The CQ Researcher database provides in-depth coverage of the most controversial issues of the day. Written by experienced journalists, footnoted and professionally fact-checked, these comprehensive reports are a great place to research controversial issues and viewpoints.

- To access CQ Researcher off campus, you’ll need your college photo ID card.* On the reverse note the 14-digit number underneath the barcode. This number is your library card number and how you will login from off campus, using your last name as the password. While on campus, use your college issued “star ID” to login to campus computers.

- From www.anokaramsey.edu, locate the link for the library, select Coon Rapids Campus.

- At the library’s homepage, under Databases, select CQ Researcher.

- CQ Researcher opens to a search screen, where you can browse topics and reports from the dropdown menus.

- The Hot Topics section offers reports on some of the biggest issues of the day.

- The main reports are very comprehensive and include background info, future outlook, pro-con analysis, chronologies, charts, graphs, bibliographies and much more.

- To search for reports, enter your keyword or topic in the search field at the top right.
Based on your search terms, the list of reports retrieved are in order by relevancy and include the title, date of publication and topic area.

The topic area can give you a sense of the broader subject under which your topic falls.

Open a report by clicking on the title.

- Notice the contents of the report at the left. You may print or email the full report or any part of it.
- The column at the right offers related reports that may help to expand or refine your search.

The “Cite Now” feature opens a pop-up window with citation options. It defaults to APA, but simply click the link to select your desired citation style. MLA is most often used, but check with your instructor.

* Photo ID cards are available at Student Services (SC114, Coon Rapids Campus) during posted times throughout the semester. Contact the Student Activities Coordinator at (763)433-1320 for more information.