



SAMPLE SEARCHES

Once you are ready to search, you can start by either entering the search term in the search box or using various browsing options at the top of the page. Reports can be browsed by:

- Topic—roughly 30 different topic categories
- Date—reports going back to 1923 for 90 years’ worth of content at your fingertips
- Issue Tracker—relevant reports on similar topics, making it easy to follow key topics through time
- Pro/Con—arguments typically written by leading experts, commissioned exclusively for CQ Researcher and organized by topic



“abortion”

Let’s do a quick search on a topic. Let’s search on “abortion,” since it is consistently one of our top searches. The search result displays report titles and the topics that they fall under. Please note that our search results default to a relevancy display and not a date-ordered display. That’s why “Roe v. Wade” is displayed as one of the first search results even though it was published in 1997. You can change the search function to a date-ordered display if you prefer.

The screenshot shows the CQ Researcher search results page for the keyword "abortion". The page displays a list of search results with columns for Title, Date, and Topic. The results are sorted by relevance. The top result is "Roe v. Wade At 25" from 11/28/1997, categorized under "Abortion, Contraception and Reproductive Issues". Other results include "Abortion Debates" from 3/21/2014 and 9/10/2010, "Abortion Showdowns" from 9/22/2006, "Abortion Debates" from 3/21/2003, and "Abortion Clinic Protests" from 4/7/1995. A red arrow points to the "Abortion" topic label in the third result, which is also marked with a red circle containing the number 1.

Title	Date	Topic
Roe v. Wade At 25 ... Both sides in the abortion debate protest at the U.S. Supreme Court before the landmark Planned ...	11/28/1997	Abortion, Contraception and Reproductive Issues
Abortion Debates ... lawmakers passed the controversial law last year, many of the state's abortion providers have shut down. In recent years, state legislatures have passed ...	3/21/2014	Abortion, Contraception and Reproductive Issues
Abortion Debates ... Women in a protest group with a poster reading 'Abortion is not health care' (Getty Images/Bill Pugliano) An abortion opponent protests before ...	9/10/2010	Abortion, Contraception and Reproductive Issues
Short Report: Abortion ... Entire Report Forty years after the Supreme Court legalized abortion in its landmark Roe v. Wade decision, the issue continues to generate heated debate ...	6/15/2013	Civil Rights: Women
Abortion Showdowns ... An anti-abortion protester demonstrates outside the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic in Sioux Falls, S.D., ...	9/22/2006	Abortion, Contraception and Reproductive Issues
Abortion Debates ... Anti-abortion and pro-choice protesters demonstrate on Dec. 4, 2002, during U.S. Supreme Court ...	3/21/2003	Abortion, Contraception and Reproductive Issues
Abortion Clinic Protests ... The recent wave of bombings, shootings and blockades against abortion providers has put anti-abortion activists on the defensive. Most of the ...	4/7/1995	Abortion, Contraception and Reproductive Issues

You'll also note that some topics have a symbol next to them indicating that they are among the 20 hot topics listed on the home page.

Let's select a report and choose "Abortion Debates." Each report is roughly 13,000 words and broken into 13 sections. The sections are listed on the "left nav."

Reports begin with an **Overview** section, followed by three debate-style issue questions and then a **Background** section that provides historical context. Next is the **Current Situation** section, focusing on where the topic stands today, followed by a forward-looking **Outlook** section.

2 Also notice the "Issue Tracker" which allows users to track reports published on a particular issue back to 1923.

Reports are extensively footnoted, providing students with online links to cited articles for additional research. Also, each report has a **chronology** showing the topic's progression through time. In this case, we can see that debates started as early as 1973.

Year	Event
1973-1989	Supreme Court establishes constitutional right to abortion, igniting ongoing political battles. Court later upholds some restrictions, strikes down others.
1973	Supreme Court's landmark <i>Roe v. Wade</i> decision establishes constitutional right to abortion.... In <i>Doe v. Bolton</i> , the court strikes down a Georgia law requiring a woman to get approval from three physicians before having an abortion.
1976	Congress passes Hyde Amendment banning the use of Medicaid and other federal funds for abortions.
1979	Supreme Court rules unconstitutional a Missouri law requiring abortions be performed in hospitals after the first trimester.
1983	Supreme Court declares unconstitutional an Ohio law requiring a 24-hour waiting period before an abortion, parental consent for abortions on girls under 15 and that abortions after the first trimester be performed in a hospital.
1989	Supreme Court strikes down a Washington state law declaring that "life begins at conception."
1990s	Court broadens states' right to regulate abortions; abortion opponents try to get the court to chip away at <i>Roe</i> .
1992	In <i>Planned Parenthood v. Casey</i> , the Supreme Court reaffirms <i>Roe</i> 's holding that states may not ban abortions out, upholds mandatory 24-hour waiting periods and parental-consent laws.

Reports also include a bibliography, short sidebar features, plus visuals such as maps, graphs, and tables to help students delve deeply into issues.

Each report ends with “The Next Step,” which offers links to additional resources to guide students to the logical “next step” in their research. This is a great guide for novice researchers.

If you’re seeking authoritative content and analysis on important social and political issues, you’ll appreciate **CQ Researcher**’s deep coverage spanning over 90 years.