Part 1 - Secondary Sources

Goal:
Find secondary sources that will provide...
1. **Rationale** (for focusing on this issue or this aspect of the accounts)
2. **Background** (information about the event/issue or publication[s])
3. **Framework** (an approach to coding/analysis that you can apply to your study)
4. **Context for discussion** (helping to highlight particular aspects of your findings)

Steps:
1. Go to “Secondary Sources” page of course guide (go/wrpr0206guide/)
2. Select ProQuest Social Sciences
3. Enter search terms (see tips below)
4. Review results and revise search as needed
5. If necessary, try another database in the course guide

Search tips:
1. **Useful terms**
   - “discourse analysis” OR “corpus linguistics” OR “sentiment analysis”
   - “news* media” OR “media coverage”
   - framing OR metaphor*

2. **Useful filters**
   - Source / Content Type (scholarly journal article, peer review, book, reference)
   - Publication Date
   - Discipline / Subject

Notes:
Part 2 - Primary Sources

Goal:
Find news sources regarding a specific news event/story that will allow you to test a hypothesis.

Steps:
1. Make a plan: What kind/s of sources do you want to analyze? Why?
2. Want to use published news sources or broadcast news? Go to the “Primary Sources” page of course guide (go/wrpr0206guide/):
   - If you want to search more than one publication at a time, try US Newsstream, International Newsstream, or Global Newsstream.
   - If you want to search a single title (eg, The New York Times), start at the “Journals” tab on the library home page.
   - If you need more, visit the Newspapers Guide.
3. Want to use blogs and free websites? (eg, The Huffington Post)
   - Go to the blog or website! (This is pretty straightforward!)

Search tips:
1. Use “Advanced Search”
2. Include synonyms and related terms.
3. Consider other ways to narrow your topic (eg, date, location, terms to exclude).
4. Consider adding filters to search.
5. Limit to fulltext
6. Take notes (list of recent searches has nice summary)
   - What search terms did you try
   - How many results were retrieved in your most successful search

For example, your search might look something like this:

("genetically modified" OR gm)
AND (food* OR crop*)
AND california
NOT (automobile* OR car OR cars)
Filtered to:
  fulltext
  From 2002-07-01 To 2002-12-01

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