

# Using CQ Library

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## What is CQ Library

CQ Library is an electronic database which includes articles from both CQ Weekly and CQ Researcher. CQ Weekly is a resource for nonpartisan political information while CQ Researcher is a good place to begin research on current topics. Each issue that appears on the screen covers the most current and controversial topics with complete summaries, insight into all sides of the issues, bibliographies, and more.

## How to Search in CQ Library

1. To get started, you must click on the **ENTER** button in the center of the web site.
2. Once connected, you are viewing the current week's issue of CQ Researcher. To search for a specific topic, you must click on the **search** box in the upper left corner.
3. Your next step is to enter your search terms and then click on the **search** button, which shows both above and below the search screen.
4. **Search results will appear on the left side of the screen! \*\*Please Note\*\*** Your search terms will NOT go away (on the right side of the screen)!
5. You can click on any of the articles on the left side of the screen. Both titles of issues and dates appear to help you to determine which article to choose.

## CQ Researcher Sections

In each CQ Researcher issue, the following sections are included:

- **Front Page** - Also includes the information you need for your bibliography.
- **Abstract** - A one paragraph summary of the issue.
- **Executive Summary** - Summary of the issue; longer than an abstract.
- **The Issues** - Discussion of issues involved in topic of article.
- **Background** - Background and history of issue.
- **Chronology** - Timeline of issue with dates listed up until copyright date of article.
- **Current Situation** - Situation as of date listed on article.
- **Outlook** - Outlook of issue as of date listed on article.
- **Bibliography** - Selected sources used for writing article.
- **The Next Step** - Additional information and bibliography of issue.
- **Notes** - Footnotes from the article.
- **Related Issues** - Additional articles that may be of interest.

## Helpful Tips!

- When you put your terms in quotes, you will be searching for your keywords as an exact phrase; for example, "capital punishment" or "education reform".
- You can limit your search of articles by putting in a date. Use the drop down menu or enter a specific date. When entering dates use the following format (mm/dd/yy); for example, (08/26/98).

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