## ILS Search Success: Evaluation of information

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| Who has written the work?  Is it a theorist?  Is it a researcher?  Is it an activist/lobbyist?  Is it a journalist?  Is it a Government department/MP?  A combination? |  |
| Is the author describing the theories/research of others, putting forward their own argument, or both? |  |
| What agenda does the author of the source have?  Look them up online – what is their background? What else have they published? Have they connections to any political party/charity/business/university? |  |
| Who do you think is the intended audience for the work?  General public?  Professionals in a particular sector?  Academic researchers?  Why? |  |
| Does the work cover one side of a debate or a range of views?  Is it socially/culturally influenced? Does it exclude groups in society? |  |
| Do you think this is a recent piece of work on the topic? Has there been a change in the social/political landscape since it was published? |  |
| Does the source give references to other pieces of research? |  |
| Are the claims made backed up with research? What types of methods were used in that research? Does other research also back up the claim? Can the findings be generalised? |  |

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