Research Seminar

with Travis Basso
Did you know?

How big is “Big”?

The evolution...

- Kilobyte (KB)
- Megabyte (MB)
- Gigabyte (GB)
- Terabyte (TB)
- Petabyte (PB)
- Exabyte (EB)

Kilobyte:
2 Kilobytes: A Typewritten page.
100 Kilobytes: A low-resolution photograph.

Terabyte:
1 Terabyte: 50000 trees made into paper and printed.
10 Terabytes: The print collections of the U.S. Library of Congress.

Exabyte:
2 Exabytes: Total volume of information generated in 1999
5 Exabytes: All words ever spoken by human beings.

#Bigdata
#Opendata

Source: UC Berkeley's School of Information Management and Systems
“There were 5 exabytes of information created between the dawn of civilization through 2003, but that much information is now created every 2 days.”

— Eric Schmidt, Google CEO
It’s not information overload. It’s filter failure.

CLAY SHIRKEY
Visible Web

*Quality of Info varied
*Little Bibliographic Control
*Anyone can Post Info

Invisible Web

*High Quality
*Reliable Information Providers
*Not Visible to General-Purpose Search Engines

Created by William Perrenod
Gatekeeping Provides Checks and Balances

Publishers, editors, librarians, peer review process

- Without gatekeepers the concept of authority disappears and you become the Gatekeeper
- Google algorithm decides for you
All Research begins with a Question

Formulating a Research Question

What is a Research Question?
A research question is an analytical question that you work to answer in your paper. Your paper will analyze and explore possible answers to your research question.

How is a Research Question Different from a Thesis Statement?
A thesis statement is an argumentative statement that you work to prove in your paper. Unlike the research question, you must take a side and declare an argument with a thesis statement.

Steps to Formulating a Research Question
1. Start with a topic.
2. Narrow and focus your topic.
3. Formulate a question you want to ask about the topic.
4. Narrow the question, if possible.
2.3 The key to great research

What's the point of doing research, then? A flip response might be that a professor or employer told you to do a research project, and you're just following orders. But that's not the answer I'm looking for.

You should recognize first that there is a big difference between seeing data as a goal and data as a tool. What do I mean? Consider these two models:

**Data as goal:** Find out everything you can about a topic → Explain what you've learned.

**Data as tool:** Gather basic information about your topic → Identify a problem or issue related to that topic → Use the data you collect as a *tool* (as a means) to try to solve that problem or issue.

Let's consider the Climate Change (CC) as an example:

**Data as goal:** Find out what you can about CC and its causes → Explain all this in a paper.

**Data as tool:** Read some basic data on the CC → Discover an issue (e.g. the persistent counter-argument that current climate change is a natural phenomenon rather than something caused by greedy human beings) → Ask a question like this one, "How convincing is the scientific support for climate change as a natural phenomenon as opposed to being primarily the result of human activity?"
Narrowing the Topic

In order to have a clear thesis to your project, it is important to narrow your topic. You can start with the broadest of areas involving revolution, reaction, and reforms and narrow until you have a clear thesis.

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Aspects of a Topic

Here we began with the broad topic: Welfare.

Consider all of the aspects that could be discussed.

Is there a correlation between reducing welfare benefits and reducing welfare dependents?
Preliminary Research

- Class Notes
- Textbooks
- Encyclopedia
- Reference Books
- Newspaper Articles
- Britannica Online
- (Wikipedia)

“Wikipedia is not considered a credible source”
References

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15. Poppel & Lehnninger, 2011
19. "NASW, Code of Ethics"
Failure of leadership appears to have become contagious on a global scale.

In just recent memory we’ve witnessed a financial meltdown, likely the worst oil spill in history endangering the planet’s ecosystems, and a nagging case study on Toyota, a company that appears to have sacrificed customer safety in its quest to be the No. 1 automaker.

The public is begging to know who is in charge and how they could let these perils reach epic proportions. With outrage so palpable, it’s almost easy to see how leaders would cower and point the finger at anyone or anything to deflect blame.

Those of us in business are aware the top brass of many companies is being inundated with information. So many factors affect the bottom line, corporate lawyers are whispering in leadership’s ear warning about liability, crisis management experts are urging CEOs to “get out in front of the problem,” and the media are lying in wait. We cannot help but ask ourselves what we would do in these situations.

“In Toyota’s case, it is the classic question: What did they know and when did they know it? Here the public is asking Toyota what they knew, when they knew it and why it took so long for them to act.” Gioia said. “As soon as an automaker decides to initiate a recall, it is always open to accusation that it could have acted sooner. It’s a no-win situation. However, in this case we have smoking-gun memos that show Toyota was engaged in a deliberate corporate policy of trying to resist the U.S. government forcing a recall.”

The larger consequence, according to Gioia, is that people lose faith in both government and large companies. The public perception is that there are too many so-called “cozy relationships,” a perception only magnified by the apparent sweetheart arrangement between BP and the U.S. Minerals Management Service.

“It appears that we are becoming jaded and resigned to accepting collusion between government and corporations that have become “too big to fail,”” Gioia said.

So what is the answer to this conundrum? Effective business leadership means leading at all times, with both the bottom line and societal good in mind.
Failure of leadership accept responsibility
oil spill taking responsibility
ecosystems corporate policy
Toyota recall
customer safety lose faith in both government and large companies
companies public perception
crisis management too big to fail
media Effective business leadership

leadership and "crisis management" and "oil spills"

leadership and “public perception” and (corporate or organization)

corporations and “common good” and (recall or crisis)
Social media usage limits workplace productivity and contributes to lost earnings.

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Evaluating Resources

• Books & eBooks (Library Catalog)
• Journals: Popular, Scholarly, Trade (Databases)
• Web Resources (Online)
# Primary, Secondary, & Tertiary Sources

## What is a Primary Source?

**Primary Sources** are original documents created or experienced concurrently with the event being researched. They provide direct evidence or firsthand accounts. Examples include interviews, news footage, data sets, original research, speeches, diaries, letters, creative works, and photographs.

## What is a Secondary Source?

**Secondary Sources** are works that analyze, assess, or interpret a historical event, an era, or a phenomenon. They generally use primary sources. Examples include research studies, literary criticism, book reviews, biographies, and textbooks.

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Fall Hours (Exceptions)

- **MONDAY - THURSDAY**: 8.00 am - 12.00 am
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- **SUNDAY**: 10.00 am - 12.00 am

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Title, publisher, subject or ISSN/ISBN

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How long can library materials be checked out?

Generally, library materials may be borrowed for three weeks with the option to renew once if no one else has requested the materials. Renewals may be made online in the 'My Account' module of the online catalog; in person at the library; or by phone to the library. Although there are some exceptions, the loan period for each type of material is as follows:

Three Weeks:
- Library of Congress Collection (general circulating book collection)
- Curriculum Materials Center (CMC) books, tests, kits, and A/V

One Week:
- All audio-visual materials (videos, kits, DVDs, CDs, CD-ROMS, computer disks, records, films, transparencies, cassettes, slides, tape discs, etc.)
Here we used a Subject Search for “Social Work” and limited by ebook.
User Participation in Health and Social Care Research: Voices, Values, and Evaluation

Authors: Nolan, Mike


Resource Type: eBook

Description: The book is structured around ten original case studies which explore the use of a range of user participation research methods in practice worldwide. It provides a practical framework for all groups wishing to undertake research based on the principles and values of user participation.

Subjects: Social service—Research
Medical care—Research
Social service—Citizen participation—Research
Patient participation—Research

Categories: HEALTH & FITNESS / Diseases / General
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MEDICAL / Diseases
MEDICAL / Health Care Delivery
MEDICAL / Health Policy
MEDICAL / Public Health

Related ISBNs: 9780335222656, 9780335234967
User Participation in Health and Social Care Research: Voices, Values, and Evaluation

Author: Niall, Mike
Date: 2007

User Participation in Health and Social Care Research

Chapter 1: Introduction: what counts as knowledge, whose knowledge counts? Towards authentic participatory enquiry
Chapter 2: ACTION (Assisting Caregivers using Telematic interventions to meet Older people's Needs): practitioners' reflections on a Swedish Innovation
Chapter 3: Partnerships in best practice: advancing gerontological care in Scotland
Chapter 4: Changing the culture within care homes for older people
Chapter 5: 'A changing life': co-constructing a personal theory of awareness and adjustment to the onset of Alzheimer’s disease
Chapter 6: Innovative approaches to living with dementia: an Australian case study
Chapter 7: Looking in a fairground mirror: reflections on partnerships in learning disability research
Chapter 8: Doing user research; narratives of mental health service user researchers
# Popular & Trade Magazines vs. Scholarly Journals

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<td>Professionals in the field</td>
<td>Scholars in the field</td>
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<td>Sources rarely cited</td>
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<td>Provide general information and geared to sell advertising space</td>
<td>Report on concerns of a particular industry/profession</td>
<td>Report on original research or experimentation</td>
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<td>Articles</td>
<td>Usually short articles with catchy or popular titles, no abstracts</td>
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<td>Usually longer articles (3+ pages) with scholarly titles, usually have abstracts at beginning</td>
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<td>Article Acceptance Procedure</td>
<td>Articles written by hired reporters, edited by magazine editors, and published</td>
<td>Articles written by freelance reporters, guest contributors, or professionals in a particular industry/profession</td>
<td>Often undergo a &quot;peer-reviewed&quot; process -- reviewed by other scholars in the field before being published. Sometimes these journals are called &quot;refereed journals&quot;</td>
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Peer Review Process

- Gatekeeping
- Vetting
- Accuracy
- Critical

When an article is peer-reviewed, the author of a paper sends it to the editor of a journal. That editor sends it out to other experts who are qualified to read, evaluate, and offer suggested changes in the article.

Editors seek other viewpoints so that they can determine whether there is a consensus of opinions on the paper. Often the names of the author(s) and/or of the reviewers (and other identifying attributes, such as university affiliation) are kept secret in order to prevent personal bias from affecting the reviewers’ work.

This is called a blind review. The process can take many months, and authors will likely be asked to submit multiple revisions that take into account the suggestions of the reviewers.
The Impact of Marital Conflict and Disruption on Children's Health

Sharon K. Houseknecht
Ohio State University
Darcy W. Bango
McGill University

This article investigates the effect of inconsistency between parental marital conflict and disruption on children's health. Incidents situations arise when minimal marital conflict produces disruption or when marital conflict is high but there is no disruption. Using data from the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, two alternative hypotheses, the stress relationship hypothesis and the...
Methodology:
- Describes the population being studied
- Methods used to gather the data
- Methods used to analyze the data

Data and Methods

Data

This research uses data from the NLSY, a longitudinal study of a national sample of American men and women who were 14 to 21 in 1979. Our data includes data on 11,871 children from 5,483 families. Following birth, we recruited a unique sample size of 9,944 children.

Measurement

Dependent Variables

Childhood Illnesses Requiring Medical Attention in 1994

The main dependent variable in this study is whether the child had a physical or mental illness that required medical attention in the past year among boys and girls. Medically attended illnesses at the time of the interview were:

Results: Summarizes the results and findings using text, tables, charts, and graphs

Results

Table 1 shows the means, standard deviations, and variable definitions. We see for the majority of boys and girls were relatively healthy, with only about

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<td>Number of children</td>
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<td>27.3, 12.7</td>
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<td>in mother's household</td>
<td>in the household of the mother, 1994</td>
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<td>Child served by</td>
<td>Child served by private health insurance or</td>
<td>8.1, 0.34</td>
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<td>Health center</td>
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REFERENCES


Template for Analyzing the Logic of an Article

Take an article that you have been assigned to read for class, completing the "logic" of it using the template below. This template can be modified for analyzing the logic of a chapter in a textbook.

The Logic of "(name of the article)"

1) The main **purpose** of this article is __________________________.
(State as accurately as possible the author's purpose for writing the article.)

2) The key **question** that the author is addressing is __________________________.
(Figure out the key question in the mind of the author when s/he wrote the article.)

3) The most important **information** in this article is __________________________.
(Figure out the facts, experiences, data the author is using to support her/his conclusions.)

4) The main **inferences/conclusions** in this article are __________________________.
(Identify the key conclusions the author comes to and presents in the article.)

5) The key **concept(s)** we need to understand in this article is (are) __________________________.
(By these concepts the author means __________________________. Figure out the most important ideas you would have to understand in order to understand the author's line of reasoning.)

6) The main **assumption(s)** underlying the author's thinking is (are) __________________________.
(Figure out what the author is taking for granted [that might be questioned].)

7) a) If we take this line of reasoning seriously, the **implications** are __________________________.
(What consequences are likely to follow if people take the author's line of reasoning seriously?)

    b) If we fail to take this line of reasoning seriously, the **implications** are __________________________.
(What consequences are likely to follow if people ignore the author's reasoning?)

8) The main **point(s) of view** presented in this article is (are) __________________________.
(What is the author looking at, and how is s/he seeing it?)

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Library Resources

Resources

Library Research Advisor

- Make an appointment with a librarian Monday-Friday 10AM - 3PM. Click on the form to schedule a meeting.

Reserve Items

Course Reserves are located at the circulation desk.

eResources

- Multi-disciplinary
- Sciences
- Business
- Nursing_Medical
- Religion
- Newspapers
- Literature
- Psychology
- Education
- Environment
- Encyclopedia
- Government
Science

- **Science in Context** - Thousands of topic overviews, experiments, biographies, pictures and illustrations are just a few clicks away and the latest scientific developments are covered in articles from more than 200 magazines, academic journals, and links to quality Web sites.

- **PLoS Biology** - Search a peer-reviewed, open-access journal published by the Public Library of Science.

- **Cold Spring Harbor Symposia** - Each Symposium focuses on a different and timely area of biological research and is attended by the leading figures in the field. The speakers are handpicked luminaries and rising stars who also publish a detailed discussion of the work they present in the annual Cold Spring Harbor Symposia on Quantitative Biology volume.

- **ProQuest Social Science Journals** - Search full-text periodicals covering the social sciences.

- **Science eJournals** are not databases, but digitized journals, produced by journal publishers. e-Journal titles are a good way to stay up to date in your field by seeing what types of articles are being currently published.
Advanced Search

- Welfare reform

Limit to: Full text, Peer reviewed

Publication date: All dates

Source type:
- Blogs, Podcasts, & Websites
- Books
- Conference Papers & Proceedings
- Dissertations & Theses
- Magazines
- Newspapers
- Other Sources

Document type:
- Accounting & Tax Standard
- Advertisement
- Annual Report
- Article
- Back Matter
- Bibliography
- Biography

Language:
- Akhazar
- Afrikaans
- Arabic
- Basque
- Belarusian
- Bosnian
- Bulgarian
Why Americans Hate Welfare Reform / Welfare Reform: A Race to the Bottom / Evaluating Comprehensive State Welfare Reform / The Wisconsin Works Programs

Effects of Welfare Reform on Education Acquisition of Adult Women

Medicaid for children: Federal mandates, welfare reform, and policy backsliding
Notice the difference in results when quotes are used around the keyword.
Advanced Search

welfare reform

AND

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Publication date: Specific date range

Start

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| - narrows your search  
  - both terms must be present  
  - fewer results  
  - retrieves information which contains both the words  
    advertising AND teenagers | - broadens your search  
  - only one of the terms must be present  
  - often used with synonyms as search terms  
  - retrieves information which contains either of the words  
    advertising OR marketing | - narrows your search by excluding terms  
  - retrieves information in which at least one term is excluded  
  - for example, results will contain information about  
    advertising but NOT television advertising |

**Diagram**:
- Advertising AND Teenagers
- Advertising OR Marketing
- Advertising NOT Television
Welfare Programs That Target Workforce Participation May Negatively Affect Mortality
Muenning, Peter; Rosen, John; Wilde, Elizabeth T. *Health Affairs, Chevy Chase* Vol. 32, Iss. 6, (Jun 2013): 1072-7.
...Program randomized trial a welfare reform experiment, led to long-term changes...
...welfare reform efforts, they raise questions about whether the cost savings...

Effects of Welfare Reform on Education Acquisition of Adult Women
...among adult women, Welfare reform, which began in the early 1990s and culminated...
...then education acquisition for this group. Exploiting variation in welfare...
...of welfare reform on adult women's education acquisition. We first estimate...

Family Sponsorship and Late-Age Immigration in Aging America: Revised and Expanded Estimates of Chained Migration
...a series of studies following the 1996 welfare reform that restricted...
...immediate relatives, defined as spouses, unmarried dependent children...
...until they become citizens they are limited to sponsoring spouses and dependent...

Choice and Welfare Reform: Lone Parents' Decision Making around Paid Work and Family Life
...welfare-to-work provision (Frad, 2007), the 2007 Green Paper on Welfare Reform...
...dependent child is above twelve years of age lose eligibility to Income Support...
...dependent child is above seven years old and from 2011 it will be extended to...
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Abstract/Details Full text Full text - PDF (437 KB) Cited by (14) References (59)

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Abstract/Details Full text - PDF (100 KB) References (28)

Tackling Neglect and Mental Health Reform in a Devolved System of Welfare Governance
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A kingdom united? Devolution and welfare reform in Northern Ireland and Great Britain
... Welfare to work has received less attention in devolution studies...
... article addresses this deficit. The devolution settlement and constitutional...

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• Be taught the culture
• Adopt the culture
• Practice the culture

Why Use Citations?
To give credit to the sources you’ve used
To enable others to find the same sources you’ve used
To be part of the "scholarly conversation"
The Scholarly Conversation

Kenneth Burke, in The Philosophy of Literary Form (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1941), provides the analogy of academic scholarship as an infinite, ongoing conversation, which you join, contribute to, and take from, and to which others, likewise, do the same. By joining the academic world, engaging in research, using the research of others who have gone before you, and writing your own papers, you are participating in the scholarly conversation.

References

15. Popple & Leinhager, 2011
19. NASW. Code of Ethics.
Information Literacy and ACRL's Framework
The Framework offered here is called a
# Publication Details For "Social Work"

**Title:** Social Work  
**ISSN:** 0037-0246  
**Publisher Information:** Oxford University Press / USA  
Great Clarendon Street  
Oxford OX2 6DP  
United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland  
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**Publication Type:** Academic Journal  
**Subjects:** Social Work, Social Welfare  
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**Publisher URL:** [http://www.oxfordjournals.org/](http://www.oxfordjournals.org/)  
**Frequency:** 4  
**Peer Reviewed:** Yes


Subjects: FAMILIES; SOCIAL services; MENTAL health; PUBLIC health; HUMAN rights; INTERNATIONAL cooperation; Offices of Mental Health Practitioners (except Physicians); Health and Welfare Funds; Other Individual and Family Services

Times Cited in this Database: (1)

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- .gov

**Check:** About & Dates

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**Currency**

- Does the resource have a reputable organization behind it? (If you can't tell right away, strip the URL from the right side until you get to a home page.)
- Are the site's sources of information cited? Are photos clearly labeled and sources cited?

**Authority**

- How current is the site?
- What is the domain in the URL?

**Purpose**

- What is the purpose of the site? Is the information mostly fact or opinion?

**Objectivity**

- Writing Style

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**Total Score:**

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