Sources for Information Network: Spain and the Catalan Separation

**Article 1:**

* + [http://web.a.ebscohost.com.proxy.lib.ohio-state.edu/ehost/detail/detail?vid=0&sid=1f5ae77f-be35-4484-8609-4491f1908f43%40sdcv-sessmgr02&bdata=JnNpdGU9ZWhvc3QtbGl2ZQ%3d%3d#AN=137273652&db=zbh](http://web.a.ebscohost.com.proxy.lib.ohio-state.edu/ehost/detail/detail?vid=0&sid=1f5ae77f-be35-4484-8609-4491f1908f43%40sdc-v-sessmgr02&bdata=JnNpdGU9ZWhvc3QtbGl2ZQ%3d%3d#AN=137273652&db=zbh)
	+ **Title:** Federal Political Culture in Spain: Changes in Response to the Catalonian Challenge
	+ **Author/org:** Sergio Pérez, and Jonatan García Rabadán, for Revista Española de Investigaciones Socíologicas
	+ **Format/type:** Article from a professional journal.
	+ **How to access:** Through the OSU library website.
	+ **How often is this updated:** Updated only the first time it’s written.
	+ **Detailed description of how you’ll monitor this source:** I will be checking every once a week to see whether these authors have written anything more about the subject. I will also look up whether the search I’ve imputed for the library website will bring up more articles.
	+ **Why did you choose this source + target audience:** This source allows the audience (people who are interested in the mindset of those in Spain looking into the decentralization issues) to understand the timeline of how decentralized government became a major source of conflict within the country, as well as other factors that could’ve played into these events.

Castaños, Sergio Pérez, and Jonatan García Rabadán. “Federal Political Culture in Spain. Changes in Response to the Catalonian Challeng.” *Revista Española de Investigaciones Socíologícas,* no. 167, July 2019, pp. 37-56. EBSCOhost, doi:10.5477/cis/reis.167.37.

**Article 2:**

* + <https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=12&ved=2ahUKEwj8msjbg7bnAhVPVs0KHZjUD3c4ChAWMAF6BAgGEAE&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.mdpi.com%2F2313-5778%2F3%2F4%2F56%2Fpdf&usg=AOvVaw24TgSkB4sUf-CKQAWKVzLM>
	+ **Title:** Conflict in Catalonia: A Sociological Approximation
	+ **Author/org:** Thomas Jeffery Miley and Roberto Garvía
	+ **Format/type:** Article in a professional journal
	+ **How to access:** I did an advanced google search, and found the article on the second page.
	+ **How often is this updated:** This article is fairly recent, only updated once.
	+ **Detailed description of how you’ll monitor this source:** I will monitor the source by looking at more research from the organization that this originated from (Spain’s Ministry of Economy).
	+ **Why did you choose this source + target audience:** The target audience for this piece is for people interested in the conflict within Spain and between Catalonia, and the reason I chose it was because the information gave an idea of why the conflict was occurring in the first place, as well as the different mindsets that are impacting the outcomes of the event. This article seemed to have a reliable evidence point.

Miley, Thomas Jeffery, and Roberto Garvía. “Crisis in Catalonia: A Sociological Approximation.” MDPI, 2019.

**New Media 1:**

* + [https://www.eurotopics.net/en/187270/catalonia-crisis#](https://www.eurotopics.net/en/187270/catalonia-crisis)
	+ **Title:** Catalonia Crisis on Eurotopics.net
	+ **Author/org:** Eurotopics, a European press roundup funded by the Federal Agency of Civic Education, in Germany.
	+ **Format/type:** Blog with multiple debates
	+ **How to access:** I used Google advanced search.
	+ **How often is this updated:** Frequently, there are new debates every other month since 2017.
	+ **Detailed description of how you’ll monitor this source:** I will definitely be checking this source every week considering the fact that this source has new debate tabs every other day.
	+ **Why did you choose this source + target audience:** This source provides topics with regard to the situation in Catalonia, and the website has the ability to allow others to respond to the topic, and provide their opinion. The target audience is essentially anyone that has an opinion on the matter, and wants to share it, but specifically those who live in that area, or were from that area. I felt that this brought the element of authenticity to the topics.

Euro|Topics. “Spain: a Government Backed by Separatists?” *Eurotopics.net*, Bundeszentrale Für Politische Bildung, 23 Dec. 2019, www.eurotopics.net/en/232615/spain-a-government-backed-by-separatists.

**New Media 2:**

* + <https://foreignpolicy.com/2019/10/29/tough-talk-on-catalonia-might-win-an-election-but-it-wont-unite-spain/>
	+ **Title:** Tough Talk on Catalonia Might Win an Election, but It Won’t Unite Spain
	+ **Author/org:** Mark Nayler, for Foreignpolicy.com
	+ **Format/type:** Article off of a new media site.
	+ **How to access:** I used Google advanced search.
	+ **How often is this updated:** Very often considering this is a current situation and the article itself is from 4 months ago.
	+ **Detailed description of how you’ll monitor this source**: This source has a lot of different tools to help people understand foreign politics and gain an understanding of the world. I will be checking this weekly to see whether there are newer articles on my topic.
	+ **Why did you choose this source + target audience:** The target audience is people who don’t understand what’s going on in Spain, as well as those who do, but mainly to help each other see how the techniques at hand aren’t going to help with the situation. I believe this source, written by someone who’s lived in Spain for a very long time, can give me an idea of what’s going on in the country. This also allows me to be a little skeptical about the actual content, considering that the article is from that perspective.

Nayler, Mark. “Tough Talk on Catalonia Might Win an Election, but It Won't Unite Spain.” *Foreign Policy*, 29 Oct. 2019, foreignpolicy.com/2019/10/29/tough-talk-on-catalonia-might-win-an-election-but-it-wont-unite-spain/.

**Social Media 1:**

* + <https://twitter.com/CatalansForYes>
	+ **Title:** Catalans For Yes
	+ **Author/org:** Catalans for Yes
	+ **Format/type:** Twitter account.
	+ **How to access:** I used Twitter advanced search.
	+ **How often is this updated:** everyday/every other day
	+ **Detailed description of how you’ll monitor this source:** I am following the account on my Twitter, and have the notifications on as well.
	+ **Why did you choose this source + target audience:** This source is from the perspective of a group supporting the separation of Catalonia from Spain, and is in support of a decentralized government. The target audience is those who believe in their cause, as well as those who can be persuaded to do so. I think this account considers the implications of a decentralized government, and is a perspective supporting one side clearly.

 Catalans for Yes. “Catalans for Yes (@CatalansForYes).” *Twitter*, Twitter, 8 Feb. 2020, twitter.com/CatalansForYes.

**Data Source 1:**

* + <https://www.greenleft.org.au/content/live-blog-news-and-analysis-catalonias-struggle-self-determination-0>
	+ **Title:** Live Blog: News and analysis on Catalonia’s struggle for self-determination
	+ **Author/org:** Dick Nichols for greenleft
	+ **Format/type:** Blog with statistics.
	+ **How to access:** I used Google advanced search.
	+ **How often is this updated:** it’s updated whenever live information is posted
	+ **Detailed description of how you’ll monitor this source:** I will definitely be checking this source often considering that it updates information on a live basis.
	+ **Why did you choose this source + target audience:** This source had good coverage of the situation at hand, and the target audience is people who would like to stay updated on the topic, especially if they’re not from the region. However, I would like to reach out to the author to see where exactly he got his sources from, and how he did so.

Nichols, Dick. “Live Blog: News and Analysis on Catalonia's Struggle for Self-Determination.” *Green Left*, Green Left, 14 Feb. 2019, www.greenleft.org.au/content/live-blog-news-and-analysis-catalonias-struggle-self-determination-0.

**Data Source 2:**

* + <https://robpowellbizblog.com/catalan-statistics/>
	+ **Title:** Catalan Statistics – Catalonian Independence By The Infographics
	+ **Author/org:** Rob Powell’s Personal Blog
	+ **Format/type:** Blog post with infographic.
	+ **How to access:** I used Google advanced search.
	+ **How often is this updated:** Not too often, but this blog has things on there every once in a while.
	+ **Detailed description of how you’ll monitor this source:** The source itself has many different blog posts, and I will look through the majority of them every week in order to see what other resources exist on the site.
	+ **Why did you choose this source + target audience:** I felt that because of the infographic provided by the blog, I, and the audience, are able to attach numbers to the events that have played out in Catalonia. The target audience is for those that don’t live in the area. I believe that having an estimated idea for the number of those affected, will allow me to apply the context with numbers.

Powell, Rob. “Catalan Statistics – Catalonian Independence By The Numbers [Infographic] • Rob Powell Biz Blog.” *Rob Powell Biz Blog*, Rob Powell, 3 Dec. 2019, robpowellbizblog.com/catalan-statistics/.

Video 1:

* + <http://www.rtve.es/noticias/20200120/directo-entrevista-pedro-sanchez-telediario/1995921.shtml>
	+ **Title:** Así te hemos contado la primera entrevista a Pedro Sánchez tras a su investidura
	+ **Author/org:** RTVE
	+ **Format/type:** Video interview
	+ **How to access:** I used Google advanced search.
	+ **How often is this updated:** Updated constantly since it’s a news site.
	+ **Detailed description of how you’ll monitor this source:** I will have this news source bookmarked so that I can visit it everyday.
	+ **Why did you choose this source:** I believe that the interview with the prime minister will give a direct insight into how Spain believes its position with Catalonia will affect the outcomes of the protests in the next few months, as well as if there are any negotiation efforts being made.

Sánchez, Pedro, et al. “RTVE”. *RTVE*, 20 Jan. 2020, www.rtve.es/noticias/20200120/directo-entrevista-pedro-sanchez-telediario/1995921.shtml. Accessed 8 Feb. 2020.

**Search Process and Future Plans:**

I mainly used advanced searches on google, twitter, and the OSU library database. I also looked through mainly recent sources, along with ones that had a variety of perspectives. There are various sources that would give me the materials I needed, but I wanted to hear from perspectives that wouldn’t sway me one way or another. There wasn’t too much difficulty finding sources for my topic, but it was difficult finding sources which would influence the perspective I had, or from finding perspectives that were completely one sided. I was able to find many blogs and news articles on the subject, but the hardest part was trying to find a video interview with a good source, and I happened to find one with the Prime Minister of Spain himself. For future plans, after compiling a list of all the sources and will be checking them every week in order to be up to date on the process of decentralized government in Spain.