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Points of View Reference Center



Points of View Reference Center is a comprehensive full-text database that provides a series of essays that present multiple sides of today's most controversial scientific, social, economic, and political issues. Each of the more than 340 topics features the following four main essays:

- *Overview*—an objective background description.
- *Point*—the arguments supporting one side of the issue.
- *Counterpoint*—the arguments supporting the opposing side.
- *Guide to Critical Analysis*—questions and tips to help you analyze the issue in depth.

In addition, *Points of View Reference Center* lets you easily search leading political magazines from both sides of the aisle, newspapers, radio and TV news transcripts, primary source documents, and reference books for more information. POV is updated twice a day.



1. To begin, go to OhioWebLibrary.org.
2. Click on the arrow beside the phrase "Articles from magazines and journals":

> Articles from magazines and journals

3. Scroll down to "Points of View Reference Center" and click on those words.

The screenshot shows the website's navigation bar with links for 'New Search', 'Publications', 'Subjects', 'Dictionary', and 'More'. A search bar is present with a 'Search' button. Below the search bar, there are several topic cards under 'In the News' such as 'Raising the Minimum Wage', 'Gun Control', 'Immigration Restrictions', 'Gay Marriage', and 'Government Policy ISIS'. A 'Browse by Category' section lists various topics like 'Abortion Issues', 'AIDS / HIV', 'Animal Welfare', 'Arts & Culture', 'Censorship', 'Citizens' Rights', 'Civics & Government', and 'Crime & Punishment'. On the right, there are sections for 'Curriculum Standards', 'In the Spotlight', and 'December'.

Annotations include:

- A callout box pointing to the search bar: "Begin by typing a word or phrase into the box and click on the 'Search' button or by browsing the topics below."
- A callout box pointing to the 'In the News' topic cards: "Charts and graphs are available for each topic"

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Here are sample search results. To read an article, click on the title.

The screenshot shows the search results for 'terrorism' in the Points of View Reference Center. The search bar at the top contains the word 'terrorism'. On the left, there is a 'Refine Results' sidebar with options for 'Current Search', 'Limit To', and 'Source Types'. The 'Limit To' section has a 'Publication Date' slider set between 2015 and 2016. The 'Source Types' section has 'Points of View (82)' selected. The main search results area shows a list of 10 results, with the first three visible. Each result includes a title, author, and a brief description. Callout boxes provide instructions: one points to the 'Publication Date' slider with the text 'You can change the years searched using this slider.', and another points to the 'All Results' checkbox in the 'Source Types' section with the text 'By default, Point of View essays are listed first, to search all results, click the "All Results" box to update the results.'

Here is a sample article.

The screenshot shows the full article page for 'Terrorism and the Media: Overview' by Issitt, Michah. The article title and author are displayed at the top. Below the title is an audio player with a 'Listen' button and a play icon. A callout box points to the play icon with the text 'You can listen to the article by clicking the "play" button.' To the right of the article text is a 'Related Items' section with three links: 'Point: The Primary Purpose of the Media is to Uphold Freedom of Speech', 'Counterpoint: Media Outlets That Cross the Boundaries of Decency Become Mouthpieces for Terror', and 'Terrorism & the Media: Guide to Critical Analysis'. A callout box points to these links with the text 'Clicking on these links will bring related articles.' On the far right, there is a 'Tools' sidebar with options like 'Add to folder', 'Print', 'E-mail', 'Save', 'Cite', 'Create Note', 'Permalink', and 'Share'. A callout box points to these tools with the text 'Use these tools to email or print articles for later use.'

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