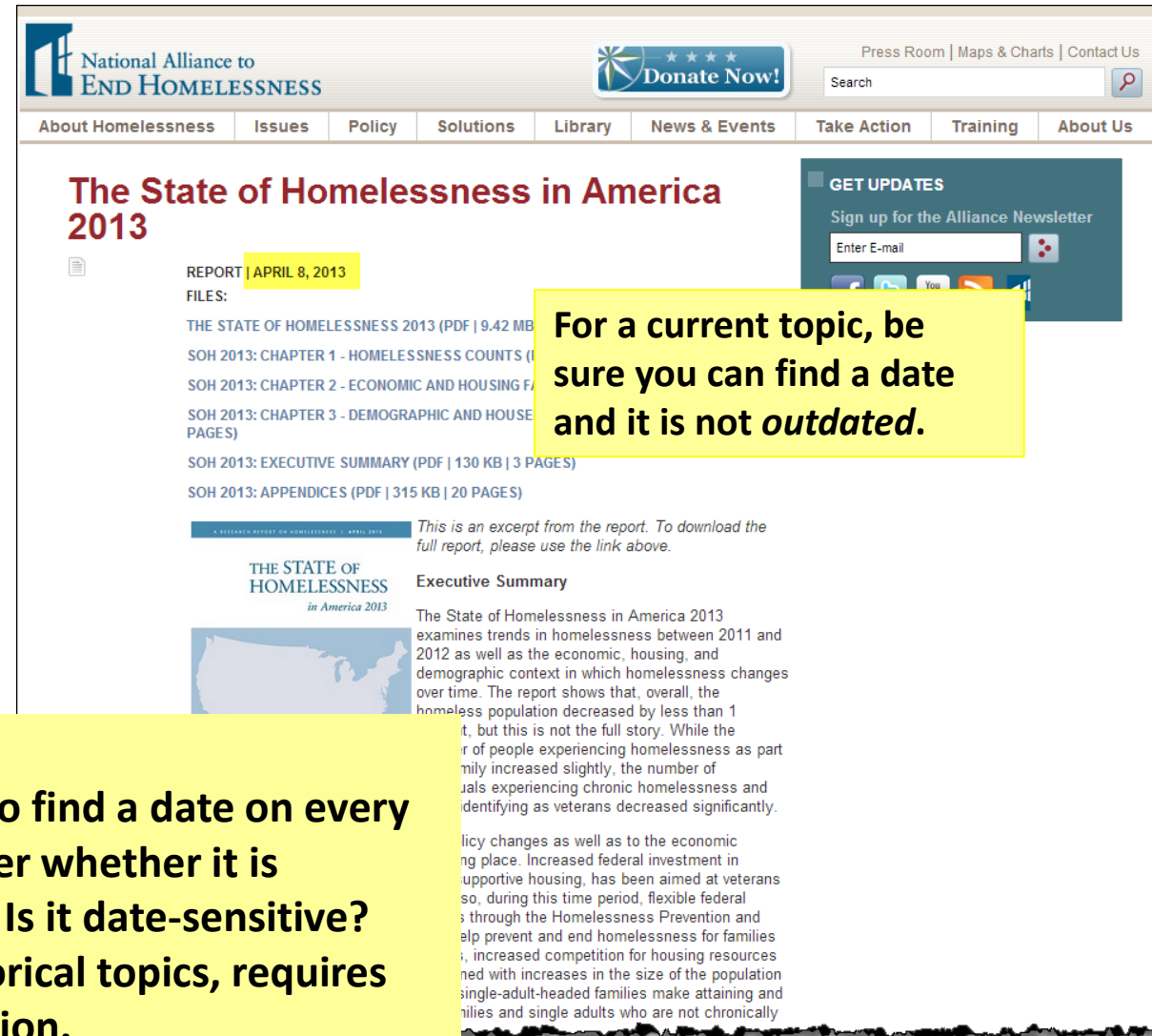
Is there a date? Is the date of the information important for your topic?

This frequently updated news site shows "2 hours ago" rather than a date. Make note of the current date for the citation. In a day or two, the date will be modified to reflect the actual date.



## TIPS:

- It is not always possible to find a date on every Web page or site. Consider whether it is important for your topic. Is it date-sensitive?
- Not every topic, like historical topics, requires the most recent information.



For a current topic, be sure you can find a date and it is not *outdated*.

# More Tips

For educational purposes, seek the following domains:

- .org** Non-profit organizations
- .gov** Government sites
- .edu** Educational (college, university, etc.)
- .mil** Military site

**NOTE:** Sites with a tilde ~ in the URL may be *affiliated* with an educational site but belong to an individual who may not be an expert.