

Quoting sources Positive and negative connotations

Does the person using these words to quote someone feel positive (+) or in some way negative (-) about the quote (for example that there is some doubt about it or it should be rejected), or is their attitude not clear (?)?

Verbs

... believes...
... claims...
... demonstrates that...
... distorts...
... insists that...
... misinterprets...
... misquotes...
... proves that...
... seems to...
... shows that...
... states...
... stresses that...

Adjectives

a (recognised) authority
an (acknowledged) expert
a valuable source
an invaluable source
classic
controversial
discredited
doubtful
erroneous
famous
ground breaking
important
inconclusive
infamous
influential
paradigm-changing
primary
seminal
significant
speculative
widely recognised
There is a widespread belief that...

Abbreviations

[sic]