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CRIM 335: TERRORISM, SOCIETY AND JUSTICE

Library Research Series: Video 2

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What we're covering in Video 2

- Using indicators of credible and reputable sources to evaluate the sources we find

Indicators of credible and reputable sources

- Peer and/or editorial review
- Peer-review
 - Validity and quality assessed by experts in the discipline
- Editorial review
 - Assessment by an editor; may involve less evaluation of validity and quality when compared to peer-review

Indicators of credible and reputable sources

- Peer and/or editorial review
- How do we determine if a journal is peer-reviewed?
 - Journal's website
 - [Ulrichsweb™ Global Serials Directory](#)
- How do we determine if a book is peer-reviewed?
 - Publisher's website

Indicators of credible and reputable sources

- Regard within the discipline
- How do we determine if a source is well-regarded?
 - Perspectives of disciplinary/subject experts
 - Journal/publisher publishing history and indexing

Indicators of credible and reputable sources

- Accuracy of information and author expertise
- How do we determine if information is accurate and an author is an expert?
 - Investigate:
 - Whether credible corroborating information exists
 - Use lateral reading!

Indicators of credible and reputable sources

- Accuracy of information and author expertise
- How do we determine if information is accurate and an author is an expert?
 - Investigate:
 - The publisher, journal, or organization that published or sponsored the work

Indicators of credible and reputable sources

- Accuracy of information and author expertise
- How do we determine if information is accurate and an author is an expert?
 - Investigate:
 - Whether credible citations from/to the source exist
 - [Google Scholar](https://scholar.google.com/)

Indicators of credible and reputable sources

- Accuracy of information and author expertise
- How do we determine if information is accurate and an author is an expert?
 - Investigate:
 - The author's background, qualifications, and expertise
 - ❑ [Web of Science Core Collection™ “author search”](#)
 - ❑ Use a search engine to search for the author's name and institutional affiliation

Indicators of credible and reputable sources

- Each of these indicators makes up one part of the evaluation process
- It is important to pull together all the information you've discovered when determining whether a source is credible and reputable



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THANK YOU!

Please email me (jylisadoney@uidaho.edu) if you have questions or need help with library research in this class or others