

Writing About Current Issues Using Sources

Resources from the
Pikes Peak Community
College Library

Starting point:

<http://www.ppcc.edu/library/>

- Select: **Web catalog**.
- Select: **PPCC login**.
- Select: **Begin**.
- Search: “opposing viewpoints” in all headings and qualify publication year: ≥ 2003 . Will find material from 2003 to the present. Yields 65 hits.
- Search: “opposing viewpoints” and “death penalty”. Yields 2 hits.

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- Select: **Web Catalog**.
- Select: **PPCC Login**.
- Default search: **PPCC Catalog**.
- Federated search: add other libraries and full text databases; all checkboxes are federated.
- Select a non-federated database and search database individually.
- Perform both keyword searches and browse the subject headings.

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<http://www.ppcc.edu/library/databases/>

- Select: **Opposing Viewpoints**. Presents differing opinions on societal issues like racism, capital punishment, employment and outsourcing.
- **Opposing Viewpoints** breaks down results into resource categories like reference, academic journals, news, statistics and primary sources.
- Article citation automatically formatted into MLA when emailed.
- Contains online dictionary.

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- Select: **Congressional Quarterly**.
- **Congressional Quarterly** provides the option to: Browse reports by topic.
- Topics include: Education, Human Rights, Defense and National Security, and Employment, Labor and Income.
- Reports include introduction, overview, background, current situation, pro/con and chronology.
- Reports can be displayed by most recent date first.
- Reports contain related topics links.

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- Select: **Net Library**
- Search: “opposing viewpoints” in basic search and you get 34 hits.
- Search: “opposing viewpoints” and “abortion” in advanced search/full text and you get one hit.
- Entire content of book is keyword searchable.
- Can be “checked out” by creating a free account online. Ensures ebook accessibility after initial logout.

Starting point:

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/557/01/>

- Purdue University provides an online *MLA Formatting and Style Guide*, a combination of *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* (6th ed.) and *MLA Style Manual & Guide to Scholarly Publishing* (2nd ed.)