CQ Researcher

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Logging On

From any computer hooked up to the Internet, start with the Gavilan Library homepage at: [http://www.gavilan.edu/library/](http://www.gavilan.edu/library/)

Click on the *CQ Researcher* link on the right side of the screen:

Once your password has been accepted, your screen will provide a **Quick Search** box you would type in your topic and click on the **Go** button.

On the next screen you will see a list of articles on your topic. The most relevant appear at the top of the list:

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Click on one of the titles to view a *CQ Researcher* issue and a new screen will open up. In this example, we clicked on the title, **Energy Security**. On the next screen, you will see the issue’s title followed by links to different sections within the issue: the abstract, overview, background, etc. You can click on full report and scroll down through the article to get to the different sections or you can click on the links to jump to different sections.
Notice as you read the abstract, the term we typed in our Quick Search box, **energy** appears highlighted throughout the report.

**Energy Security**

Abstract | Overview | Background | Current Situation | Outlook | Special Focus
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Chronology | Pro/Con | Bibliography | Next Step | Contacts | Footnotes

Sections highlighted in purple contain your keyword.

**Abstract**

By Mary H. Cooper

**How vulnerable is America's energy system?**

The nation's dependence on foreign oil has troubled experts since the Arab oil embargo in 1973. Policies calling for more reliable sources of oil, curbs on consumption and the development of alternative fuels have reduced the dependence, but U.S. use of foreign oil still has continued to grow. Now

**What if you don’t have a topic in mind?**

The *CQ Researcher Online* is both a tool for selecting a topic to research and a comprehensive resource for exploring that topic. To start your topic search, consider the recent *CQ Researcher* reports listed on the Home page.

If you are looking for a particularly timely topic, check “In the News,” which provides updates on issues covered in recent *CQ Researcher* reports.

If you have a topic in mind but need to narrow the focus, try the “Browse by Topic” link which will help you fine-tune your selection. For example, by selecting the subject heading "Health," you will discover reports related to dozens of more narrow subjects, such as "Cancer," "Hospitals" and "Pharmaceuticals."

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