



SOURCES BAR

 **What you can do here:** Choose which source documents (e.g. interviews or reports) from your current project you want to focus on. You can select one or more sources. Use this to narrow your analysis to specific interviews, reports, or other source materials. - The text of the selected source is shown below in the Create Links panel. - Selecting these sources also fetches only their links and no others, starting off the [Links Pipeline](../links-pipeline/): only the links from the currently selected sources are available for further filtering, and are finally shown in the output tabs.

Sources Dropdown

-  **Sources** (multi-select dropdown): pick one or more sources from the current project (typing searches the list).
-  **Empty selection:** means “all sources”.

Default behavior when switching projects:

- When you load a project via the **Project Dropdown** or **Projects Panel**, and nothing else specifies which sources to load, the app auto-selects the **first source** so the Source Text Viewer shows something immediately.
- When loading from a **URL/bookmark**, we do **not** change the sources selection. An empty Sources selection means **all sources** (by design).

Source Groups sub-panel

 **What this does:** Filter your analysis by participant demographics or document characteristics, using the [custom columns](../custom-columns/) you have defined for your project. For example, show only responses from "women aged 25-35" or interviews from "urban areas." Perfect for comparing how different groups see causal relationships.

Controls:

-  **Field** (dropdown): choose which source metadata/custom column to group by (includes built-in fields like title/projectname).
-  **Value** (multi-select dropdown): choose one or more values (list is filtered by Field).
-  **Random N** (buttons): load a deterministic random sample of sources from the whole project (e.g. Random 5 / 10 / 20).

- 🖱️ **Random N / Group** (buttons): after choosing Field, load up to N deterministic random sources per value of that Field.
- 🖱️ **Clear** (button): reset the Source Groups selector.

The sampling buttons make a random selection, but deterministically, so the same sources are chosen again if you click the same button again.

The second, "Value" dropdown is filtered to show only valid values for the selected field. Previous/next buttons cycle through values of the selected group.

The effect is to retain only links where the selected custom column has the selected values.

This dropdown is NOT a filter and it does NOT get saved/restored in URL. It is a loader: when we click it, the app automatically loads corresponding sources into the sources selector. These sources then DO form part of the links pipeline and ARE restored from the URL.

There is a similar filter in the [Analysis Filters](#).