

Speech Research: Finding Evidence

www.codlrc.org/speech/evidence

Find Background Information

Current Event Article Databases

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

CQ Researcher: Comprehensive reports on timely 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 Public Opinion

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

- **Currency** - the timeliness of the information
- **Relevance** - the importance of the information for your needs
- **Accuracy** - the reliability and correctness of the information
- **Authority** - the source of the information
- **Purpose** - the reason the information exists

Speech Research Assistance

Speech Research Guide

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