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Sample political, military or diplomatic issues relating to the war in Iraq:
 The costs: the dead and the wounded.
 Iraq as an immediate threat to the United States
 Iraq and Weapons of Mass Destruction.
 Iraq as a source of oil reserves
 1980s aid to Iraq and the rise of Saddam Hussein.
 The role of the United Nations and its weapons inspectors
 Intervention and the establishment of democracy
 Liberation of the Iraqi people
 American presence as a stabilizing or destabilizing force
 The connection between Hussein and Al Qaeda
 Iraq as an area of ethnic conflict
 UN resolutions authorizing the U.S. and its allies to use force to rid Iraq of WMD
 Saddam Hussein as a violator of human rights
 Bill Clinton and the Iraq Liberation Act
 The Iraq war as a "just war."

Periodical and Newspaper Articles

Start in a periodical database like Proquest, which provides both popular and scholarly articles on many topics.
Vanderbilt Library home page → "Find Articles and Databases" (upper right) → "Top Databases" (near top)

SEARCH HINT: You need to critically evaluate your sources (especially websites). Use the C.R.A.P. Test.

* **Proquest. (Database)**

Provides citations and summaries of articles from over 4,000 publications, with many in full-text. Indexes a broad range of sources: general-interest magazines, political news magazines, scholarly social sciences journals, and major newspapers. Use the * (asterisk) to substitute for word endings. **E-mail: articles.**


Search Tip #1: Before you search, you can limit the number of databases you look at: click on the downward arrow to the right of "Databases:" and choose "Interdisciplinary: Proquest Research Library."

Search Tip #2: Before you search, you can specify a "date range" in the box below the main search box."

Search Tip #3: After entering your basic search, look at the "suggested topics" above the results you get. Those provide only the items that focus most on each topic listed.

Search Tip #4: After entering your basic search, look at the list of results. From the titles of the articles listed, you may see other words or terms that will focus your topic better.

Search Tip #5: After entering your basic search, click on "magazines" or "scholarly journals, including peer-reviewed."

Some articles are available in full-text (the whole article is in ProQuest) **directly on Proquest. You must look up others by clicking on "Find a copy" and then on the  button. See if the article is available online through another database or in print in the library. Also, click on "Cite this" and choose the citation style you want from the pull-down list, to find out how to cite the article.**
Subject: LSU({IRAQ WAR-2003})

CIAO (Columbia International Affairs Online) (Database)

Includes working papers from university research institutes, occasional papers series from NGOs, foundation-funded research projects, conference proceedings, journal abstracts, books, policy briefs and economic indicators, and maps and country data. To search for more than one term, put a plus sign in front of each. Provides links to more than 160 related sites and to the home pages of contributing institutions. **Use the * (asterisk) to substitute for word endings.**

Worldwide Political Science Abstracts (WPSA), 1975-. (Database)

The political science database, including international relations, law, and public administration / policy.

Search Tip: Use the * (asterisk) to substitute for word endings. **E-mail: citations.**

PAIS International, 1972-. (Database)

Covers current events, public policy issues, and the social sciences in general--including economic and social conditions, government and politics, and international relations. Indexes a broad range of materials--books, pamphlets, and publications of the U.S. government and of international organizations. Use the * (asterisk) to substitute for word endings. **E-mail: citations.**

Subject: (DE="iraq war 2003" or DE="iraq")

Books

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U. S. Government Information**Congressional Hearings** (GOVT Y 4.__; Microfiche and online)

Testimony on proposed legislation, an existing government program, or an event by representatives for the administration, interest group representatives, state and local officials, members of Congress, and others. Search on *LEXIS-NEXIS Congressional* to identify hearings on your topic. To locate the full-text of an entire hearing, copy the title from *LexisNexis Congressional* and paste it into Acorn. Pre-1994 titles will likely be available only in print or microfiche. Beginning in with 1994 hearings look for a **Web Link** option at the top of the Acorn record to access the online PDF version. If the title does not appear in Acorn, go to GPO Access <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/chearings/index.html>.

Library home page → "Find Articles and Databases" (upper right) → "Need a database to find an article?"

* **LexisNexis Congressional, 1789-1969; 1970-. (Database)**

Indexes Congressional Research Service (CRS) Reports, Congressional hearings, and other Congressional publications. **CRS Reports** provide information on public policy issues for members of Congress. They often cover the issues involved and the possible alternative solutions. **Hearings** include the text of prepared statements given by expert witnesses at Congressional committee meetings. *The Congressional Record* contains the floor speeches of members of Congress. **Use the ! (exclamation mark) to substitute for word endings.**

Internet Sites**Google** (<http://www.google.com/>)

Professors, librarians, and researchers of all kinds use Google, and there's no reason that you shouldn't. However, beware that there is nobody who checks for accuracy or fairness on the Internet. **To narrow your Google search to more dependable web sites, click on "Advanced Search" and choose one or both of these options:**

Google Scholar (<http://scholar.google.com/>). Searches specifically for scholarly literature, including peer-reviewed papers, theses, books, preprints, abstracts and technical reports from all broad areas of research.

Google U.S. Government Search (formerly Uncle Sam) -- Searches all U.S. federal, state and local government .gov and .mil sites, as well as select government sites with .com, .us, and .edu domains (e.g., .usps.com, .ca.us, and .ndu.edu).

At the Vanderbilt Library home page → "Get Help with Research" (lower right) → "Subject Guides"

Government Information (<http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/romans/govt/index.shtml>)

Includes:

Iraq (<http://lib11.library.vanderbilt.edu/diglib/ginfo-terrorism.pl?searchtext=Iraq&Type=LTR&Resource=DB&Website=GOVTINFO>)

Terrorism: Attacks and Responses (<http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/romans/terrorism.html>)

Statistics

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Statistical Abstract of the United States (U.S. Bureau of the Census), 1879-. (Latest in GOVT REF Alcove C/2(2) C 3.134-

-South Wall; also READY REF; **Database:** <http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/2008edition.html>)
The basic annual U.S. statistical handbook with almost 1,600 tables, of social, economic, and political statistics. Use the source notes at the bottom of each table to lead you to other statistical publications on your topic.