

credibility[ˌkredəˈbɪləti] *n*

1. правдоподобие, вероятность
2. надёжность; (заслуженное) доверие
to restore one's credibility - восстановить доверие к себе
the credibility of a witness - надёжность свидетеля

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

cred·ibil·ity *BrE* [ˌkredəˈbɪləti] ^ˈ *NAmE* [ˌkredəˈbɪləti] ^ˈ **noun uncountable**

the quality that sb/sth has that makes people believe or trust them

- to **gain/lack/lose credibility**
- The prosecution did its best to **undermine the credibility** of the witness.
- After the recent scandal, the government has **lost all credibility**.
- Newspapers were talking of a **credibility gap** between what he said and what he did.

see also ↑street credWord Origin:[**credibility**] mid 16th cent.: from medieval Latin **credibilitas**, from Latin **credibilis**, from **credere** 'believe'.Example Bank:

- BBC backing for the scheme will enhance its credibility.
- Funding from the World Bank lends credibility to the project.
- He had instant credibility with customers.
- He's been helping to restore market credibility for a new industrial process.
- Her credibility suffered in her handling of the crisis.
- Newspapers were talking of a credibility gap between her policies and her achievements.
- Recommendations from two previous clients helped to establish her credibility.
- The administration was facing a credibility crisis.
- The certificate has great credibility in France and Germany.
- The government is desperate to regain credibility with the public.
- The prime minister's credibility suffered in his handling of the crisis.
- The use of computer models adds credibility to the forecasts.
- There is little credibility among scientists for the book's claims.
- her credibility as a witness
- This story has no credibility at all.

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1. the quality of deserving to be believed and trusted

damage/undermine sb's credibility (as something)

ˈ The scandal has damaged his credibility as a leader.

credibility of

ˈ There are serious questions about the credibility of these reports.

gain/lose credibility

ˈ Predictions of economic recovery have now lost all credibility.

2. **credibility gap** the difference between what someone says and what they do:

ˈ a credibility gap between the government's promises and their achievements

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COLLOCATIONS■ **verbs**

- **have some/no/little credibility** By then the president had ceased to have any credibility.
- **give somebody/something credibility** There's enough evidence to give credibility to this theory.
- **undermine/damage credibility** A number of factors undermine the credibility of these statistics.
- **destroy credibility** The scandal nearly destroyed the FBI's credibility.
- **establish your credibility** Dave had already established his credibility with the department managers.
- **lend credibility to somebody/something (=make something or someone have more credibility)** The evidence lent credibility to their arguments.
- **gain credibility** It took many years for these ideas to gain credibility in the science community.
- **lose credibility** Both of our major political parties are losing credibility.
- **lack/be lacking in credibility** The new regime lacked credibility from the start.
- **restore credibility (=get it back again after it has been damaged)** His priority was to restore credibility to his government.

■ **adjectives**

- **political/scientific/academic etc credibility** A school's academic credibility often depends on its exam results.
- **low credibility (=little credibility)** The organization has had low credibility among teachers.
- **great credibility (=a lot of credibility)** He has great credibility in Washington.

phrases

▪ **a blow to somebody/something's credibilty** (=something that damages credibility) The case was a severe blow to the administration's credibility.

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