



## TRIAL SEARCH!

“I’ve got my topic –  
Now What?!”

- Stop and think about what you will need to know
- Figure out where to find that information

You need to know:

1. the basics of your topic
  - a) What are key terms related to your topic?
  - b) What is the background of the issue?
  - c) What are the sides of the issue?
2. about the Focus Case for your issue (given to you by your teachers)
  - a. What is the background of the case?
  - b. What’s the court’s decision?
3. about other related cases
4. who the stakeholders of your issue are (who cares about each side and why)
5. your topic’s connection to the Constitution

# Where to start?

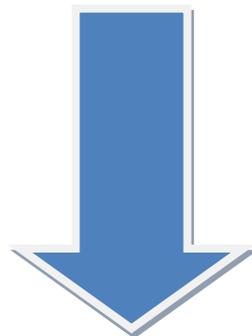
Go to the [CVU Library Trial Search resources page](#)

Start with [ABC-CLIO's Issues database](#)



- Select the Issues tab at the top or click on Explore an Issue
- Read the alphabetic list to find your issue or use the Search box to search for it. Brainstorm keywords – “Right to bear arms” might be considered “Gun Control”
- Read the “Overview” article for *background* and maybe some references to *related cases*.
- Explore the links on the left sidebar for information on *stakeholders* (Articles → “Individuals” and “Groups and Organizations”), statistics, a timeline, a article about where things stand right now and info about *court cases* (Documents).

Then try





# What can you get from Opposing Viewpoints?

You can look in Opposing Viewpoints for:

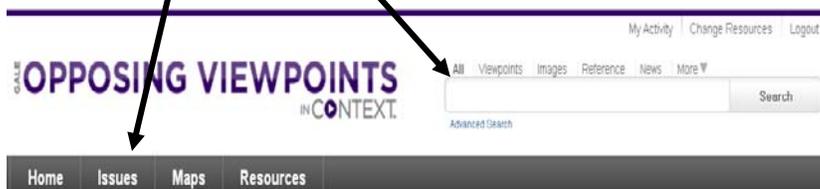
1. The basics of your topic!

AND

4. Who the stakeholders of your issue are  
(who cares about each side and why)

How do you do this?

Select the **Issues** tab at the top and find your topic from the list **or** do a search using the search box



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- What is the background of the issue?



Start by reading the **Topic overview essay**



⇒ Then read articles listed under the “Reference” heading –  
Be sure to click “View All”

**Viewpoints** View All 228

**Reference** View All 53

**News** View All 1,640

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- What are the sides of the issue?

⇒ Switch to the “Viewpoints” heading for opinion essays on opposing sides –  
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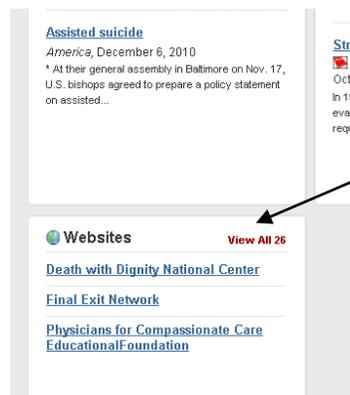
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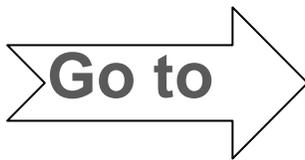
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⇒ Use the “**Websites**” heading to get ideas of potential stakeholders – and links to their websites. Again – be sure to click “**View All**”





Taken from: <http://noteasytoforget.com/2009/11/social-media-a-train-to-nowhere/>



**exploring**  
**Constitutional Law**

Here you can find:

3. about related cases

AND

5. your topic's connection to the Constitution

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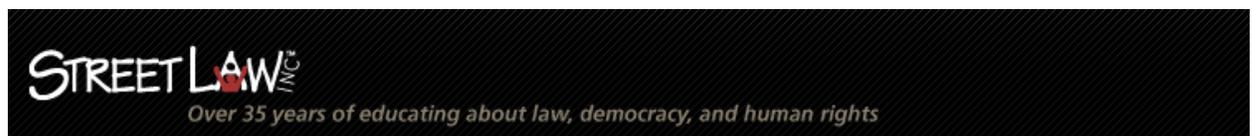
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# Need more information on:

## \* Court cases



## \* What the Constitution says

