# Federal Depository Library Council Meeting and Conference October 19, 2010 12:00 Authorication of Digital Governments

10:30 – 12:00 Authentication of Digital Government Information—Why Does It Matter? (Panel discussion)

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Perspective from the Social Sciences

- Define what I am talking about
- Give specific examples
- Relate the significance

## **CURRENCY**

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U.S. Code TITLE 12 > CHAPTER 16 > § 1828 § 1828. Regulations governing insured depository institutions http://uscode.house.gov/download/pls/12C16.txt

http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/html/uscode12/usc\_sec\_12\_00001828----000-.html

## INTELLECTUAL CURRENCY

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"You are entitled to your opinion. But you are not entitled to your own facts." attributed to Daniel Patrick Moynihan

"Get the facts first. You can distort them later." attributed to Mark Twain

- National Archives
- Electronic Records Management Guidance on Methodology for Determining Agency-unique Requirements

Context for Electronic Records Management [ERM] http://www.archives.gov/records-mgmt/initiatives/context-for-erm.html

\*The International Council on Archives document Guide for Managing Electronic Records from an Archival Perspective states "The reliability of a record is its ability to serve as reliable evidence....Authenticity refers to the persistence over time of the original characteristics of the record with respect to context, structure and content. An authentic record is one that retains its original reliability."

#### CHAIN OF RELIABILITY



Census Example--

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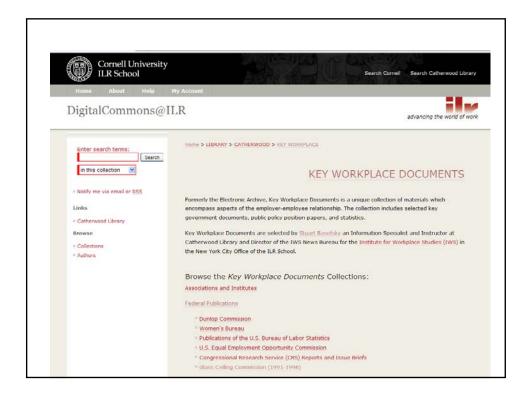
Standards and Guidelines for Statistical Surveys
http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/assets/omb/fedreg/2006/092206\_stat\_surveys.p

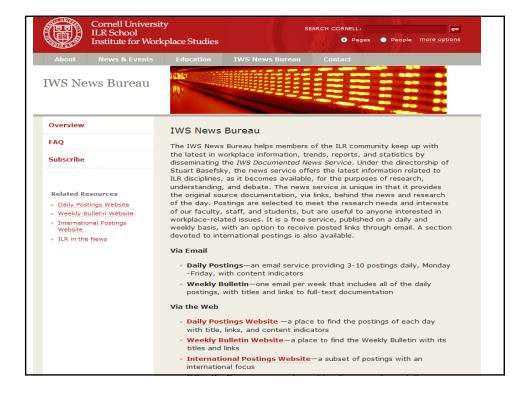
"Statistics collected and published by the Federal Government constitute a significant portion of the available information about the United States' economy, population, natural resources, environment, and public and private institutions. These data are used by the Federal Government and others as a basis for actions that affect people's lives and well-being. It is essential that they be collected, processed, and published in a manner that guarantees and inspires confidence in their reliability."

**Unauthenticated Publishing = Reliability Questioned** 

• BROKEN CHAIN







- Scholarly Method (Scholarship)— is the body of principles and practices used by scholars to make their claims about the world as <u>valid</u> and trustworthy as possible, and to make them known to the scholarly public.
- Citation—Purpose is to identify, distinguish, and locate documentation (<u>material relied</u> <u>upon</u>) in producing studies, etc. This is done so that others may validate the findings and methods used. Original source documentation is preferred – often produced by the government.

 Important elements of citation in online environment

author's name and/or corporate author, date of publication, publisher, place of publication, version/edition (if indicated), format, date retrieved, URL, Digital Object Identifier (DOI) if available, clearly authenticated documentation is preferred and encouraged, any additional information can be added parenthetically if it helps locate the actual source utilized

PURPOSE—verify the specific, authentic, reliable sources used so others may replicate the findings.

- Beyond scholarship is RELIANCE
- By consumers; marketers, educators, service providers, policy makers, and anyone making decisions based on facts and data presumed to be accurate, reliable, and authentic (TRUST)
- Social Contract with government

- Issues of
  - Governance
  - Trust
  - Reliance
  - Confidence

In brief, the role of government is at stake as well as the reputations of scholars and scholarship itself.

### Approved 5/22/00 TAMPERING WITH PUBLIC RECORDS OR INFORMATION ...

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The indictment charges the defendant with the crime of *tampering* with public records or ... to, or received or kept by, the *government* for *information* or ...

www.judiciary.state**.nj**.us/criminal/charges/tamper6.pdf - <u>Similar</u>

# 710-1017 Tampering with a government record - HI Legislature

(3) Tampering with government records is a misdemeanor. ... Nor does this section require that the information made part of the public record, ... www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrs2008/Vol14.../HRS\_0710-1017.htm - Cached

# Texas Penal Code, Section 37.10 - *Tampering* with *Governmental* Record

TAMPERING WITH **GOVERNMENTAL** RECORD. (a) A person commits an offense if he: ... entry or false **information** could have no effect on the **government's** purpose ...

penalcode.austin**texas**criminaldefense.com/37.10.html - Cached - Similar