Task for today – literature searching

By the end of the class, you will have

1. Constructed a search strategy using connector words
2. Found some search results using the library databases
3. Evaluated the information found
Reminder – What is a journal article?

- Comes out regularly – so it’s current
- Written by scholars, academics – experts
- Articles based on research
- Probably includes statistical evidence
- Has in-text referencing and a bibliography at the end
Step one – Read the topic

You are currently learning about Social Policies Part 2/Gender lens theme: Human rights, poverty, violence and the State

You will be looking at state responses to violence through a gender lens

Domestic violence or victims of crime for instance, and/or the structural violence of poverty experienced by women and/or men etc

- as it's a gender theme important not to limit searches to only 'women'
HINT:

You can use journal articles that are over 15–20 years old as long as you use the most up to date policy documents.

In context with what is happening NOW

Always bring your research/ideas back to the welfare state as a whole.
Analyse the topic

Looking at state responses to violence through a gender lens

State = Welfare State  violence  gender

Do you understand the topic? Can you tell someone else what a “welfare state” is?
Brainstorm terms

State responses to violence AND gender
State – welfare state
Brainstorm – what might be some other terms for violence – in the context of this assignment

Gender – men and/or women – gender theme means searching for not just women
Effective search strategy

Link your words together

AND

OR

NOT
Effective search strategy

AND – narrows the search – both terms must be present
  Gender AND domestic violence

OR – broadens the search – either term is present
  Family violence OR domestic violence

NOT – narrows by excluding a term
  Domestic violence NOT women
HINT:
You may need to do multiple searches on these topics
Eg gender AND “welfare state”
    “domestic violence” AND gender
Sometimes you can’t get the perfect article in one try

Searching is hard. You’re going to feel anxious at some points, but that’s normal and fine. Keep trying!
Effective searching

You want some control and precision in your searching

Use “phrase searching” for terms - “domestic violence”; “welfare state”

This tells the computer to search these words as a phrase rather than as separate words.

Can also add Australia as a search word, to limit to articles about Australia
Where to search

Library databases help you to find journal articles

Taylor and Francis
Informit E-Library
Discover Journal Article search
"Q" ("intimate partner violence") AND gender

Results: 17
Discover  Catalogue  Journal Articles  Course Reserve

Any  □  contains  □  "financial abuse"  AND  □
Any  □  contains  □  gender  AND  □
Any  □  contains  □

Simple Search  Clear  Search
Use Peer-reviewed journals option in Discover – Journal articles

- Influences on the perception of elder financial abuse among older adults in Southern California/Knight, Bob G; Kim, Seungyoun; Rastegar, Sarah; Jones, Scott; Jump, Victoria; Wong, Serena
  - Full text available
  - View Online

- Women's Experience of Poverty In Context of Power Inequality and Financial Abuse in Intimate Relationship/Broza-Grabowska, Paulina
  Social Work & Society, 0, 2011, Vol.9(2) [Peer Reviewed Journal]
  - Full text available
  - View Online
"alcohol abuse" AND "domestic violence" AND gender

Advanced search

Search help

Boolean Operators

The Boolean operators and, or, and not can be applied to search terms.

AND (also + or &)

Use AND to search for documents containing two or more terms. For example, the following query returns documents containing both cat and dog:

cat AND dog

The AND operator is applied by default; for example cat AND dog produces the same results as cat dog.
Popular vs Scholarly Information

Who magazine – read about Brad and Ange and their family
This is popular information
The purpose of the information is to entertain
Scholarly information

Journal articles, books

Authors are from an educational body

Have in text referencing and a bibliography at the end

Formal in style, and objective

Limited pictures, no advertising

Have to concentrate to read.
Alcohol, gender, aggression and violence: findings from the Birmingham Untreated Heavy Drinkers Project

Dr Alison Rolfe, Sue Dalton, Mya Krishnan, Jim Orford, Mani Mehdikhani, James Cawley & ... show all
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Abstract

This paper examines the relationship between heavy drinking and aggression using quantitative and qualitative data from a Department of Health funded interview study of untreated heavy drinkers living in the largely urban English West Midlands region (n = 403). Interviews consisted of a combination of forced choice questions and semi-structured discussion. Quantitative data showed high levels of verbal aggression, serious arguments and fights. Significant associations were found between alcohol-related aggression, lower age, number of very heavy drinking days and lower socio-economic status. Thematic analysis of qualitative data showed that participants considered alcohol to be heavily implicated in aggressive behaviour, but differences exist between quantitative and qualitative findings in terms of the importance of gender. Participants associated aggression with masculinity and youth, but violence involving women and domestic violence were rarely discussed.

Keywords: Alcohol, aggression, gender
HINT

Read through the abstract of a journal article.
Are you searching words in the abstract?
This is how you can evaluate for relevance

Think around your searching words, too – violence may be called other terms e.g. aggression, abuse, control
Peer review

Peer review means that an article has to go through a quality control process.

A journal article would be reviewed by an editor who is an expert or peer to the author.

Means that an article must be up to a particular standard or will be rejected.
Use Peer-reviewed journals option in Discover – Journal articles
HINT

Always go back to the overall topic of the welfare state

state responses to violence through a gender lens

Welfare state  gender violence
Round up

Today, you have:

Developed a search strategy
Evaluated information
Located some journal articles and read the abstract for relevance
More help

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