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- Authority is about source: sanctioned, approved, authorized
- Authority is either 'inherent' or 'acquired'
- Inherent: government mandate (statute, regulation)
- Acquired: court decisions, certification, branding, peer review

- Systems of inherent authority are increasingly under challenge (not just in context of VGI)
 - Government: Downsizing, outsourcing, devolution of functions
 - Regulated Professions: challenges to monopolies
- Systems for acquired authority can be used to establish new 'authoritative' sources of knowledge – this can happen independently of 'authoritative' players

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- Authority systems are conservative
- Authority systems are under increasing pressure both internally and externally
- “Authoritativeness” of data is a construct