# Making research findings more accessible by policy makers

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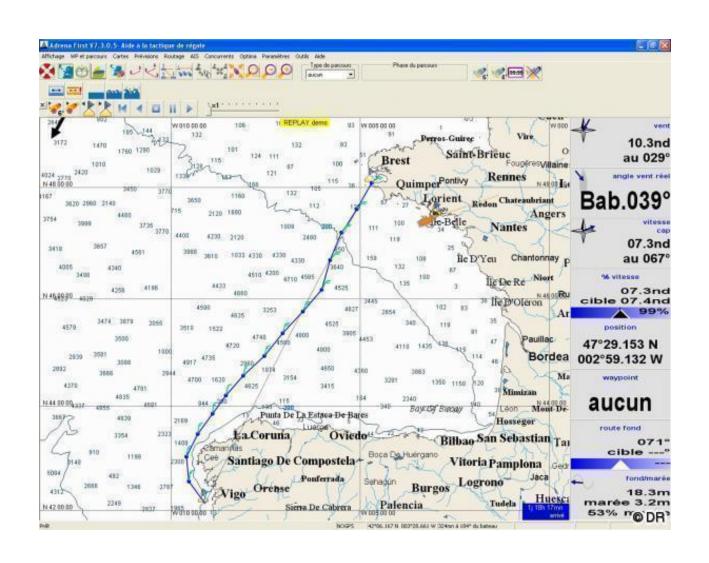
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with their jobs

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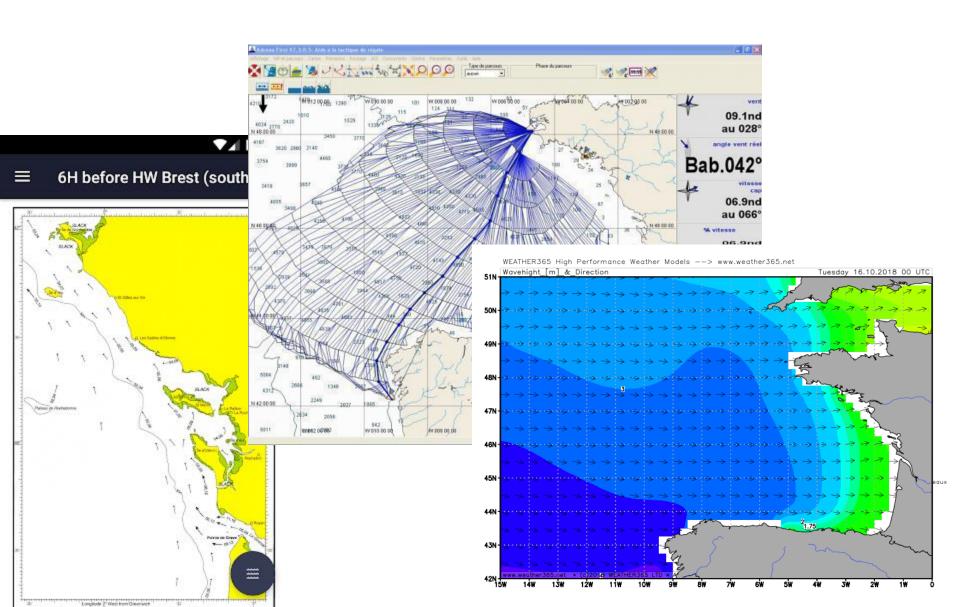
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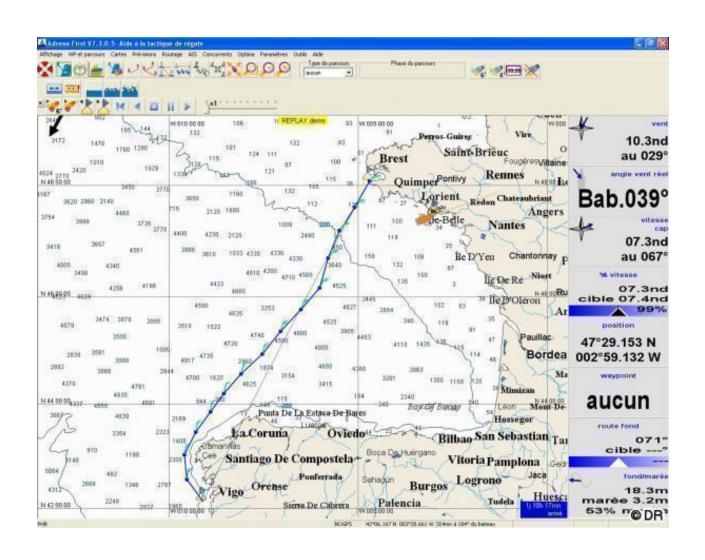
# That looks easy!



## Lots of complex information



## The skipper gets some help



# Today's decision maker's navigation software...



#### How do I make policy



how do i make a privacy policy

how do bureaucracies make policy

how do **bureaucrats** make policy

how do **judges** make policy

how do **presidents** make policy

how do **courts** make policy

how do policy makers make decisions

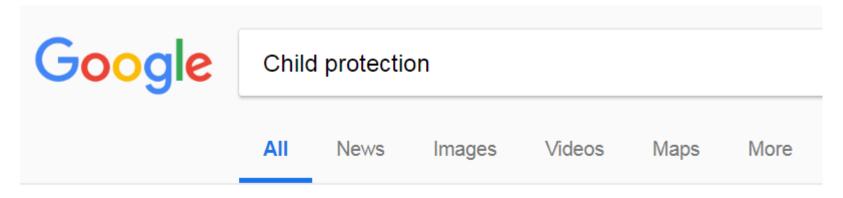
# One Insider's view of policymakers hierarchy of

- 1. Expert opinion (including consultants and think tanks) 2. Opinion based-evidence (eg lobbyists, pressure groups)
- 3. Ideological evidence (party manifestos)
- 4. Media evidence
- 5. Internet evidence 6. Lay evidence (anecdotes of constituents)
  - Street evidence (conventional wisdom)
- 8. Cabbies' evidence
- 9. Research evidence

- Internet evidence
- Lav evidence (anecdot

Phil Davies; fmr dep Chief Social Researcher 2007 quoted in What Counts for Evidence Nutley et al 2013

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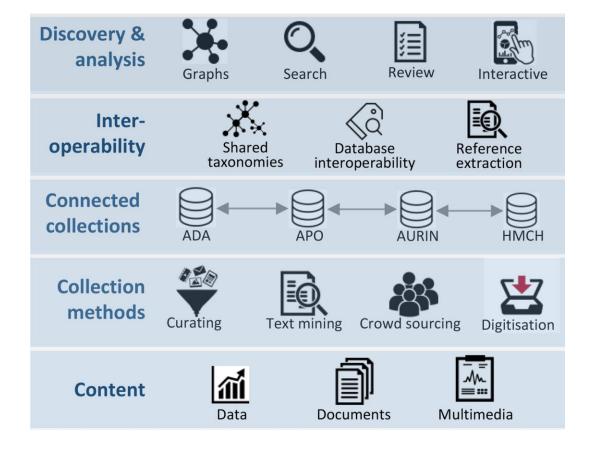
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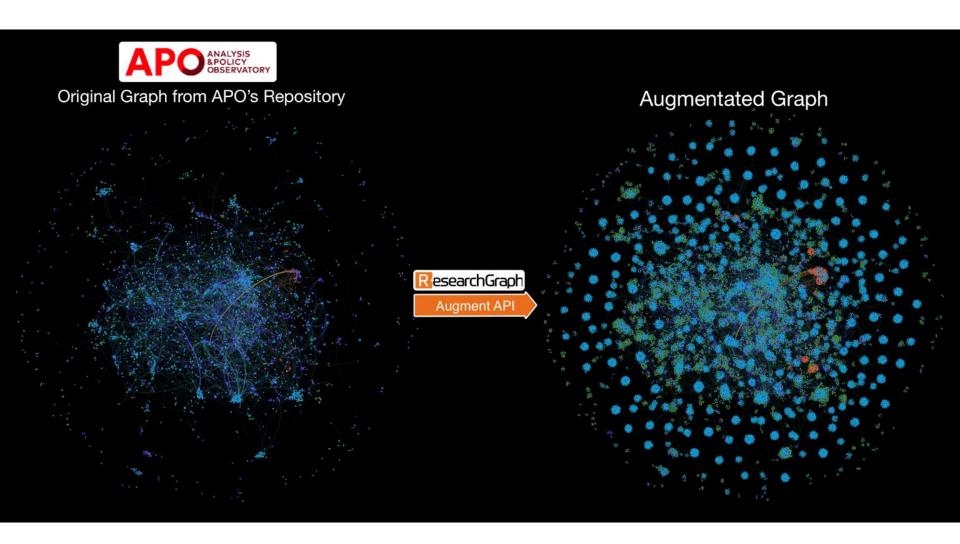
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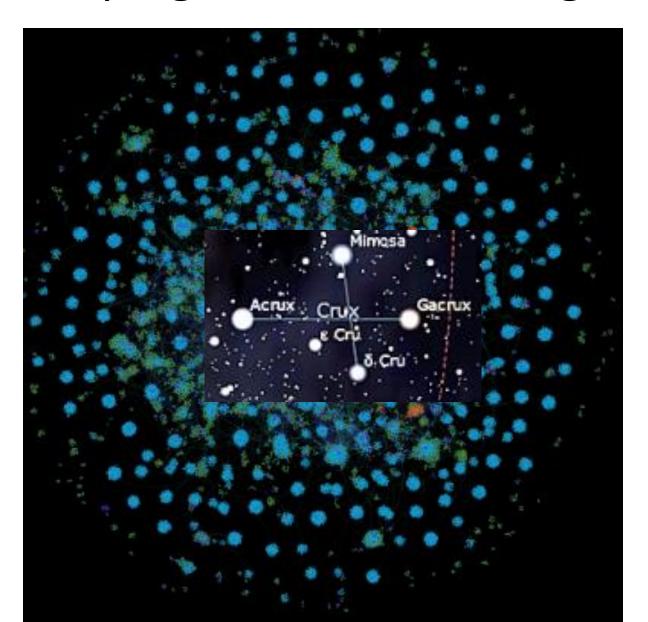
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# Completing the information picture



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