J202: WEEK 4

# GATHERING INFORMATION AND INTERVIEWING

### INFORMATION LITERACY

- when you need it
- where to find it
- how to evaluate it
- how to use it
- sounds easy, right?



## INFORMATION FAILURES

- when discussed = important
- when false is believed
- when true is not covered
- when manipulation is unseen

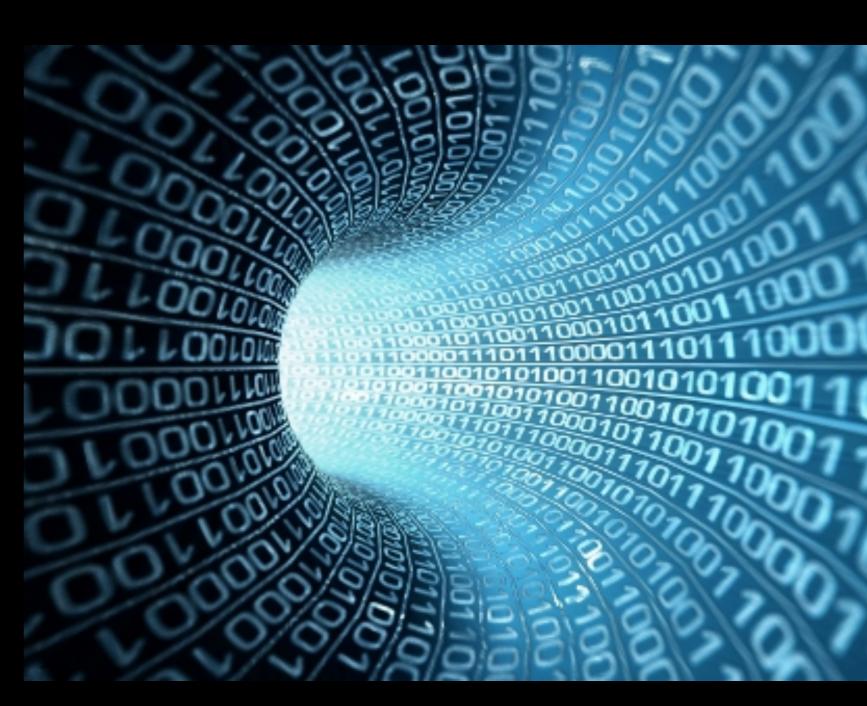


# CRITICAL THINKING



## INFORMATION SOURCES

primary vs. secondary



# PRIMARY SOURCES

- public documents
- private documents/ research
- interviews
- observation



### SECONDARY SOURCES

previously published pieces



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### INFO USE IN NEWS

- story, interview ideas
- background
- facts
- opinions/interpretations
- quotes



#### **HUFFPOST**



THE BLOG

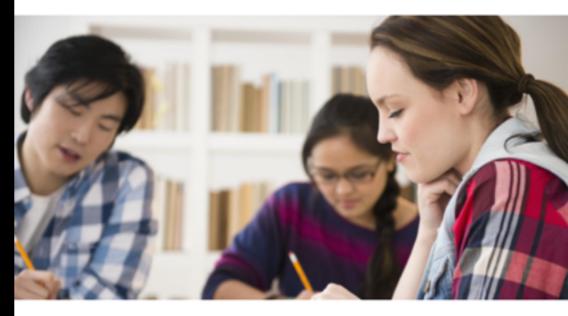
#### Midterms, Essays, and Domestic Violence: One of These Does Not Belong

① Aug 28, 2015



#### Society for Women's Health Research The

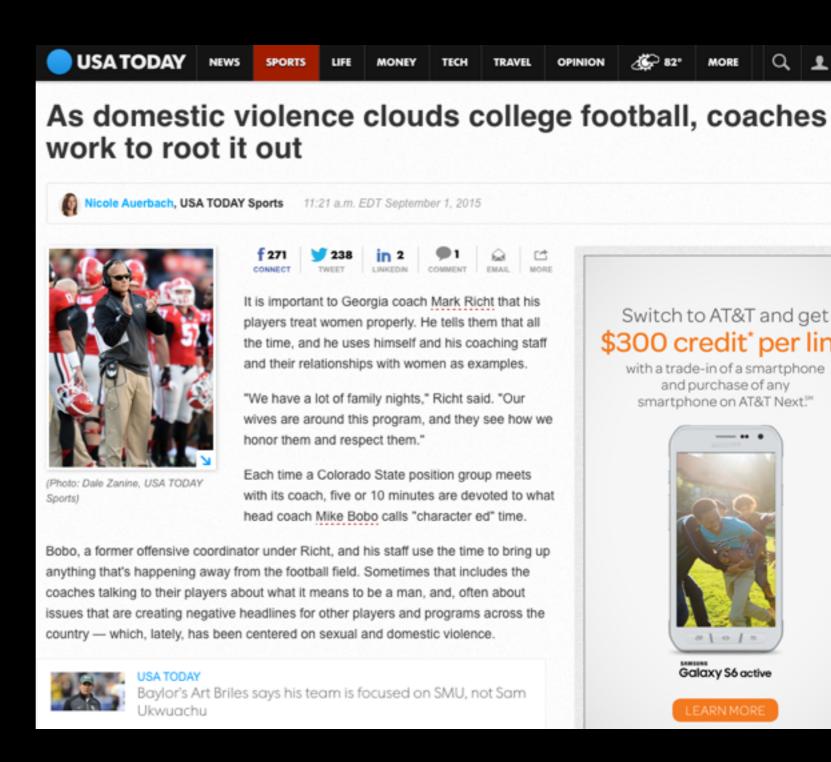
thought leader in the study of sex differences, dedicated to transforming women's health through science, advocacy & education



Jamie Grill via Getty Images

#### PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED

- starting point
- quality questions
- adopt only generally accepted info
- almost never use for quotes, facts in dispute
- report source



#### PUBLIC DOCUMENTS

- maintained to do public's business
- Wis Open Records Law
- FOIA
- posted fact sheets, backgrounders
- data

#### The White House

Office of the Vice President

For Immediate Release

September 17, 2015

#### FACT SHEET: Resource Guide and Recent Efforts to Combat Sexual Violence on College and University Campuses

This month marks the 21st anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). President Obama and Vice President Biden have built upon VAWA's legacy by committing their Administration to rooting out sexual and domestic violence wherever they exist—especially when these crimes affect our nation's students. Today, the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault ("Task Force") released a **Resource Guide** to support the efforts of students, faculty, administrators, and communities around the country to prevent sexual violence and improve the response to it at colleges and universities. The Resource Guide compiles guidance,

#### PRIVATE DOCUMENTS

- outside the public sector
- institutions, organizations, individuals
- press releases
- backgrounders, briefings
- correspondence
- publications
- data



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Help Line: 608-251-4445 or 800-7

I Need Help | I Want to Learn | I Want to Help | Media & Events | En Espa

DAIS in The Media

Events

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Dine Out for DAIS

#### **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

Join the nationwide effort to raise awareness about domestic violence throughout October by participating in community events commemorating Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Together, we can make a change and bring domestic violence out of the shadows in Dane County.

#### 9th Annual Purple Ribbon Walk

#### Monday, September 28

11:55 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the base of the State Capitol steps on State Street
This annual silent walk/vigil is co-hosted by End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin and the
Zonta Club of Madison. Join the gathering to publicly remember the women, men, and
children killed in domestic violence homicides across the region in 2014.

Governor's Council on Domestic Abuse's Justice Award

#### Wednesday, October 14

11:00 a.m. at State Capitol Building

Pastor Phil Haslinger is the 2015 recipient for his incredible impact on the way the faith community in Dane County responds to domestic violence. This award honors an organization or an individual for extraordinary accomplishment in promoting safety,

# OBSERVATION

- participant
- non-participant
- unobtrusive
- key for description
- key for insights
- ethical questions



### INTERVIEWS

- direct experience
- expertise
- credibility
- in person
- phone
- e-mail

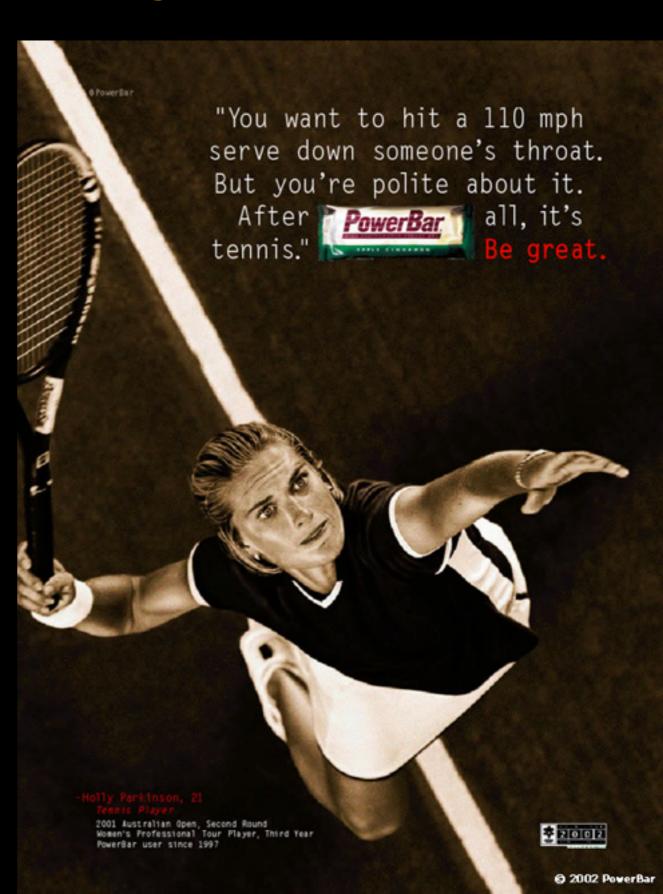
# INFO USE IN STRAT COMM

- situation analysis
- competitor assessment
- key consumer insight
- concept generation
- concept testing
- strategy support

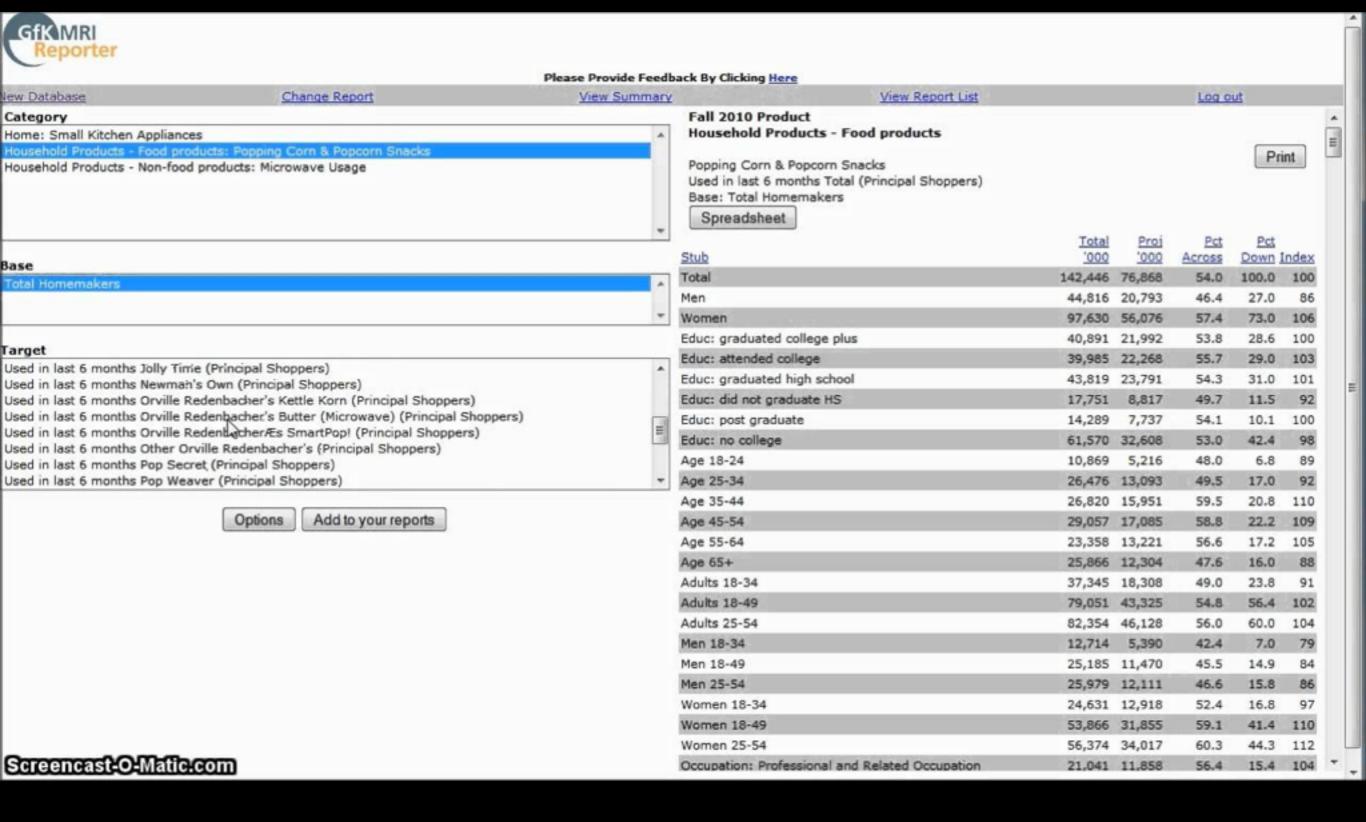


## SECONDARY RESEARCH

- industry trade publications
- previously published pieces
- past campaigns



## PRIMARY RESEARCH (PAID)



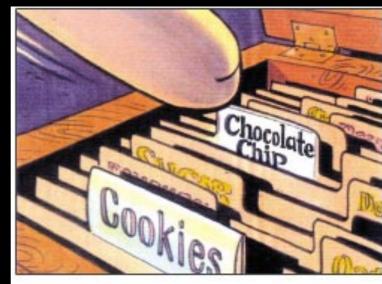
# PRIMARY RESEARCH (ORIGINAL)

- focus groups
- surveys
- expert interviews
- insights unavailable to competitors

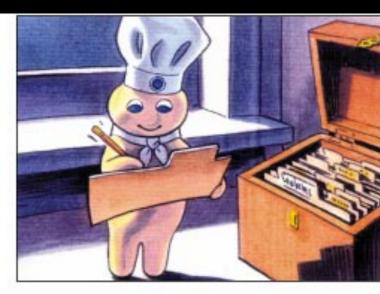


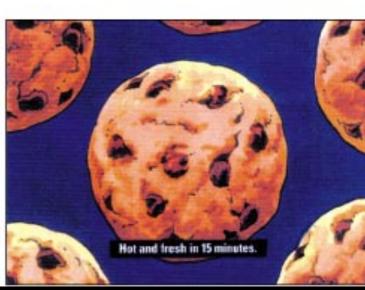
# OBSERVATION/INTERVIEWS

concept generation/ testing









# PLACEMENT RESEARCH

- media planning
- part of strategy



#### EVALUATIVE RESEARCH

- top-of-mind tests
- sales comparisons
- focus groups
- direct-response counts



#### EVALUATING SOURCES

source motives?

https://twitter.com/NARAL

- source expertise?
- info recent?
- info relevant?
- your impact?
- other sources?

# INTERVIEWS

- inquire
- listen
- observe
- respond
- record



#### FINDING INTERVIEWS

- common sense
- contact points
- expert databases
- interest groups
- avoid people you know



Assistant professor, history

U.S. Congress.

Chamedes, an expert on the relationship between

Christianity and politics, can discuss Pope Francis being the first pope to address a joint meeting of the Health/medicine,

Health/medicine,

veterinary 29

Law 45

Media 25

human 329

### INTERVIEW SEEK

- facts
- quotes
- anecdotes
- situations, trends
- interpretations

# QUESTIONS MATCH NEED

who?
what?
where?
when?

= FACTS

why? how?

= MEANING

# BAD QUESTIONS

- yes-or-no
- cliches
- leading
- absolute
- off-putting
- interruptions, detours
- double-barreled



#### INTERVIEW HOW-TO: SET IT UP

- seek in person
- then phone
- last ditch = email
- request appointment first

Christopher Zara @



To: Katy Bartzen Culver

Media Request: Reporting On Sexual Assault

December 5, 2014 at 12:57 PM



Hi Katy,

I hope all is well. Have you been following the controversy surrounding the Rolling Stone article about an alleged gang rape at UVA?

http://www.rollingstone.com/culture/features/a-rape-on-campus-20141119

The magazine published an apology after discrepancies emerged in the victim's story.

I'm looking to write a piece on the proper journalistic practices for covering sexual assault. For instance, it's generally accepted that journalists don't report the name of sexual assault victims, but what about seeking comment from alleged attackers? (In this case, the Rolling Stone reporter did not do that out of respect for the victim's wishes.) How far should we go to ensure that our sources are giving us accurate information while still being sensitive to their situation?

If you have some insight on this, I'd love your thoughts.

Thank you kindly,

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#### INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS TIMES

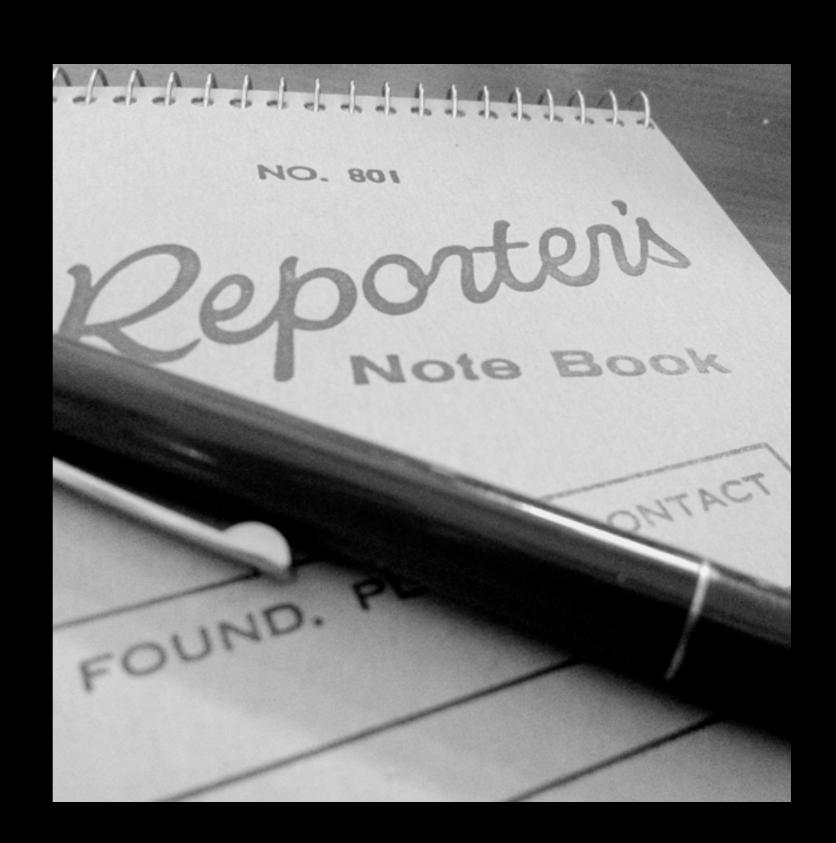
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### INTERVIEW HOW-TO: RESEARCH

- google advanced search
- lexis/nexis
- newspaper archives
- video clips

## INTERVIEW HOW-TO: PREPARE

- develop shorthand
- pick notebook style
- draft questions
- note keywords
- organize research
- set recorder



### INTERVIEW HOW-TO: START

- introduce
  - self
  - reason for interview
  - agenda for interview
- begin by verifying name spelling
- polite, open body language

## INTERVIEW HOW-TO: BEHAVE

- relax
- show concentration, interest, empathy
- listen actively
- show ignorance
- avoid arrogance



## INTERVIEW HOW-TO: TAKE NOTES

- mark verbatim
- mark time codes
- see nuance
- gestures, expressions
- physical surroundings
- shifts in conversation



#### GREAT LAST QUESTIONS

Have I missed anything?

What did you think we'd talk about?

What do people need to know?

# most importantly

# SHUT UP

# WHAT YOU CAN USE

- on the record
- not for attribution
- off the record



### WHAT YOU CAN USE

- seek on the record at all times, except:
  - extremely important info
  - only way to get it
  - sure you won't use it

# LAW & INTERVIEWING: CAN'TS

- change wording of direct quotation
  - ums, likes, ya knows
- act fraudulently to obtain quotes
- libel
- break off-the-record contract

# ETHICS & INTERVIEWING: SHOULDN'TS

- record surreptitiously
- use quotes without credit
- pay for interviews
- sensationalize
- jeopardize source
- interview those unaware of consequences
- use foul language recklessly

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