

# SIRS Knowledge Source

SIRS contains full text information on social issues, science, health, history, government, business, arts and humanities—and much more. Full-text articles, primary source documents, multimedia and Internet resources are selected from thousands of reputable domestic and international publications and respected organizations.

1. Start from library home page: [www.pcc.edu/library](http://www.pcc.edu/library)
2. Select **Articles & Databases**.
3. Select the **S** shortcut, or scroll down until you see the database link.
4. Click **SIRS Knowledge Source**.

## Searching in SIRS

### Search Box

Select one or several words that describe your topic. For example, if your topic is *how the brain influences gender identity*, your search terms might be **brain gender identity**. Click the magnifying glass to the right of the search bar to search.



brain gender identity

Subject Search  Keyword Search

Advanced Search ▾

Below the search box on the SIRS home page are two different ways to browse controversial issues.

### Trending Pro/Con Leading Issues

This features competing viewpoints on current affairs. **Select a box** or click the **View All Issues button** to see articles on a particular topic.

## Trending Pro/Con Leading Issues

**Election 2016**  
The United States 58th quadrennial presidential election will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. On that day, voters will select the next president and vice president of the United States.

[Explore this issue](#)

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- Concealed Weapons
- Concussions In Sports
- Gender Identity
- Homelessness
- International Trade
- Islamic State Group (ISIS)
- Police And Body Cameras
- Refugees
- Zika

## Browse all Pro/Con issues

This lists general topics alphabetically. Clicking one will give you a list of subtopics to choose from. Use the bar at the right of the topics list to scroll through topics.

### Browse all Pro/Con issues \* Main category

All Issues (A-Z)	<b>Abortion *</b>
Business and Economics	Abortion, Moral and Ethical Aspects
<b>Civil Rights and Liberties</b>	Emergency Contraception
Communication and Technology	Late-Term Abortion
Crime and Punishment	Parental Consent for Abortion
	<b>Censorship *</b>

## Topic Pages

Topic pages gathers different kinds of information sources in one place. On a topic page, you will find:

1. an overview
2. different viewpoints
3. a timeline
4. critical thinking questions
5. research guide: a worksheet that can help you think through your research topic

## Search Results

To select an article, click on the title. Then you can read it, print it, cite it, and more.

Below each article entry is a drop-down menu named Subjects. Select it to find more articles related to the subject of your topic.

You can limit the result list to the types of information sources you want by selecting the options listed under Source Type on the left side of the screen.

## Save, Print, Cite Tools

To the left of your article will be a box full of options to save, share, and cite it.

**Save to Google Drive** allows you to save a copy of your article to your PCC student Google Drive account. First time users will need to grant permission to ProQuest for drive access.

**Email** the article to your PCC student email account.

The **Cite** tool creates citations in MLA and APA formats that you can copy and paste to your bibliography.

The **See Related Subjects** option takes you to a list of subject links. Select one to find more articles related to your topic and to expand the scope of your research.

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