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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

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Use Proquest Newspapers to search multiple national newspapers; or Newspaper Source to search regional or English-language international papers.
http://codlrc.org/databases/newspapers

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Newspaper Databases - http://codlrc.org/databases/newspapers
Statista - http://codlrc.org/database/1464

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.”
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● Relevance - the importance of the information for your needs
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● Authority - the source of the information
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