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## Overview

The first stop explores main themes, trends and controversies surrounding a topic and the reasons these issues matter. Along the way researchers will encounter key data, expert analysis and important terminology that will help guide them through the rest of their research journey.

## Background

At this stage of the journey, researchers will find context and history – how have the issues and controversies surrounding the topic developed over time? When and how did they begin, and how have they evolved?

## Outlook

One last visit with the experts reveals what they expect to happen down the road. How will the issues unfold in the next year? The next five years? What developments are important to look for next?

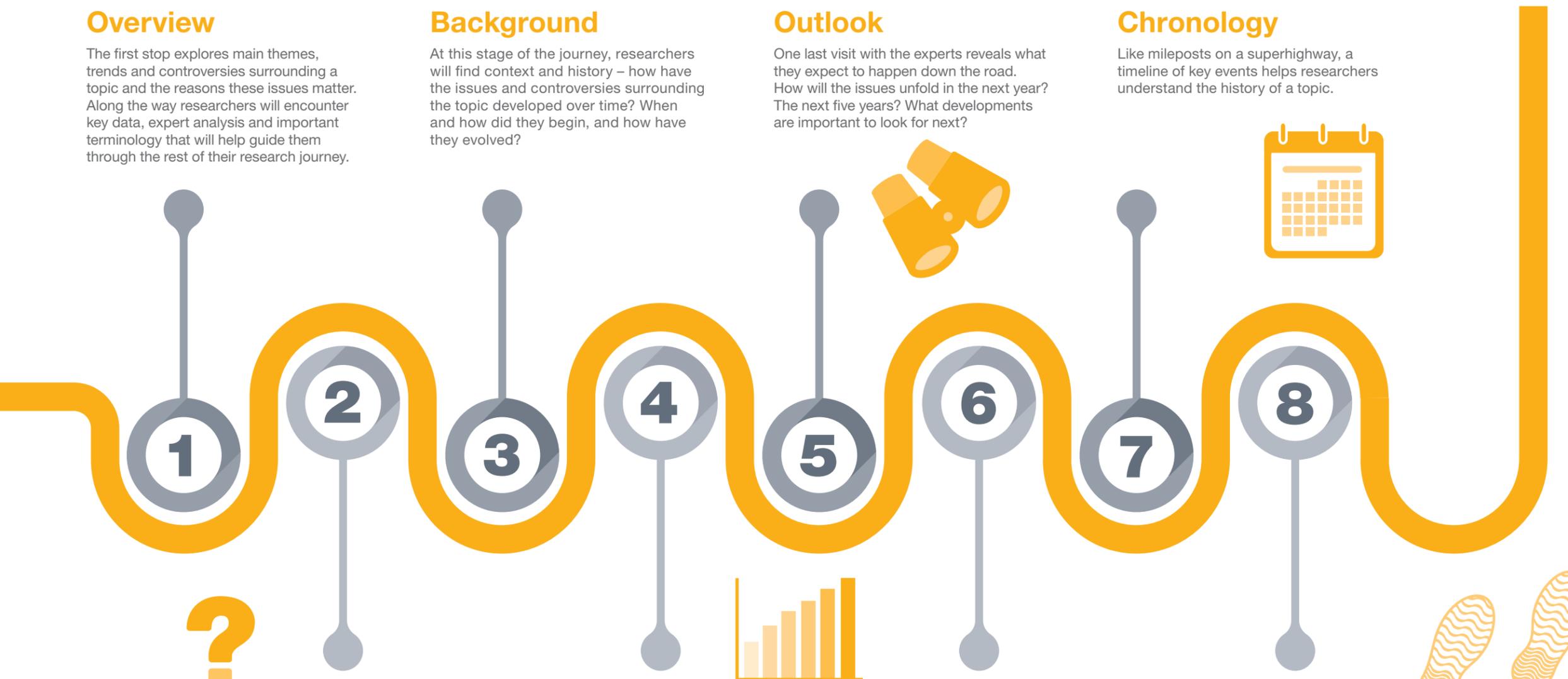
## Chronology

Like mileposts on a superhighway, a timeline of key events helps researchers understand the history of a topic.

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## Issue Questions

As researchers move deeper into their quest, three debate-style questions will help them delve into specific facets of the report's main topic. What are the experts saying, and where do they agree or disagree on the topic's key controversies?

## Current Situation

By now researchers have come a long way, and they are ready to learn where the issues and controversies stand today. What is happening in the courts, Congress, state legislatures, corporate boardrooms or other venues?



## Charts and Graphs

Nothing makes a trip more navigable than clear, useful waypoints. When researchers are investigating a complex topic, data help illuminate the way. Survey findings, government statistics, maps and other data sources reinforce the text.



## Next Step

A successful trip makes a traveler want to return, and that is where bibliographies play a crucial part in the research journey. Researchers will find a bibliography of books, articles, reports and studies in every **CQ Researcher**, plus an additional list of news articles to help them further explore the topic.



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