

Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center

Whether you're writing a critical essay, researching a report or term paper, or preparing for a debate, or you just want to be better informed, you'll find a variety of reference materials, commentaries and viewpoints, scholarly periodical articles, news articles, primary sources, statistics and multimedia in *Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center*. This is a full-text database covering key issues such as environmental policy, genetic engineering, media violence, globalization, illegal immigrants and hundreds more.

Logging On

From any computer hooked up to the Internet, start with the Gavilan Library homepage at: <http://www.gavilan.edu/library/>



Click on the *Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center* icon if you are working off-campus, you will then be prompted to type in your library card number.

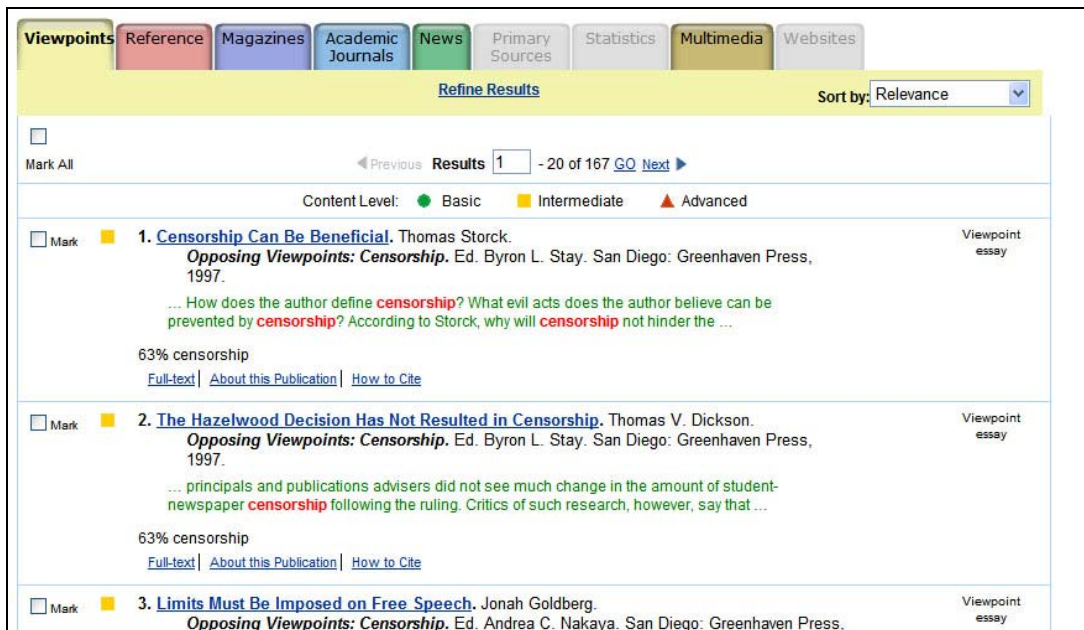
The Basic Search

You can either browse through a sampling of topics provided on the *Opposing Viewpoints* homepage screen or conduct a basic search which allows you to search by: subject (default), keyword, and entire document. To conduct a basic search:

- Type your search word(s) in the Find box. Select content level and content type as shown in the example below:

A screenshot of the "Basic Search" interface. It features a search box with the text "censorship" and a "Search" button. Below the search box, there are radio buttons for "Subject" (selected), "Keyword", and "Entire document". Under the heading "Limit the results:", there is a checkbox for "to document with images". Below that, there is a dropdown menu for "by content level" with options: "*None selected*", "Basic", "Intermediate" (highlighted), and "Advanced". At the bottom, there is a section for "by content type" with a grid of checkboxes for various content types: Academic Journals, Magazines, Multimedia, News, Primary Sources, Reference, Statistics, Viewpoints, and Websites. A "Hide search options" link is at the bottom left of the form.

- A listing of viewpoint essays will appear on the next screen. (Turn this page over to see a picture of the resulting screen).



- Click on a title link to the essay or article to access the full text of the document.
- The tab above the results indicates which type of document data is available.
- Clicking on a tab will provide access to the documents or images. If a tab is grayed-out, that data type is not available.
- The results of a subject or keyword search also include a listing of the subject terms on the left side of the screen.
- The Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT) can be used in a basic search.

The Advanced Search

If you have a very specific search you may wish to use the advanced search feature by clicking on the [Advanced](#) tab which is located near the top left side of your screen.

In the advanced search mode you have various ways to improve the precision of your retrieval of resources. The following is an example showing just the top part of the advanced search screen:



In addition, while in the advanced search mode, you can further limit your search to a specific date range or document type, content type/level or subject area.

Once you've clicked on a link to view the article, essay, etc. you can print, email or save it by clicking on the appropriate icon located at the top of your screen:

