

**Chapter 3**

**Topic 7 Secondary sources**

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**Activity: Research**

**Comparing perspectives on official statistics**

**Learning objectives**

At the end of this activity, you should be able to:

- Understand what is meant by official statistics as facts, as constructs or as ideology
- Explain the difference between positivist, interpretivist and Marxist views of official statistics

Complete the table below to summarise how each of these theoretical perspectives views official statistics.

<b>Perspective</b>	<b>Statistics as facts, constructs or ideology</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Positivists		
Interpretivists		
Marxists		