

How to search CQ Researcher

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Choose “CQ Researcher” from the “Find articles,” “General databases” section of the library webpage. http://www.anokatech.edu/current_students/research/online/index.html

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Anoka Technical College library website. The page is titled "Current Students" and features a navigation menu on the left with categories like "Tuition, Fees & Financial Aid", "Registration", "Course Schedule", "Minnesota Transfer Curriculum", "Academic Programs", "Library and Research", "Buy Books", "Student Life", "Get Help", "Policies and Procedures", "D2L - Desire to Learn", "Check My Grades", "MetNet - Student Email", "I'm Done - Now What?", "Contact Us", and "Home". The main content area is titled "General library databases" and includes a breadcrumb trail: "Current Students > Library and Research > Citing sources > Library General Databases >". Below this, there are three columns of database links. The first column, "EBSCO general databases", lists "Magazines -- scholarly journals -- & more" with links for "Academic Search Premier", "Business Source Premier", "MasterFILE Premier", and "MegaFILE". The second column, "Proquest general databases", lists "Newspapers -- trade journals" with links for "Proquest Newspapers" and "Career and Technical Education". The third column, "Other general databases", lists "CQ Researcher", "Lexis-Nexis Academic", "Encyclopedias" (including "Encyclopedia Britannica", "Access Science (McGraw Hill)", "Encyclopedia of Medicine (Gale)", and "Encyclopedia of Surgery & Medical Tests (Gale)"), and "Salem Health". A red arrow points from the "CQ Researcher" link in the third column to the text "CQ Researcher" in the paragraph above. At the bottom of the page, there is contact information for Admissions, info@anokatech.edu, Directions, Hours, Academic Programs, and the college's address: 1355 West Highway 10, Anoka, MN 55303, with phone numbers (763) 576-4700 TTY 711 or TTY 1-800-627-3529. The footer also includes the copyright notice "©2008 Anoka Technical College. All rights reserved." and a logo.

You are likely to find CQ Researcher useful for **credible, detailed overviews of social issues**. Their reports provide balanced and objective information about **current and controversial** topics.

Students are often able to **narrow a research topic** after searching CQ Researcher. They also **find additional resources** in the Bibliography and footnotes.

If you access this and other library databases from off-campus, you will encounter this screen that requires you to login:



To log into Anoka Technical College's online databases, please enter the 14-digit barcode number found on your student ID card, ("20424...") and your password (your last name). Prior to first time use, your barcode must be activated.

To activate your card, or if you are not able to purchase an ID card at the business office on campus, contact the [Library staff](#)

Please enter your barcode:

Please enter your password:

Your library barcode is on the back of your college ID card and starts out 20424.... Your password is your last name.

When you get into the database, the opening screen will have a current report in the middle of the screen. It will look a lot like this:

A screenshot of the CQ Researcher Online website interface. The browser title is 'The CQ Researcher Online - Windows Internet Explorer provided by Anoka Technical College'. The address bar shows 'http://library.cqpress.com/cqresearcher/index.php'. The website header includes the CQ Researcher logo and navigation links like 'Home | About | Help | Log Out'. A search bar is present with 'QUICK SEARCH' and 'Advanced Search' options. The main content area features a 'CURRENT REPORT' section dated 'March 07, 2008' with the title 'Future of the Airlines' and sub-headline 'Do passengers need a bill of rights?' by Peter Katel. Below this is a 'THE ISSUES' section with three bullet points. To the right is a 'RECENT REPORTS' sidebar with a list of articles and dates. At the bottom, there are 'PRO/CON' sections for 'Should Congress take action on flight delays?' featuring quotes from Kate Hanni and James C. May. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows several open applications including 'Novell GroupWise - Mailbox', 'The CQ Researcher Online', and 'Microsoft Word' documents.

There are many options for searching this database. If you don't have a topic yet, you might browse some of the **RECENT REPORTS** in the right-hand column. Another easy option is to do a **QUICK SEARCH** by typing a keyword(s) in the white rectangle. **QUICK SEARCH** checks the full-text of all reports and returns results in "relevancy" order – a ranking much like an internet search engine. You can resort the results to see the most current results first, or even arrange them in alphabetical order by title.

The screenshot shows the 'QUICK SEARCH' interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text 'QUICK SEARCH' and a 'Go' button. Below the search bar, there are navigation links: 'Advanced Search', 'Save to Favorite List', 'Save Search', 'Modify Search', 'New Search', and 'Save E-mail Alert'. The main heading is 'Search Results'. Below this, it says 'Results 1 - 30 (of 84) for your search on "cuba:"'. A table of results is displayed with columns for 'Score', 'Title', 'Section', and 'Date'. Each row has a checkbox to the left of the score. The 'Date' column has a dropdown arrow pointing up. The results are as follows:

Score	Title	Section	Date
100	Cuba's Future	Entire Report	7/20/2007
86	Cuba in Crisis	Entire Report	11/29/1991
77	Castro's Next Move	Entire Report	12/12/1997
20	Economic Sanctions	Entire Report	10/28/1994
6	Change in Latin America	Entire Report	7/21/2006
5	Future of the Airline Industry	Entire Report	6/21/2002
4	Civil Liberties Debates	Entire Report	10/24/2003
4	International Law	Entire Report	12/17/2004
4	Democracy in Latin America	Entire Report	11/3/2000

Click the UP arrow under "Date" to resort these results in chronological order with the most recent ones first.

To access a report, click on the blue title. Your search terms will appear in the document in a blue-gray font. You can also locate your keyword(s) within the document by clicking on Find Keyword in the upper banner of the report. Click on "Home" if you want to start a new search.

The screenshot shows the report page for 'Prosecutors and Politics'. At the top, there is a blue banner with the CQ Researcher logo and the tagline 'Great research on today's issues starts right here.'. Below the banner, there is a navigation bar with links: 'Home', 'View PDF', 'Send as E-mail...', 'Print...', 'Save to Favorite Documents', 'CiteNow!', and 'Find Keyword'. The main heading is 'FULL REPORT' and the title is 'Prosecutors and Politics'. Below the title, there is a subtitle 'Has the Justice Department become too politicized?' and the author 'By Kenneth Jost'. The left sidebar contains a table of contents with links to 'Introduction', 'Overview', and 'Background'.

These reports are conveniently organized, but lengthy. Use the left-hand column to access specific sections of a report.

- Full report – the whole thing
- Introduction – a very brief summary, or “abstract”
- Overview – a detailed summary with the pros/cons
- Background – a history of the issue
- Current situation – recent events
- Outlook – projections
- Pro/Con – A side-by-side debate with the author’s names and credentials at the top
- Chronology – timeline
- Short features – related content
- Maps/Graphs
- Bibliography – list of sources referred to in the report
- The Next Step – related sources
- Contacts – contact information, including websites, for related organizations
- Footnotes – a complete listing of the footnotes, which are also accessible within the report
- About the author - for the author’s credentials and citation information

It is helpful to look at some of the footnotes as you read the report. Simply slide your mouse over the footnote number.

Does Cuba threaten the U.S.?

The Soviet Union's demise in 1991 not only ended the Cold War but also Cuba's alliance with a nuclear-armed adversary of the United States.

Today, nonetheless, Cuba is still viewed as a threat. It has earned a place on the U.S. government's "state sponsors of terrorism" list, in part because of its "close relationships" with Iran and North Korea. Last year, the State Department reported, "The Cuba-Iran relationship has become more complex. Cuba and North Korea have signed a protocol for cooperation in the field of biotechnology." ³¹

Footnote:
31. "State Sponsors of Terror Overview," U.S. State Department, April 28, 2006; www.state.gov/s/ct/rls/crt/2005/64337.htm.

Each report can be **printed** or **emailed** by section or in its entirety, or **viewed/saved in PDF** format. Use **print preview** to determine full report length (often over 20-30 pages).

*Other libraries are welcome to adapt this handout.
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