

Research & Resources for Sociology 3 – Chabot College Library

<http://www.chabotcollege.edu/library>

Finding Books

Chabot College Library Catalog – search “words or phrase” to start:

obesity words or phrase Search

library: ALL
Chabot College
Las Positas College

Select Chabot as the location

Policy	Scope	Possible searches
No Child Left Behind	National	Education, Graduation Requirements, Testing
Voting Rights Act of 1965	National/Historical	Voting, Suffrage, Politics
Homeland Security Act	National	Terrorism, National security, Antiterrorism
Proposition 209	State	Affirmative action, California, Race, Civil rights
SF Connect	Local	Homelessness, California, San Francisco

Government and Agency Websites

- National** Guide to different branches: <http://www.usa.gov/Agencies/federal.shtml>
List of all U.S. Agencies: http://www.usa.gov/Agencies/Federal/All_Agencies/index.shtml
- State** Gateway to California resources: <http://www.ca.gov/>
List of California Agencies: <http://www.ca.gov/HomeFamily/Agencies.html>
- Local** Guides to local governments: <http://www.ca.gov/About/Government/Local.html>
California city websites: <http://www.ca.gov/About/Government/Local/cities.html>
- Statistics** Current Statistical Abstract of the U.S.: <http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/>

Tip: See if your program or policy has an official website, but remember that official websites are most likely to present their program in a positive light. Read articles from magazines, journal articles and other news sources to balance your information.

Background/Reference Material (Reference section of the library)

An Encyclopedia of American Political History	E 183 E5 1984
The Encyclopedic Dictionary of Sociology	HM 17 E5 1986
Encyclopedia of Sociology	HM 17 E5 1992
Encyclopedia of American Social History	HN 57 E58 1993
Encyclopedia of American Social Movements	HN 57 E594 2004
The Disability Rights Movement	HV 1553 P42 1997
Encyclopedia of Homelessness	HV 4493 E53 2004
Great American Court Cases	KF 385 A4 G68 1999
California Civil Practice Statutes and Rules	KFC 990 A1935 2003
Guide to the U.S. Supreme Court	KF 8742 C65 1990
Encyclopedia of American Education	LB 17 U54 1996

Finding Articles

Use Chabot College Library Subscription Databases to find full-text articles that originally appeared in magazines, journals, and newspapers in print form. Access these from the library website:

	National	Statewide	Local	Historical
Facts.com - Browse articles organized by subject on current and controversial issues; good for brainstorming	X			X
EbscoHost Academic Search Elite - A multi-subject database of magazine and journal articles	X	X		X
ProQuest Ethnic Newswatch – alternative news sources, including local and regional news	X	X	X	X
Lexis Nexis - Magazines; major and regional newspapers	X	X	X	

*Sample search from *Ebsco Academic Search Elite*:

The screenshot shows the Ebsco Academic Search Elite interface. The search terms "obesity", "children", and "studies" are entered in the "Find" field. The search is performed in "Academic Search Elite". The "Refine Search" section shows "Full Text" selected, indicating the search results are limited to full-text articles. Annotations with arrows point to the search terms and the "Full Text" checkbox, with the text "More search terms will narrow your search" and "Limit to full-text".

Search tips:

- Use quotation marks to search for phrases, such as “no child left behind”
- If you’re not finding what you’re looking for, try different combinations of keywords to broaden or narrow your search

Finding Websites

Librarians’ Internet Index

<http://www.lii.org> - A great alternative to Google when doing internet searches. Websites reviewed and selected by librarians.

When looking online, keep in mind the researcher’s three Ws of the worldwide web:

1. Who – Can you tell who the author is? How are they qualified to write on the subject?
2. Why – What is the author’s motivation? Is it biased in any way?
3. When – When was this website last updated? Is the information current?