VoxGov in the library: reference and indirect instruction

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Reference: Fitness to purpose

- Get behind the (fake?) news
  - Fact checking, opposition research, “administrative state” arcana

- Old-fashioned Docs-trails research
  - Uniqueness of social media content
  - Multidimensional cues to next steps
  - Leverage local, complementary resources

- It’s not my first choice for doing formal, black-letter legislative history (Congress.gov).
  - But its political information complements it
Instruction by indirection

- VoxGov is powerful enough to be intimidating to cover in a conventional library one-shot instruction session. (Cf. other rich resources with non-academic heft like Factiva.)

- “Sell” it to faculty subject-matter experts as a research and teaching resource to integrate incrementally and purposively.
  - Matthew Dull: winter term course in congressional oversight
  - And chair of Rosa Crewson’s PhD committee