

# Annotation for Transparent Inquiry (ATI)



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Dear Authors,

Congratulations on having your proposal selected for the Annotation for Transparent Inquiry (ATI) Initiative and thank you for participating in the ATI Pilot Working Group. We are looking forward to assisting you as you develop your project over the coming months. We are also anticipating a fantastic workshop in New York City on November 29-30, 2018.

Our hope is that we can all learn as much as possible from your employment of ATI. With that in mind, we would like to ask working group members to keep track of their thoughts, questions, and procedures as they create their projects. Specifically, we would like to ask you to keep an “ATI logbook” in which you record information about your overall “logic of annotation” (how you are choosing which passages of your piece to annotate), and about how you decide which excerpts to use, which data sources to provide, and what to include in your analytic notes. We would also like to learn about any problems you encounter.

At the point that you submit your ATI project, in addition to submitting your logbook, we will also request that you complete a short questionnaire regarding your overall experience with using ATI.

Please use the six questions below to guide your ATI logbook. Please offer as much information as you can. We welcome information of all types (enthusiastic and frustrated pronouncements are fine!). While the questions seem somewhat holistic, your answers will be most useful if you log them as you’re annotating different passages in your text. Please don’t feel compelled to write pretty prose, or even complete sentences. The content is much more important than the form. Feel free to also include anything else that you consider relevant as you create your annotations.

1. Why are you choosing particular passages, citations, or footnotes of the manuscript for annotation?
  - a. Are you annotating particular types of claims (e.g., descriptive, or causal, or controversial)?
  - b. Do you find you’re drawn to annotating claims in some sections of your article more than others?
  
2. Where you are including analytic notes, what is their main function (e.g., do they offer additional context, reflections, or interpretation; evaluate sources; discuss how sources were produced or analyzed; or elucidate links between evidence and claims)?

3. Why are you choosing to link underlying data sources (i.e., deposit a file with QDR and link to it in the annotation) to particular passages, citations, or footnotes of the manuscript? Where you choose not to link underlying data sources, what are some of the reasons?
4. How did the way you organized your notes and files impact your ability to annotate your article?
5. Are there any aspects of our instructions for creating an ATI Data Supplement that are unclear, or any interactions with QDR that can be simplified?
6. Which aspects of creating your ATI Data Supplement did you find most cumbersome? If a tool could be created to facilitate any aspect of creating an ATI Data Supplement from beginning to end, what would be most helpful?