

# Annotation for Transparent Inquiry (ATI)



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Dear Authors,

Thank you for participating in the Annotation for Transparent Inquiry (ATI) Pilot Working Group . We are very excited about the ATI initiative and look 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 February 22-23, 2018.

Our hope is that we can all learn as much as possible from this trial run operationalizing 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 work, we will also request that you complete a short questionnaire in which we’ll inquire about your overall experience with creating your ATI Data Supplement.

The more information – of any type (enthusiastic and frustrated pronouncements are fine!) – that you could give us in response to the short set of questions below would be wonderful. 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. Please use these five questions to guide your ATI logbook, but feel free to include anything else that you consider relevant as you are creating 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 in 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 processes that can be simplified?