**Concise Critical Notes: Articles and papers**

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| Name of author(s) |  | | |
| Full title of article |  | | |
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| Year published |  | Month |  |
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| Hypothesis: What is the paper setting out to prove? Are research hypotheses supported? |  | | |
| What is the theoretical position underlying the research? Type of theory? |  | | |
| What is the key literature used as background to the article or paper? |  | | |
| Which research methods are used? |  | | |
| What kind of sample is used? |  | | |
| Key results |  | | |
| Key conclusions or recommendations |  | | |
| **Strengths of the research**  - How does it advance our understanding of the subject or how to research it?  - Are there appropriate hypotheses, methods to test the hypotheses, sample sizes or types, controls for variables, recommendations?  - Considerations of ethics? |  | | |
| **Weaknesses of the research:**  - In what ways is it limited? When and where would it not apply?  - What are the flaws in the research, in the hypotheses, research design and methods, sample size and type, conclusions drawn on the basis of the results? |  | | |