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Databases: Provide access to published material in magazines, journals, newspapers, and other sources. The UMW Library subscribes to these databases and they are part of the “Deep Web,” as opposed to the “Surface Web” or “Free Web.”

Finding the Communication Subject Guide

- Click on “Guides” in the blue tab on the Library home page, http://libraries.umw.edu, or click on “Research Guides” in the “Get Help” section.
  - Click on “Communication” (http://libguides.umw.edu/comm)

Finding Resources Offering Pro and Con Views

Among the titles listed on the Communication subject guide (see “Locating Articles” and “Navigating the Internet: Policy Issues” tabs), see:

Issues and Controversies (1995 to date)
- Since 1995, Issues and Controversies has covered the most “prominent and hotly debated issues of the day,” offering in-depth analyses, pro-con articles, and bibliographies. The Library subscribes to this resource, so off-campus users must log in before accessing it.

Public Policy Issues and Groups (http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/govt/pubpol.php)
- Maintained by the Vanderbilt University Library

Procon.org (http://www.procon.org/)
- A non-profit organization offering nonpartisan, pro-con research articles on more than fifty controversial issues.

Finding Books and Articles

Quest
- A search tool that allows users to find print and online resources at UMW Libraries through a single interface.
- Click on “Quest” from Library home page, http://libraries.umw.edu.
- A search in Quest will locate:
  - Books, e-books, articles, DVDs, and much more.
- Can also search just the catalog by clicking on “catalog” from the Library home page.
Finding Articles

Links to databases and other resources that provide abstracts of articles (summaries) and full-text articles are available in the “Locating Articles” section of the UMW Libraries Communication subject guide (http://libguides.umw.edu/comm). Some of them include:

*Communication and Mass Media Complete* (varies by journal; mostly 1930s to date)
- Provides abstracts of articles (summaries) of almost 800 journals in areas related to communication, mass media, and related fields.
- Furnishes the full text of more than 450 journals.
  - *Important:* Can click on “Choose Databases” to add additional databases, including *Academic Search Complete.*
    - Includes thousands of full-text academic journals and periodicals in a wide variety of disciplines
    - Coverage varies, as far back as the 1880s to date

Finding Newspaper Articles

- See the UMW Libraries’ guide to finding newspaper articles (http://libguides.umw.edu/newspapers).
- *ProQuest Historical Newspapers* and *Nexis Uni* are also in the “Locating Articles” section of the Library Communication subject guide.
  - To find editorials in *Nexis Uni,*
    - Click on “Advanced Search” and select “News” after clicking on “Select a specific content type.”
    - Add “editorial” to your search terms.
    - Click on “Add” after filling out each drop-down window. Click “Search when finished.”

Finding Books Series Offering Pro and Con Views

- Each volume in this series presents various opinions on a single issue.

- The purpose of this series is to “introduce the reader to all sides of contemporary controversies in an objective and comprehensive way.”

- Each volume in this series “examines an important social issue in a variety of ways, from personal accounts and case studies to pertinent factual and statistical articles to commentaries and overviews.”

- Each one-volume work in this series provides a detailed overview of a current and controversial issue in the news.