🌻 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

- Contains IDs of all sources in current project
- Select one or more sources
- Search by typing

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:

- a pre-populated dropdown called **Field** listing metadata fields plus title and projectname
- a multi-select **Value** dropdown (filtered by Field)
- optionally sampling buttons for deterministic subsets:
- **Random 5** – loads five random sources from the whole project (also, Random 10, Random 20 etc)

- **Random 5/Group** – after choosing a Field, loads up to five random sources *for each value of that Field*.
- **Clear** button

The sampling buttons ake a random selection but in such a way that the same sources will be chosen 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.