



Guide for Using SIRS (Social Issues Resources Series)

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Welcome!

- Welcome to the Clarendon College Vera Dial Dickey Library Online Guide. Information Literacy is the key to lifelong Learning and success. This tutorial is designed to provide a self-paced learning experience to help you succeed in your research assignments.

SIRS

(Social Issues Research Series)

- From the CC Library homepage click on Databases, then SIRS. SIRS can also be found in the right column of the CC Online Catalog.
- The SIRS database contains SIRS Researcher, SIRS Government Reporter, and SIRS Renaissance.
- Note: Database are only available to Clarendon College students, for off campus use students will find the Username and the Password in their Student Portal or contact library staff.

HLC Online Catalog

- Databases**
- Resource Guides**
- Citation Help**
- Services**

CC Subscribed to Databases -
Username and Passwords required for off-campus use. Passwords are found in the student Portal.

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- [Newspaper Archives](#)

Databases

Username and Password may be required

- TexShare Databases
- SIRS

SIRS

- There are many way to search within SIRS.

- Use the Search Box.

- Search the leading Issues.

- Browse all the Issues.

The screenshot displays the ProQuest SIRS Knowledge Source interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the ProQuest logo and 'SIRS Knowledge Source' text. On the right side of the bar, there are links for 'Link Google Account', 'Educators' Resources', and 'Blog'. Below the navigation bar, there are three tabs: 'Issues Researcher', 'Government Reporter', and 'Renaissance'. A search bar is located below the tabs with the placeholder text 'Search all your SIRS® resources...'. To the right of the search bar is a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar, there are two radio buttons: 'Subject Search' (selected) and 'Keyword Search'. To the right of these buttons is a link for 'Advanced Search'. The main content area is titled 'Trending Pro/Con Leading Issues' and features a large featured issue card for 'Media Bias' with a video player and a description. To the right of the featured card is a grid of smaller issue cards, each with a representative image and a title: 'Concussions In Sports', 'Gender Identity', 'Government Ethics', 'Health Care Reform', 'Heroin Abuse', 'Illegal Immigration', 'International Trade', 'Police And Body Cameras', and 'Refugees'. Below the trending issues section is a section titled 'Browse all Pro/Con issues' with a dropdown menu for 'All Issues (A-Z)'. The dropdown menu is open, showing a list of categories: 'Business and Economics', 'Civil Rights and Liberties', 'Communication and Technology', 'Crime and Punishment', 'Abortion *', 'Abortion, Moral and Ethical Aspects', 'Abstinence Education', 'Abused Women', 'Acculturation and Assimilation', and 'ADHD'. A small asterisk and the text '* Main category' are visible next to the 'Abortion *' category.

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- Search using the Search Box in the Issues Researcher Database.
- Once Subject or Keyword Search is entered.
- Essential Questions are offered to help with your search.

The screenshot displays the ProQuest SIRS Knowledge Source interface. At the top, the navigation bar includes the ProQuest logo, 'SIRS Knowledge Source', and links for 'Link Google Account', 'Educators' Resources', and 'Blog'. Below this, a search bar contains the text 'Gun Control'. The interface is divided into 'Subject Search' and 'Keyword Search' sections. The 'Gun Control' page features a background image of a handgun and a document with the text 'We the People'. Below the main heading, there is a section titled 'PRO/CON ISSUES AND ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS' with a link to 'Skip to Search Results'. This section contains five question cards:

- Concealed Weapons:** Should concealed weapons holders be prohibited from carrying firearms in certain locations?
- Gun Safety:** Should young children be taught gun safety?
- Hunting:** Should trophy hunting be banned?
- Second Amendment and the Right to Bear Arms:** Should gun regulations be tightened?
- Stand Your Ground Laws:** Are Stand Your Ground laws necessary?

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- There will be many Articles, Newspapers, Newspapers, Magazines, and Reference resources to use for your research. You can click on the title or the icon by the title to open an article.

The screenshot shows the SIRS search results for the query "gun control". The page is divided into several sections:

- Sort by:** A dropdown menu with options for Date, Relevance, Lexile Measure (low to high), and Lexile Measure (high to low).
- See also:** A light blue box containing several related search terms: [Brady Law](#), [Concealed weapons](#), [Firearms ownership](#), [Firearms, Law and legislation](#), [Firearms, Safety measures](#), [Firearms, Statistics](#), [Gun control, Global impact](#), [Gun control, Statistics](#), [Gun control, Timeline](#), [Million Mom March](#), [School shootings](#), and [U.S. Constitution, 2nd Amendment](#).
- Source Type:** A list of source categories with corresponding icons and counts, circled in red:
 - Newspapers: 779
 - Magazines: 91
 - Reference: 7
 - Government Documents: 40
 - Primary Sources: 29
 - Multimedia / Statistics: 217
 - Websites: 36
- Search Results:** Two articles are displayed:
 - Deal Signs 'Campus Carry' Bill**
Atlanta Journal-Constitution | Bluestein, Greg | p.g. A.1 | May 5, 2017 | Lexile: 1360 | SIRS® Issues Researcher
"[Georgia] Gov. Nathan Deal signed a measure Thursday [May 4, 2017] that would allow college students and others to carry concealed weapons on campus, despite vetoing similar legislation last year amid an uproar from gun control advocates. The measure, known as the 'campus carry' bill, would allow people with firearms permits to carry concealed guns onto public college and university campuses, and it has been long sought by conservatives and Second Amendment activists who cast it as a crucial safety measure for students, faculty and staff to protect themselves." (Atlanta Journal-Constitution) This article reports on the signing of the campus carry bill. Reaction to the legislation is included.
 - Don't Mess with New York's Gun Laws**
Wall Street Journal | O'Neill, James P, and Cyrus R Vance, Jr. | p.g. A.15 | Mar 24, 2017 | Lexile: 1240

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- SIRS offers many features you can use.

- Listen to the article

- Print

- e-mail

- Cite

- Translate

The screenshot shows a ProQuest article page. At the top right, there is a 'Reference' tab and a 'Lexile Measure: 1110L' indicator. A 'Listen' button with a speaker icon is located in the top right corner. A green sidebar on the left contains the following options: 'Use this article', 'Save to Google Drive', 'Add to Google Classroom', 'Print', 'Email', 'Export to EasyBib', 'Cite', and 'See Related Subjects'. At the bottom of the sidebar is a 'Translate this article' button with a dropdown arrow. The main content area displays the title 'Leading Issues Timelines' by ProQuest LLC, dated 2017, with a copyright notice. Below this is the section 'Concealed Weapons Timeline' with a 'Background' sub-section. The background text discusses the history of regulating private ownership of firearms in the United States, mentioning the Massachusetts colony's 1692 law and Maryland's early laws. The year '1791' is visible at the bottom of the page.

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Thank you

for taking the time to go through the
SIRS Database Guide.

REMEMBER your Library Staffs is here to help
you with anything you need,
just let us know.