Using Opposing Viewpoints in Context

Opposing Viewpoints in Context is a database that highlights various topics and offers materials that present both sides to an issue. This tutorial will give you a step by step guide to accessing and navigating the database.

1. Go to the CPCC website and click on the “Academics” tab. If you know how to gain access to the databases, skip to step 6:

2. Select the “Library and Research” tab:
3. The databases can be accessed by either:
   A. Clicking on the “Library’s Website” link. OR
   B. Clicking on the “Online Research Databases” link.

4. (A) If you decided to go to the library’s site, next click on the “Search Research Databases” link:

   (B) If you selected “Online Research Databases”, proceed to step 5.
5. Opposing Viewpoints can be accessed by either:
   A. Looking up Opposing Viewpoints in Context alphabetically in the A-Z list by selecting “O” and scrolling through the options. OR
   B. By selecting the “Social Issues” link and selecting it from the list of general databases.

For a full listing of ALL databases available, please click here.
6. Topics can be accessed by either:
   A. Clicking on the link for the list of topics OR
   B. Clicking on some of the featured topics that are categorized by subject.

7. After clicking on the “Browse All Topics” icon it will take you to a page with an alphabetical list of all topics. Choose one from the list and click on it:

Browse Issues
Choose a category and browse the list below to find information about people, places, and subjects.

Choose a Category: View All

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8. On each topic page there will be:
   A. A list of the types of resources that are on that page. Click on the links to filter a particular type of resource; e.g. academic journals.
   B. Featured articles within the varied offered resources. Click on an article or source type within the boxes.
   C. The topics can be broad so you will likely have to search within the topic to get the resources you are looking for. Click in the search tab and type in keywords to find more specific resources.

**Native American Rights**

As reported by the United Nations, there are approximately 370 million indigenous people throughout the world. In the United States, approximately 6.6 million people identify as American Indian and Alaska Natives, accounting for 2 percent of the total US population in 2015. This population included members of 567 federally recognized tribes and 326 federally recognized reservations, excluding Hawaiian Home Lands. Indigenous peoples are groups of people whose specific rights are based on their historical lineage in a particular geographical area. They tend to have distinct social, economic, and political systems, and unique languages, cultures, and beliefs. Indigenous peoples share certain common characteristics. Historically, they are often marginalized and represent a minority population within a post-colonial nation state. Indigenous sovereignty refers...

9. For example, “land” was typed into the search bar to isolate articles about land and Native Americans
10. After the search is performed:
   A. You can see the individual steps taken to get to that set of results and can click on any one of those steps to go back.
   B. You can see that the search terms are limited to “Native American Rights” and “land”.
   C. Only 8 viewpoints are featured with those keywords.

11. If you know what topic you want to research already, you can search for issues in the search bar. If the issue is covered a drop down menu of topic will appear after a keyword is typed in. Follow the previous steps if you find the topic you were looking for by using the search bar:

12. Select an article from the list of results. Once you access the article there are some other helpful things that could aid you in your coursework. In the top right hand corner are a few options
   A. You can use the Citation Tools option to get the citation for the article that you can copy and paste directly into your works cited page.
B. The Print option is to print the article.
C. The Email option will allow you to email the article to yourself or someone else.
D. Related items are listed below and can be access from the article page.

13. The citation window has a few options:
   A. MLA format is the default
   B. Ensure that the citation is in the correct format.
   C. Copy the citation and paste it into your works cited page.
   D. If the citation format is different from the default format, change it to the desired format from the drop down menu and copy and paste the updated citation.
12. Email the article to yourself or someone else. Fill out the required information within the email window.

If you have any questions about Opposing Viewpoints in Context or other research needs please contact a CPCC librarian!