HOW TO USE OPPOSING VIEWPOINTS RESOURCE CENTER

Use your library's Internet browser to go to the Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center URL. On the home page, you will find several search options.

SEARCH BY ISSUE

Click an issue from the Issues List for immediate results, without having to enter a search term or visit intermediary screens. This list is accessible only from the home page.

SEARCH BY SUBJECT, KEYWORD OR FULL-TEXT

To broaden or narrow your search in one step, three types of searches are accessible from any page at any point during your research:

• SUBJECT SEARCH — For common topics, enter your search term in the entry box, select Subject Search from the drop-down menu and then click “Search”

• KEYWORD SEARCH — For less common terms such as proper nouns, repeat process but select Keyword Search

• FULL-TEXT SEARCH — For jargon, new terminology or more abstract topics, repeat process but select Full-text Search to conduct the broadest search

ADVANCED SEARCH

Click on Advanced Search and enter search terms in up to three fields, using the search operators and, or and not to broaden or narrow results. For each term or phrase entered, select the type of search preferred from the menu: Title/Headline, Source, Author, Subject, Full Text, Document Type or Document Number. You may also stipulate a date or range of dates, and the number of results per page that you want returned; Advanced Search is available from any page at any point during your research.

TABBED RESULTS

Eight tabs separate search results by content type, making it easy to quickly assess retrieved information. Choose the Results Tab that best meets your information needs, or select another from any results page.
SEARCH RELATED SUBJECTS
For even more targeted results, choose a subject related to your search term from the subject guide on the left side of the results page. The results are then further broken down for you into Broader Terms, Narrower Terms and Related Terms.

CROSS-SEARCH STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER
Select the Student Resource Center Search tab on any results page without leaving Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center. This feature is only available to subscribers of both Student Resource Center and Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center.

FEATURES ACCESSIBLE FROM HOME PAGE:
• SPOTLIGHT ON — Hot issues and links to related articles
• THIS WEEK’S POLL — Participate in an interactive opinion poll. You can cast a vote on the issue of the week, review the voting results or access the archive

TOOLS ACCESSIBLE FROM ANY PAGE AT ANY POINT DURING RESEARCH:
• HELP
• SEARCH TIPS
• GALE DATABASES (Available only to subscribers)
• DICTIONARY
• TOOL BOX — For help in organizing your ideas and information for papers or research projects, link to detailed explanations and downloads including worksheets, templates and more

If you need further assistance with Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center, please consult your librarian.

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