The CQ Researcher database is available on the Grace Library Homepage www.carlow.edu/library by clicking on the link for Find Articles, Journals, and Videos box and then the Find Articles link. Databases are listed alphabetically so scroll down to C. CQ Researcher offers online access to issues dating back to 1991. Each report is written by a journalist and features comments from experts on all sides of a topic. There are charts, graphs and sidebars, pro-con features, bibliographies and a list of contacts.

When to Use CQ Researcher

- You are doing a speech or paper on a controversial or current topic.
- You are looking for statistics or graphs to incorporate into your research.
- You see something in the news and want a comprehensive explanation of all aspects of the issue.

Searching CQ Researcher

After connecting via the library’s homepage to CQ Researcher, type in your keyword in the Search box and click the button to do a search.

Your search results will appear in a results window. Each of the items listed will be a 20 to 30 page report examining your search topic. The reports are listed according to what CQ Researcher perceives is the most relevant report for your topic. If you click on the blue title the report will open in a new window.

If you are not sure what topic you would like to research, you can browse the CQ Researcher database using Browse by Date or Browse by Topic.
The Report Window

Once you have selected a title from the results list and clicked on it, a new window will open for the *CQ Researcher* report. Below are a few items of note within the report window.

By clicking on the section links you can go directly to that area of the report. The CQ Researcher reports are each comprised of the same components, some of which are:

- **Background** - Historical information about the topic, including developments relating to legislation and court decisions.
- **Current Situation** - Recent advancements in the topic area during the time the report was written.
- **Outlook** - Discussion of future trends in this topic area.
- **Pro/Con** - Two experts in the field offer contrasting views on a specific aspect of the topic.
- **Bibliography and Next Step** - Annotated bibliographies that can be used for further research into this topic.

For further research, an “Issue Tracker” of related topics will appear on the right hand side of the page.

**Accessing CQ Researcher from Off Campus**

If you are on a computer not connected to the Carlow network, you will be prompted to log in using your Carlow Active Directory username and password (the same username and password that you use to log into Blackboard). Additional instructions are available on the off-campus web page to help you access library databases when not on campus.

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