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Smith, A. P. (2017). The best article in the world: Really great subtitle. *Journal of Awesome*, 32(2), 126-138.

X Empirical: Also called “research article”; Can be quantitative, qualitative, or mixed methods

□ **Case Study:** Details 1 or a few examples

□ **Theoretical:** Also called “conceptual”; Proposes a theory or conceptual framework on a topic

□ **Review:** Discusses many other articles on the same topic

□ **Other:** See your instructor or librarian if you’re not sure which type of article you have.

As noted in the APA citation the author of this article is A.P. Smith. She has a PhD in social work. I would assume that she is qualified to write on this topic, but found no evidence to suggest that she has experience working in the field of child welfare. This article comes from a noted scholarly peer-reviewed social work journal, *Journal of Awesome*. The purpose of this article is to interview child welfare caseworkers in Los Angeles about workload related difficulties. There is a literature review that suggests few qualitative studies have been done in this area. The literature review also briefly explains federal and state guidelines for the field of child welfare and prior workforce related research.

This article is relevant and focused on my topic of child welfare. It is research related to the caseload size of child welfare workers and relates to my topic. I was unable to find any bias, except the findings that caseworkers with large caseload have difficulty making all of the required visits. I was unable to find a funding source. The references appear to be credible, as the author has cited several government sources. The intended audience is anyone looking for research related to making an argument that caseload sizes are too large. This article might assist a researcher advocating for smaller child welfare caseloads. I learned that caseload sizes are too large and that this is largely due to a lack of allocated state financial resources.