

The Speech 1100 Library Visit: Finding Evidence

Not sure where to find evidence to back up your claims? Check out some of these online resources. You will need your Library card in order to access Library databases.

See this handout online at <http://codlrc.org/speech/evidence>

FIND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Current Event Article Databases

<http://codlrc.org/databases/current-events>

- **CQ Researcher:** Entire reports on topics with links to outside articles, books and reports. Double check report date for currency.
- **Issues & Controversies:** Excellent overviews of selected topics with pro/con arguments. Double check report date for currency.

FIND SURVEYS AND OPINIONS

PollingReport.com

Find results of recent polls, election polls, and surveys on hot topics in the news.

www.pollingreport.com

Pew Research Center

Find results of recent polls, organized by topic, including international opinions.

www.people-press.org

The Gallup Poll

Data-driven news based on polls, daily tracking and public opinion research.

www.gallup.com/home.aspx

FIND EXAMPLES

Newspaper Databases

Use [Proquest Newspapers](#) to search multiple national newspapers; or [Newspaper Source](#) to search regional or English-language international papers.

<http://codlrc.org/databases/newspapers>

FIND STATISTICS

Newspaper Databases

<http://codlrc.org/databases/newspapers>

Statista

<http://codlrc.org/database/1464>

Statistical Abstract of the United States

<http://codlrc.org/database/534>



FIND CASE STUDIES

Academic OneFile

Click on **Subject Guide Search** from the gold bar at the top of the screen, search for your topic, then click the box next to **View Subdivisions**—look for “Case Studies.”

Academic Search Complete

Enter your keyword(s) and then click **Advanced Search**. Scroll down to **Document Type** and select “Case Study.”

FIND EXPERT TESTIMONY

Use General databases such as Academic OneFile and Academic Search Complete. Follow tips above for finding Case Studies, but select “Interview” instead.

FIND RESULTS OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

Use databases to limit results to “Peer Reviewed” or “Scholarly” journals. Not sure if the article you’ve found is scientific research? Look for sections labeled “Methods,” “Results,” “Discussion” and “References.”

USE THE LIBRARY CATALOG

Find books and videos in the Library and eBooks and more online

<http://cod.worldcat.org>

- Do a Keyword search in the library catalog
- Found the perfect book? Use Subject Headings to find more like it

SEARCH THE WEB

Search for information from organizations, government sites and more.

- Limit results to .gov, .edu or .org sites using Google Advanced Search
- Click on Google’s News link to find articles from national news outlets

EVALUATE YOUR SOURCES

- **Authority/Credibility:** Who wrote this information and are they experts?
- **Purpose:** Is this source informational or persuasive?
- **Currency:** Is this source up-to-date?
- **Accuracy:** Is this information correct? Is it based on fact or opinion?

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