

# In class exercise: Impact of literature

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## 1 Do some research of relevant literature

Assume the following situation: You are intern for a member of parliament who wants to convert the agricultural system to full organic because polls suggest that the majority of the population is in favor of it and it has proven benefits with respect to long-term sustainability.

Your task is to evaluate the scientific evidence that large scale organic agriculture actually has the potential to achieve its presumed goals.

You need to provide a short policy paper of 2 pages, which should contain at most five references to scientific publications.

Please think about the following questions:

1. Which formal and informal criteria would you use to select the five papers you would include into the policy paper?
2. What would be your main criteria for considering a scientific study to be relevant for such a policy paper?
3. How would you summarize and reference the selected studies?
4. How would you account in your policy paper for the remaining studies that can not be referenced?