Literature Reviews: Filtering the CRAAP worksheet

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Step 1: Selecting a topic

What is your research interest?

Change your research interest into a thesis statement

Step 2: Developing the tools for argument

What claim are you making in your literature review?

What evidence do you need to find which will support your claim?

Step 3: Search the literature

What type of literature will you need to find?

Where will you search for your literature?

Will you set any date parameters for your study? If so, what dates will you be searching between?

Who is your subject liaison librarian?
Step 4: Survey the literature

Which structure do you think would most suit your study?

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Do you know if your discipline has a typical structure they often use?
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Step 5: Critique the literature

What conclusion might you draw from the following statements?

‘Mass surveillance is justified by its ability to prevent terror, which represents an instrumental rationalisation of having an important positive use for society’ (Lischka, 2017, p. 674).

‘Mass surveillance by the state results in the chilling effect of limiting our intellectual privacy, inhibiting our ability to seek out new ideas that conflict with the status quo and therefore inhibiting our autonomy.’ (Clark, 2016, p. 5).

‘The UK has more CCTV cameras per head than any other nation on earth. Its citizens have, thus, become habituated to the idea of surveillance.’ (Renaud, Flowerday, & English, 2016, p. 411)

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Step 6: Write the review

Rewrite the following sentence to make it appropriate for your intended audience:

‘Surveillance is bad.’

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References

