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IBSS does not use or generate journal impact factors. However we are aware that our coverage list is used by a number of research funding bodies world-wide – usually government ministries or funding councils - as a measure of journal quality and importance.

If you are intending to submit an article to a journal covered in IBSS, and are relying on IBSS coverage for accreditation and funding of your research, then you will want to be sure that the journal is currently covered by IBSS. In this respect, we would like to advise you of the following:

- For a clear and official guide to our current coverage, please use Journals Source List found [here](#). This list is output at the beginning of each calendar year; new journals taken on are added throughout the year with the start date noted. Any journals de-selected from coverage are dropped at the end of the calendar year. This list is therefore a comprehensive reference of titles current for the calendar year.
- Do not rely solely on mention of IBSS (International Bibliography of the Social Sciences) in the 'indexed by' section of a journal's preliminary pages. Whilst we do our best to ensure these references are correct, this information can sometimes be mistaken or out of date.
- For information on how our coverage list is used by particular funding bodies, and whether other lists are also used for the social sciences or for other subject areas, then please contact the funding body itself.
- We are very happy for our coverage list to be used as a guide to journal quality and importance. However the use of the IBSS coverage listing in such a way does not affect our editorial policy and selection criteria, which remain focused on providing best service to our user community. Please see our Editorial Policies and Principles for further details.

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