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CQ Researcher Online CQ Global Researcher

Overview

CQ Researcher Online has been published since 1991. Original articles on a variety of topics are written by an experienced observer of the given issue. This database uses a blue banner. *CQ Global Researcher* has been published since 2007 and uses a green banner. Articles provide in-depth coverage of global affairs from a number of international viewpoints.

These databases are considered a “news and current event” resource, have many of the same features, are integrated in some aspects, and all articles are about 12,000 words or 24 pages in length. The purpose of this handout is to help researchers use these databases.

Access

Wichita State University Library databases are all available through the Electronic Databases link on the library homepage at <http://www.library.wichita.edu/>. For more help locating and using library resources, call the Reference Desk at (316) 978-3584 or instant message the Reference Desk.

Site Features

Figures 1 and 2 show the similarities and differences in Site Features of both databases.

Advanced Search

Each database allows certain limiters, such as searching specific report sections

Browse by Topic

Reports in each database are organized by major topic

Browse by Date

Reports in each database are organized by date

Pro/Con

Questions from this section in are organized by topic (*CQ Researcher* only)

Issue Tracker

An integrated list of reports from both databases organized by topic

Index

A cumulative index of major topics and subtopics (*CQ Researcher* only)

Browse by Country

Reports are organized by country and region (*CQ Global* only)

Your Profile

Allows favorite searches and documents to be saved **for future reference**

Log In

Allows access to “Your Profile”

E-mail Alerts

Provides notification of new articles on topics of interest

Favorite Documents:

View up to 50 documents that were saved for future reference (see checkbox within an article)

Saved Searches:

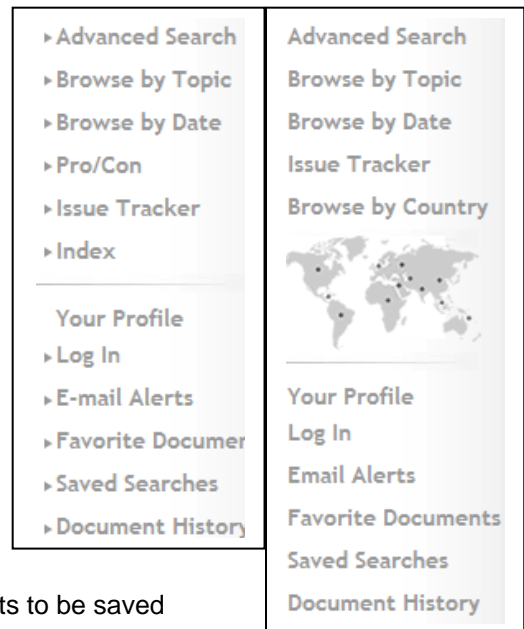
View up to 25 searches that were saved for future reference (see checkbox on the search results page after you complete the search)

Document History

View the last 25 documents from the current search session

Fig. 1 *CQ Researcher*

Fig. 2 *CQ Global*



Quick Search

After accessing either database, the researcher will find the Quick Search window (figure 3) at the top of the homepage. This search looks through all of the text in articles for the words typed in the search box. The results are displayed in order of relevancy, based on an algorithm that weights the appearance of the word in certain fields, such as title, higher than other fields.

Fig. 3 Quick Search



Search Tips

Quotation marks keep words together as a phrase in the search which helps create a more precise list of results. Look at the comparison of search results from the search **water shortages** (figure 4) and **"water shortages"** (figure 5). The first search has 92 results, while the second search has only 12 results. Notice when quotes are added, the search appears with double sets of quotation marks.

Fig. 4 *water shortages*

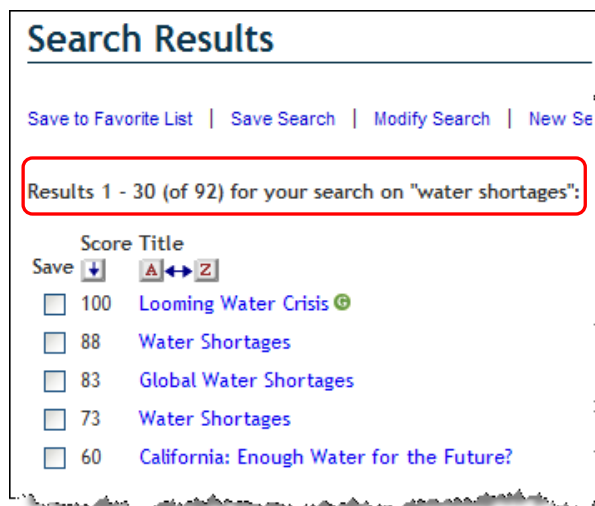


Fig. 5 *"water shortages"*



By typing an * (asterisk symbol) at the end of a word, you can search for items with multiple endings. For example: **work*** will find results for work, worker, workers, workplace, and working.

To find any character in a word use the ? (question mark symbol) anywhere in the word. For example: **wom?n** will find woman and women

To find words within a certain number of words from each other, separate words with a "w" and slash mark (/) and the number of words which can occur between the search terms. For example: **electoral w/6 college** will find the words "electoral" and "college" within 6 words of each other in the article

Report Features

The initial search list will provide results from only the database selected (either *CQ Researcher* or *CQ Global*). However, there will be links to the other database within the article in the feature called "Issue Tracker." Articles in *CQ Global* have a green "G" symbol (see fig. 6).

The left column in each article lists the article sections available for a particular article (see figure 7 with descriptions).

Fig. 6 Issue Tracker



Fig. 7 Full Report

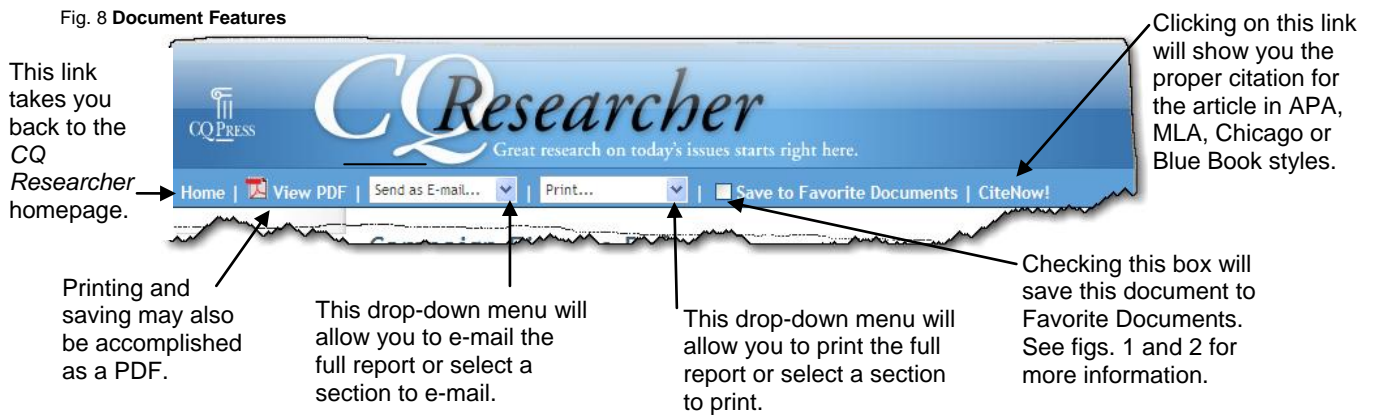
- ▶ **FULL REPORT**
- ▶ Introduction
- ▶ Overview
- ▶ Background
- ▶ Current Situation
- ▶ Outlook
- ▶ Pro/Con
- ▶ Chronology
- ▶ Short Features
- ▶ Voices from Abroad
- ▶ Maps/Graphs
- ▶ Bibliography
- ▶ The Next Step
- ▶ Contacts
- ▶ Footnotes
- ▶ About the Author

Introduction	Briefly introduces the topic
Overview	Introduces more specific issues under consideration
Background	Provides a history of the issue, including pertinent policy and legal decisions
Current Situation	Gives a snapshot of the issue at the time of publication
Outlook	Presents a projection of what the future may bring
Pro/Con	Supplies statements from representatives of opposing positions on the issue
Special Focus	Offers other dimensions of the issue (CQ Researcher only)
Chronology	Provides a list of key events in the issue's history
Short Features	These are brief reports about special issues related to the main topic
Voices from Abroad	The writer quotes a range of sources, including media, lawmakers, academics, interest group representatives, government officials and citizens involved in the issue (CQ Global only)
Maps and Graphs	Gathers together all of the graphic elements in an issue for quick review
Bibliography	Provides an annotated list of key sources
The Next Step	Supplies additional bibliographic sources related to particular questions considered in the report
Contacts	Provided as a way of getting further information from government agencies, think tanks, and other organizations that shed light on the topic
Footnotes	There are hotlinks for each citation in the article
About the Author	A brief biography with credentials are provided about the author

Document Features

Several features are available to assist with research and article retrieval (fig.8).

Fig. 8 Document Features



CQ Researcher Help pages:

- <http://library.cqpress.com/cqresearcher/static.php?page=about>
- <http://library.cqpress.com/globalresearcher/static.php?page=about&PHPSESSID=gtgk4nid5blvl6n690tqbvfuo>
- <http://library.cqpress.com/cqresearcher/static.php?page=faq>
- <http://library.cqpress.com/globalresearcher/static.php?page=searchtips>