

Student says:

I have been collecting source material since the very beginning of my project when I began researching my audience. I have found several excellent sources, though I have struggled in some ways finding sources that do not contradict each other. This is definitely a tougher topic than I thought it would be in terms of research.

This source I have here is a bit dated. It's from 2010, but the numbers and statistics provided here line up with other sources I have found. I plan to use the evidence in this article to appeal to logos, as I am making a comparison between alcohol and marijuana, arguing that no drug is completely safe, but that marijuana is actually less harmful than alcohol. And, of course, alcohol is legal.

I am also planning to use some of the source material I found, like this one, that shows results of recent polls in Texas, indicating that a majority of Texans would support the legalization of marijuana.

Finally, to help support this secondary source about popular opinion in Texas, since we have been learning about primary resources as well, my professor suggested that I might interview a few of my classmates, especially one for and one against my position.

Though I am still finalizing my source material, I think these resources are going to help me build my argument and provide both credibility and source diversity.