Sample Search

When ready to search, a researcher may begin by either entering a search term in the keyword search bar in the top right-hand corner of the screen, or by using various browsing options shown at the top of the page. Reports can be browsed by:

**Topic**—nearly 30 different topical categories

**Data**—reports are available from 1923 to present for more than 95 years’ worth of content at your fingertips

**Issue Tracker**—relevant reports on similar topics, making it easy to follow the development and evolution of key issues through years and across decades

**Pro/Con**—essays written by outside experts who argue a “yes” or “no” position on a vital question related to the topic

Begin with a quick topical search. Enter “abortion” into the keyword search bar. The search results display report titles as well as the topics that a particular report sits under. Please note that search results default to display according to relevance rather than order of publication date.

The icon indicates that the result is a Hot Topics report.

**Tip:** The search results display may be adjusted to sort by newest or oldest report first, if preferred.
Sort the search results by “**Newest**” and select the report entitled “**Abortion Controversies**”

Each report is roughly 12,000 words and is broken into 16 sections. These sections are listed on the left-hand size of the page and offer quick links that bring the researcher to the section of their choosing.

Reports begin with an **Overview** section, followed by three debate-style issue questions which help the reader delve into specific facets of the report’s main topic, and then a **Background** section that provides historical context. Next, the **Current Situation** section focuses on where the topic stands today, followed by a forward-looking **Outlook** section where the experts reveal what they expect to happen in the future.

**TIP:** The **Issue Tracker** allows users to track related reports published on a particular topic as far back as 1923.

Reports are extensively footnoted, providing researchers with direct links to cited articles for additional research. Also, each report has a **Chronology** showing the topic’s progression through time. In this case, we can see that the U.S. Supreme Court began making decisions on the topic beginning in the 1970s.

Each report concludes with **The Next Step**, which offers links to additional resources, such as a bibliography of books, articles and reports, plus an additional list of news articles, to guide researchers to the logical “next step” in their research.

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