

## ILS Search Success: Evaluation of information

<p>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?</p>	
<p>Is the author describing the theories/research of others, putting forward their own argument, or both?</p>	
<p>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?</p>	
<p>Who do you think is the intended audience for the work? General public? Professionals in a particular sector? Academic researchers?  Why?</p>	

<p>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?</p>	
<p>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?</p>	
<p>Does the source give references to other pieces of research?</p>	
<p>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?</p>	

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