HIERARCHY OF SOCIOLOGICAL SOURCES

Magazine & Newspaper articles
Videos, Images, and Podcasts
Academic Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles
Books (written by scholars or professors)
CQ Researcher
Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology
Wikipedia (NOT for citing!)

Increasingly specific or in-depth information

Increasingly general information

RESEARCH PROCESS

Reference Material
- Basic facts and overview of topic.

Newspapers and Magazines
- Interviews and details from time of event. Editorials or opinion based analysis.

Books
- Background and in-depth information.

Academic Articles
- Scholarly research and analysis.

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