Complicating your research

When I first started this research project, I found an article that was highly informative by **subject searching** on the Syracuse University library. This article was called *A Short Note on Accent–bias, Social Identity and Ethnocentrism.* I then extended my research by looking through other search engines such as Bing and Google and found an article called *Accent Bias: How Can We Minimize Discrimination In The Workplace?* This article, to my surprise, referenced the first article that I found. I found some hyperlinks in her article which I explored to further understand her writing. Through exploring the hyperlinks, I found a great contribution to my collection of sources in *Political Skill: Explaining the Effects of Nonnative Accent on Managerial Hiring and Entrepreneurial Investment Decisions.*

I then proceeded to search **major works using Sage** and used the advanced search by looking for works on accent bias and found a great article called *Speaking With a Nonnative Accent: Perceptions of Bias, Communication Difficulties, and Belonging in the United States.* This article helped add a new perspective to my research. Most research on accent bias focuses on people interpreting someone with a nonnative accent. However, this article conducted a study on how people that speak with a nonnative accent feel they are treated. This was exciting for me to find as my topic is not a very controversial one. Therefore, I have found it challenging to find sources that offer a true different perspective on accent bias.

I then tried to use the **backlink search on Linkody**. However, this did not turn up any good sources for me. Although there were some sources that came up, I did not find any of them that I felt would be of good contribution to my work.

The Sage knowledge tool was very helpful and was able to help me find a great source to learn from. I did not have a great experience using the backlink searching. However, I believe that if my topic was more popular, I may have had better results with that method. My preferred method was subject searching through search engines like google or databases such as the SU library. Advanced searches were helpful for siphoning through the many articles that came up to find ones that pertain specifically to my topic of interest.

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