

Databases for Finding and Narrowing a Topic

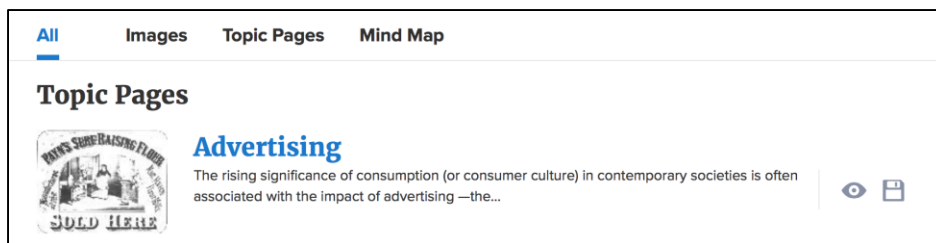
Note: Log in to databases using your student portal/D2L username and password.

Credo

<http://library.national.edu> > Find Articles (green tab) > Choose a Database > Click "C" > Scroll to Credo General Reference

1. One way to narrow your topic, if you have already chosen one, is to quickly learn some more about the subject. Start with encyclopedia articles, available in Credo.
 - On the Credo homepage, search for your topic in the search box.
 - Look for a topic page and click through to that page.
 - Scroll down to "Credo Entries" for more articles.

Note: If your subject does not have a topic page, simply scroll through the results and look at the name of the encyclopedia and word count for each article. This will help you quickly browse articles.



2. For more ideas, look for a **Mind Map** and **Related Articles** list on the right.

Look at the mind map to find aspects of a broad topic that you might be interested in focusing on. Related articles will be suggested on the right side of the screen. When you click on a related topic within the Mind Map, Credo will display new related articles.

The screenshot shows the 'Mind Map' section for 'Advertising'. The title 'Mind Map' is at the top left. Below it is a brief explanation: 'Use our brainstorming tool to find related terms and expand your search. Your search is the central concept in the Mind Map. You'll find links to full-text research articles related to your concept on the right. Draw a new map by clicking on one of the concepts surrounding your term. When you select a new concept, the article list on the right will refresh and display articles related to the new central concept. To retrace your steps or simplify your map, use the links at the bottom of the page.'

The mind map itself is a central blue circle labeled 'Advertising' with lines connecting it to various related terms: 'Advertising agency', 'Communication design', 'Graphic design', 'Marketing', 'Mass media', 'Poster', 'Promotion and marketing.com', 'Public relations', 'Sex in advertising', and 'Tobacco advertising'.

On the right side, there is a list of related articles with their word counts from various sources:

- 9152 articles related to Advertising**
- advertising** in general, any openly sponsored offering of goods, services, or ideas through any medium of public communication. At its inception advertising was
- 346 words from The Columbia Encyclopedia**
- Advertising** If advertising merely sold products, it would cause less critical concern than it does. But it also sells images, dreams, ideal ways of life, ideal
- 822 words from Dictionary of Media and Communication Studies**
- ADVERTISING** Advertising as we know it today began during the last quarter of the nineteenth century. If an advertising agent working on the account of a product
- 2158 words from The Reader's Companion to American History**
- ADVERTISING** DEFINITIONS People in the advertising industry often write that their profession began in prehistoric times with cave paintings or proudly...
- 5712 words from Encyclopedia of American Cultural and Intellectual History**

SIRS Knowledge Source

<http://library.national.edu> > Find Articles (green tab) > Choose a Database > Click "S" > Scroll to SIRS Knowledge Source

1. When you have not yet chosen a topic, use SIRS to explore different subjects. Click on **Browse All Pro/Con issues** to see topical lists on different subjects.

Browse all Pro/Con issues * Main category

- All Issues (A-Z)
- Business and Economics
- Civil Rights and Liberties
- Communication and Technology
- Crime and Punishment
- Drugs, Health and Wellness
- Environment and Science

- Abortion *
- Abortion, Moral and Ethical Aspects
- Abstinence Education
- Abused Women
- Acculturation and Assimilation
- ADHD
- Adoption *
- Advertising *

2. Click on a topic you're interested in. Look for these helpful features:

- Viewpoints
- Topic timeline
- Sources by type * This database does not include peer-review sources. *

ESSENTIAL QUESTION
Should some aspects of homelessness be criminalized?

Homelessness may be temporary, chronic, or perpetual. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, in its 2013 Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress, revealed that on a single night in January 2013, there were 610,042 homeless people in America, with children comprising nearly one-quarter of this number. In 1999, a Department of Housing and Urban Development survey found that 44% of the homeless had jobs. So why are they homeless? The combination of falling wages and ever-increasing housing costs make housing unaffordable for many people. Others suffer from problems stemming from substance or alcohol abuse and mental illness, or they may be fleeing from domestic violence. A weak economy and high rates of unemployment

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VIEWPOINT 1 | **VIEWPOINT 2**

VIEWPOINT 1
Criminalization is necessary to end some aspects of homelessness, such as panhandling and loitering.

- Anti-Panhandling Laws Spread, Face Legal Challenges
- Homelessness in Hawaii Grows, Defying Image of Paradise
- More Cities Passing Laws That Target the Homeless

VIEWPOINT 2
Criminalization does not help the homeless. They need assistance and services.

- It's Not a Choice
- Stop Punishing the Homeless
- So Little to Ask For: A Home

Sort by
Date
Relevance
Lexile Measure (low to high)
Lexile Measure (high to low)

Source Type
Newspapers 190
Magazines 23
Reference 5

See also: Homeless persons, Homeless persons, Services for, Homeless persons, Statistics, Homelessness, Government policy, Homelessness, Law and legislation, Homeless persons, Shelters for, Poverty, Shelters for the homeless, Unemployment

Shifting Our Focus to Homeless Prevention
Los Angeles Times | Murray, Adam | p.g. A.15 | Jul 14, 2016 | Lexile: 1260 | SIRS® Issues Researcher
"Tents in the Arroyo, sleeping bags on the beach, RVs parked on our boulevards. Heartbreaking visual manifestations of Los Angeles' homelessness crisis are everywhere. The recent homeless count found that 46,874 people in Los Angeles County experience homelessness every night. As shocking as that number is, imagine for a moment that lined up behind each of those unsheltered human beings are five more. That's roughly how many more Angelenos are at high risk of imminent homelessness." (Los Angeles Times) This editorial debates ways to prevent homelessness.

NBC Learn

<http://library.national.edu> > Find Articles (green tab) > Choose a Database > Click "N" > NBC Learn

Use NBC Learn to browse a variety of newsworthy topics, everything from current events to women's studies.

Watch a few short 5-8 minute news clips from NBC to begin generating ideas for your assignment. You can also search for a subject in the search box at the top right of the page.

The image displays three sequential screenshots of the NBC Learn website's navigation menu, illustrating the path to the 'Sentencing' page. Each screenshot shows a 'Browse' and 'Advanced Search' header.

- First Screenshot:** Shows the 'All Collections' menu with 'Criminal Justice' highlighted by a yellow arrow.
- Second Screenshot:** Shows the 'All Collections > Criminal Justice' sub-menu with 'Trials and Sentencing' highlighted by a yellow arrow.
- Third Screenshot:** Shows the 'All Collections > Criminal Justice > Trials and Sentencing' sub-menu with 'Sentencing' highlighted by a red circle.