Use the search terms below when using the library resources. If you need help choosing search terms for your topic, please contact the library for help! We’ve had a lot of practice using these resources!

**INFORMATIONAL VS. PERSUASIVE:**

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**SEARCH CREDO REFERENCE FOR INFORMATIONAL SPEECH TOPICS**

- From the library homepage ([https://library.ivytech.edu/valpolibrary](https://library.ivytech.edu/valpolibrary)), click on the A-Z list of Databases.

**Quick Links**

**For Students:**

- A-Z List of Databases
- IvyCat (for books in the library)
- IvyTILT (Research Tutorial)
- Reserve a Group Study Room

- On the next page, click on “C” or scroll down the page and click on CREDO Reference.
- The CREDO Reference database has a large collection of reference materials on a variety of topics. Everything from agriculture to technology. Use the Explore Topic Pages section to help narrow down your informational speech topic.

- Select a broad topic from the list on the database homepage.

- Use the A-Z list at the top of the page or scroll down the page to see all the topics in the subject category.
- If you already know your topic, use the search box at the top of the page. Enter your term and click the magnifying glass to search. For example, I’ll search giant pandas.

- You will see your results on the next page. You might also see a topic page which provides a short summary of the topic. Click on the title or continue to read the entry.

- You may see a mind map on the left side of the screen which shows connections to other topics. You may want to use this mind map tool when developing a research topic.
- You can use the filters on the left side of the screen to help narrow the results by subject, media, date and length of entry.

- Scroll through the results list and click on the title to read an entry.
• Use the tools at the top right of the page to print or email the entry.

• You will see a citation for the entry at the bottom of the page. Make sure you are checking the citations created by the database against another citation guide for accuracy.

**USE DISCOVER! SEARCH FOR INFORMATIONAL TOPICS**

• On the library homepage, use the box at the top of the page to most of the library databases at once. A database is a collection of materials. It can contain one type of material, like eBooks, or focus on a subject, like business or nursing. Enter your search terms or keywords in the box and click magnifying glass icon.

• When using multiple word search terms use quotation marks to keep the words next to each other in the results.

• Try adding subtopic terms to your search. For example, I’ll search for “giant pandas” and diet.

• Your results will appear on the next screen.
1. **Diet** and foraging-site selection by **giant pandas** in a National Nature Reserve in China.


Subjects: BAMBOO; GIANT panda; DIET; WORMS; FORING Guo; Ziran Boohu (China); All Other Animal Production.

PDF Full Text (1.5MB)

2. **RESEARCH REVEALS GIANT PANDAS’ MORE DIVERSIFIED DIET 5,000 YEARS AGO**


Subjects: Giant panda -- Research

View record from Gale Cengage Learning

- You can use the limiters on the left side of the screen to set a **date range** or choose a **source type** (book, academic journal, magazine, etc.).

- Click on a title to see more information.
• Look for links to the full-text on the left side of the screen.

• Use the tools on right side of the screen to print, download or cite the article.

**Using Opposing Viewpoints in Context Database for Persuasive Speech Topics**

• To help find ideas for research topics in the library, you can use the Opposing Viewpoints in Context database. This database offers a variety of resources on controversial topics and is a good way to find and narrow down a research topic. It also offers a one-stop
search for resources on controversial topics. With one search you can find academic articles, magazines, reference materials, videos, images and more.

- Click on the **A-Z List of Databases** link on the library homepage.

**Quick Links**

**For Students:**

- A-Z List of Databases
  - IvyCat (for books in the library)
  - IvyTILT (Research Tutorial)
  - Library Instruction Survey

- Scroll down the list or click on the letter “O” to find the link to the database.

  **Occupational Outlook Handbook**

  **Opposing Viewpoints in Context**

- On the database page, below the search box, click on the **browse issues** icon on the right side of the screen.

  **Browse Issues**

  Choose a category and browse the list below to find informative

  **Topics:** [View All]

  2013-2014 National Debate Topic
• Click on the link to see the topic page.

• Click on Read More to see the entire broad topic entry.

Immigration

OVERVIEW

Immigration involves moving to a new country with the intention of becoming a citizen and/or residing permanently after leaving one's country of citizenship. In many cases, this is done to become citizens of the receiving nation. Tourists, foreign workers, and those who visit or reside temporarily are not considered citizens. The United Nations (UN) Department of Economic and Social Affairs estimates that 268 million people live in a country other than the one in which they were born. These people are commonly referred to as immigrants or foreign residents. The United States has been the world's leading destination for immigrants since 1960. In 2016, the United States hosted nearly 50 million foreign-borne residents, including legal permanent residents (LPRs), undocumented workers, and refugees.

• Or use the categories underneath the overview to choose, viewpoints (expert opinions), academic articles, reference, magazines, statistics, videos, and more.
Use the **featured viewpoints** and **viewpoints** categories to find expert opinions on both sides of controversial topics. The titles of the essays will give you an idea about what side of the topic the author takes. Click on the title to see the entry.

**496 VIEWPOINTS**  
Sort by: Relevance

Search Terms: Topic Search: Immigration

**Why deporting the 'Dreamers' is immoral**  
Author: Michael Blake  
From: Gale Opposing Viewpoints Online Collection  
2018  1,191 words  Viewpoint essay  1090L

**Sanctuary Policies Are Not the Only Way to Welcome Immigrants**  
Author: Yessenia Funes  
From: Gale Opposing Viewpoints Online Collection  
2018  1,449 words  Viewpoint essay  1190L

**Given What the U.S. Has Done to the World, It Should Be Letting All Refugees In**  
Author: Khury Petersen-Smith  
From: Gale Opposing Viewpoints Online Collection  
2018  1,106 words  Viewpoint essay  1270L

Use the tools on the right side of the screen to print, email, download, or cite the entry.

Look at the list of **books** and **periodicals** at the end of the entry to find additional resources on the topic.

**Books**

• You can also use the **Explore** box on the right side of the screen to find similar articles and related subject terms.

![Explore Box](image)

**CITATION RESOURCES**

• It is best to save the citations for your resources as you find them. This will allow you to quickly find the item again if you need it.

• You can find resources to help you format your citations on the library homepage. Click on **Citation Resources** on the left side of the page.
On the next page you will find help with paper formats (APA or MLA) and citation examples. If you are not sure what citation style or paper format to use, please ask your instructor.

Under Citation Tools you will find a link to the NoodleTools citation helper. Please contact the library or your instructor if you need help using this tool.
LIBRARY CONTACT

Please contact the library if you have any questions or if you need help with any of the resources in this guide.

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For additional resources for your COMM 101 course check out the Library Guide: https://library.ivytech.edu/Valpo_COMM101