

What good is CQ Researcher?

What is CQ Researcher?

- A database of articles
- Articles - written to inform legislators about current issues
- Meant as a comprehensive overview of general topics.

Topic Idea:

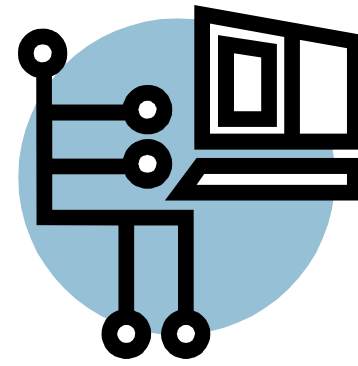
- Numerous different topics
- Can help to find a current topic
- Contains information for issues questions and specific details

Background:

- General knowledge of topic
- Authorities in the field
- Current research being done with regard to the topic
- Has a bibliography which lists sources of information.
- **NEVER CITE CQ RESEARCHER!**

CQ RESEARCHER

Who said the government never helps...



What to expect:

- General Information
- A pro/con section to illustrate the arguments
- Tracking of your issue
- Bibliography with references on your issue
- Fun for the whole family!!!

Basics for searching:

A: CQ Researcher Homepage

B: Recent Articles

- The last 8 articles written

C: Quicksearch

- Only use general terms
- For Example:

Use terrorism instead of Al Qaeda or Ocean instead of Pacific Ocean.

D: Browse by Date

E: Browse by Topic

- Begin with broad topics
- Topics get more narrow as you select topics.

F: Results page

G: Sorting

- Sort by relevance
- Sort by date

H: Full Text of Article

I: Issue Tracker

- Chronological list of related articles

J: Print/Email/Save

The image shows three screenshots of the CQ Researcher website interface. The top screenshot is the homepage, the middle is the search results page, and the bottom is the full text of an article. Various elements are circled and labeled with letters A through K.

Homepage (Top Screenshot):

- A:** CQ Researcher logo and navigation menu.
- B:** Recent Reports list.
- C:** Quick Search input field.
- D:** Advanced Search link.
- E:** Browse by Topic link.

Search Results (Middle Screenshot):

- F:** Search Results header and navigation options.
- G:** Sorting options (Score, Time, Save).

Full Text of Article (Bottom Screenshot):

- H:** Article title and author information.
- I:** Issue Tracker sidebar.
- J:** Print/Email/Save options.
- K:** Article content area.

Results List:

K: Article Sections

1. Full Report - entire article
2. Abstract - overview of article and issue
3. Overview - overview of article
4. Background - history of the issue the article deals with.
5. Current Situation - the issue currently
6. Outlook - the future projection of where the issue will end up
7. Special Focus - specific topic relating to the general topic
8. Chronology - dated list of the major events in the issue
9. Pro/Con - a pro and con article written for a specific issue question.
10. Bibliography
11. Next Step - where to go from here
12. Contact
13. Footnotes