

Synthesizing Your Research: parts 3 and 4

When you start to synthesize your research you will need to take into account bias, credibility and multiple view points. We have discussed bias and credibility. You can have a source that is very biased but also very credible. That source, i.e. the Catholic Bishops review of *Sin City*, is an example of a different perspective. No matter what your topic may be, you will need to look at your issue from all sides. Be careful not to let your own bias to creep into your research. What I mean by that is, don't look at particular sources because they fit into your view of your topic. The more perspectives you investigate, the more informed you will be and, in turn, the better off you will be when you form your conclusions in part 4.

In your groups you will read the four articles on the Federal Marriage Amendment. Each of you will need to answer the following questions:

1. Who is the host web site?
2. Are there multiple perspectives within the article?
3. What are they?

4. Where does the writer stand at the end of the article?

As a group, discuss all view points you encountered.

1. Which article contained the most bias?
2. Which article contained the most perspectives?
3. Which article contained the least bias?
4. Overall, as a group, based on the articles you have read, where do you stand on the issue?