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About

This bibliography is a selective guide to sources in the library that can help you locate news and current political commentary. Most sources available via request in our library catalog or online through our library website.

Some databases listed in this bibliography may only be available in the Library or to SFSU students, faculty and staff outside the Library. For information about the location of, and access, to these databases, go to the [Library's home page](http://www.library.sfsu.edu) (<http://www.library.sfsu.edu>) and select [Find Articles & Databases](#).

This is a guide to current information sources. For historical news sources, consult the [Library's research guide](#) on [Primary Sources](#).

Newspapers

To determine if the library has a newspaper, check [InvestiGator](#), the online catalog, and the Library's [Electronic Journal List](http://sfx.calstate.edu:9003/sfsu/a-z/default) (<http://sfx.calstate.edu:9003/sfsu/a-z/default>). If you already have a citation to an article from a footnote, bibliography or other source, you can use the [Citation Lookup Tool](http://sfx.calstate.edu:9003/sfsu/cgi/core/citation-linker.cgi) (<http://sfx.calstate.edu:9003/sfsu/cgi/core/citation-linker.cgi>) to find the article. The [Gale's Ready Reference Shelf](#) database is useful for finding the titles of newspapers by place as well as other information about newspapers.

Newspaper Indexes

To access the Library's newspaper index databases, go to the [Library Web site](http://www.library.sfsu.edu) (<http://www.library.sfsu.edu>) and select [Find Articles & Databases](#).

[Academic Search Premier \(EBSCOHost\)](#) database, dates vary.

Indexes the *New York Times*, *Christian Science Monitor* (full text available, 1995-), *USA Today* (full text, 2002-) and the *Wall Street Journal*.

[Alt-PressWatch](#) database, dates vary.

Full text articles from selected alternative and independent newspapers.

[Ethnic NewsWatch](#) database, dates vary.

Full text articles from American minority and ethnic newspapers and other publications.

[FBIS \(Foreign Broadcast Information Service\) Daily Reports](#) database, 1974-1996.

Transcripts of foreign broadcasts and news, translated into English.

[Factiva \(Dow Jones & Reuters\)](#) databases, dates vary.

Full text articles from national, regional and foreign newspapers. Many articles are same-day. Feature that allows for browsing recent issues of selected papers also available.

[ISI Emerging Markets](#) database, dates vary.

Full text articles in English and local languages from Latin American, Eastern European, African and Asian newspapers.

[LexisNexis Academic](#), dates vary.

LexisNexis Academic includes the full text of many regional, national and foreign newspapers. Most articles appear on [LexisNexis Academic](#) within 24 hours of their publication, many even more quickly.

New York Times Index, 1851- .

The *New York Times* is searchable on several of the Library's full text databases (including [LexisNexis Academic](#), 1969-5/80 (abstracts), 6/80- (full-text)). A digitized and searchable electronic version of the *New York Times*, 1851-3 or so years ago, is available on the [ProQuest Historical Newspapers The New York](#)

[Times](#) database.

[ProQuest Newspapers](#), dates vary.

Includes *ProQuest Newsstand*, the Tribune publications (for example, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Chicago Tribune* and *Newsday*) and the *Financial Times*. *ProQuest Newsstand* includes full-text articles from national, regional and foreign newspapers. Many articles are available within 24 hours of publication. Also includes abstracts; some articles (especially older ones) provide abstracts only not full-text. For historical articles in major national papers, search [ProQuest Historical Newspapers: the New York Times](#), the [Los Angeles Times](#) and the [Washington Post](#).

San Francisco Chronicle Index, 1976- .

Good for local news coverage. The Index is divided into subject and personal name sections. Other indexes are available for historical coverage. The *Chronicle* is also searchable on [LexisNexis Academic](#), Oct. 1989- , [ProQuest Newspapers](#), 1985- and [Factiva \(Dow Jones & Reuters\)](#), 1985- . For graphics, search the [Chronicle](#) Web site (<http://sfgate.com/>). A digitized and searchable electronic version of the *San Francisco Chronicle*, 1865-1922, is available on the [ProQuest Historical Newspapers The San Francisco Chronicle](#) database.

San Francisco Examiner.

Searchable on the [SFGate.com](#) Web site (<http://www.sfgate.com/>), Jan. 1995-July 28, 2000. Recent issues searchable on the [Examiner](#) Web site (<http://www.sfexaminer.com/>). Index and abstracts searchable on the [ProQuest Newspapers](#) database, 1995-Jan. 22, 2003 (with gaps).

Pros & Cons

These sources present perspectives on controversial issues. For information about the location of, and access, to the library's databases, go to the [Library's home page](#) (<http://www.library.sfsu.edu>) and select [Find Articles & Databases](#).

Congressional Digest, *Supreme Court Debates* and *International Debates* provide pro and con arguments about national and international issues. These publications are searchable and available full text on the [Academic Search Premier](#) database.

The *CQ Weekly* and the controversial issues oriented *CQ Researcher* databases are available online, Oct. 1983- and Oct. 25, 1991- , respectively. The *Researcher* provides pro and con analyses of controversial and timely issues. The *Weekly* reports on and analyzes Congressional activities, summarizes major legislation, provides voting records.

[GalleryWatch CRS Reports](#)

Nonpartisan, objective analysis and research on legislative issues.

[Opposing Viewpoints](#) database (Library also has some books in this series).

Provides pro and con arguments on controversial issues and background documents, statistics, articles, NPR broadcasts and links to advocate websites.

Opposing Viewpoints series.

Pro and con analyses of controversial issues. Search [InvestiGator](#) by keyword: topic keyword or phrase and opposing viewpoints.

[ProCon.org](#)

Pro and con analyses of controversial issues.

Periodicals and Broadcast and other News Transcripts

Indexes provide subject access to articles in magazines and broadcast news reports and other transcripts. The following sources often will identify which indexes cover a particular periodical (the first two also indicate whether online full text is available):

[Electronic Journal List](#) (SFSU) (<http://sfx.calstate.edu:9003/sfsu/a-z/default>)

[CUFTS](#) (<http://lib-cufts.lib.sfu.ca/CUFTS/sbt.cgi>)

Ulrich's International Periodicals Directory. Annual. ([database](#)).

The following is a selective list of print indexes available by request through the Library catalog, and/or in online indexes. To access the indexes in electronic (database) format, go to the [Library's Web site](#) <http://www.library.sfsu.edu> and select [Find Articles & Databases](#)

The most current periodicals the library subscribes to in print are located in Library Annex I (The Big Bubble). Older issues in paper, microfilm or microfiche formats are available by request through the Library catalog Check [InvestiGator](#), the online catalog, and the [Library's Electronic Journal List](#) (<http://sfx.calstate.edu:9003/sfsu/a-z/default>) to determine if the Library has a particular periodical and in

what format it is available. If you already have a citation to an article from a footnote, bibliography or other source, you can use the [Citation Lookup Tool](http://sfx.calstate.edu:9003/sfsu/cgi/core/citation-linker.cgi) (<http://sfx.calstate.edu:9003/sfsu/cgi/core/citation-linker.cgi>) to find the article. Many news periodicals are also available online on the databases listed below.

[Academic Search Premier \(EBSCOHost\)](#) database, dates vary. Includes the full-text of articles from over 4,000 periodicals and indexes and abstracts over 8,000 popular and scholarly periodicals. Indexing is very current. Includes some images.

[Alt-PressWatch](#) database, dates vary.

Full text articles from selected alternative and independent magazines and journals.

[Biography Index](#), 1946- .

Indexes biographical information from both periodicals and books. The biographies are primarily American. It is arranged alphabetically by the name of the biography with another section organized by profession and occupation.

[Congressional Record and Index](#), 1873- . (Government Publications)

The easiest way to find current transcripts of speeches on the floor of the House and Senate is to search the [LexisNexis Congressional](#) database or [Thomas](http://thomas.loc.gov) (<http://thomas.loc.gov>) on the Internet.

[CountryWire](#), current year.

Real time newswire on the CountryWatch database.

[Ethnic NewsWatch](#) database, dates vary.

Full text articles from American minority and ethnic newspapers and other publications.

[Factiva \(Dow Jones & Reuters\)](#), dates vary.

Full-text articles from news magazines and news wires and broadcast news transcripts. Many articles are same-day.

[ISI Emerging Markets](#) database, dates vary.

Full text articles in English and local languages from Latin American, East European, African and Asian news sources.

[LexisNexis Academic](#), dates vary.

LexisNexis Academic includes the full text of newswire services, broadcast (etc.) news transcripts and news magazines. Many articles appear on [LexisNexis Academic](#) within 24 hours of their publication, some even more quickly.

[LexisNexis Congressional](#) database and [Congressional Information Service \(CIS\) Index](#), 1970- . (Govt)

Index with accompanying abstract to the publications of Congressional Committees: hearings, reports, and committee prints. [LexisNexis Congressional](#) includes the full text of many Congressional and Congress-related publications. Some hearing transcripts are also available on [LexisNexis Academic](#) and on [Factiva \(Dow Jones & Reuters\)](#) (Federal News Service and CQ Transcriptions).

[ProQuest Newsstand](#) available on the [ProQuest Newspapers](#) database, dates vary.

Full-text articles from news wires and news magazines. Many articles are available within 24 hours of publication. Also includes abstracts; some articles (especially older ones) provide abstracts only not full-text.

Internet News Sources

Newspapers and other news sources ranging from local sources (such as the [Golden Gate Xpress](http://www.journalism.sfsu.edu) (<http://www.journalism.sfsu.edu>), the [San Francisco Bay Guardian](http://www.sfbg.com) (<http://www.sfbg.com>), [New America Media](http://news.newamericamedia.org/news/) (<http://news.newamericamedia.org/news/>), [IndyBay](http://bayarea.indymedia.org/) (<http://bayarea.indymedia.org/>)) to national and international news sources may be available (in whole or in part) on the Internet. The [Gale's Ready Reference Shelf](#) database is useful for finding the titles of newspapers by place as well as other information about newspapers. Some links that are useful for locating such sources and for tracking breaking news stories are:

<http://library.uncg.edu/news/> (Univ. N. Carolina, Greensboro, Lib. News links)

<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/Libs/PCL/News.html> (News and Newspapers)

<http://www.newspaperindex.com/> (NewspaperIndex.com - Best newspapers all over)

<http://newslink.org/canews.html> (Newslink: California newspapers)

http://dir.yahoo.com/News_and_Media/ (Yahoo!)

http://dir.yahoo.com/Regional/U_S_States/California/Cities/San_Francisco/News_and_Media/ (Yahoo! San Francisco)

http://dir.yahoo.com/News_and_Media/By_Region/U_S_States/California/Counties_and_Regions/(Yahoo!

Biographical and Background Sources

Biography and Genealogy Master Index. ([database](#)) Index to biographies in major reference sources.

Current Biography, 1940- .

Contains articles and pictures of people who are prominent in the news. International in scope, it includes people from national and international affairs, the sciences, the arts, labor and industry. It is arranged alphabetically by biography. Cumulative indexes appear in each annual volume.

Encyclopedia yearbooks, for example:

Britannica Book of the Year. Chicago: Encyclopaedia Britannica, Inc. Annual. (available on [Encyclopaedia Britannica Online](#) database).

Includes a month-by-month chronology of major events of the previous year, articles on major news stories, and a review of the year's events by subject. Also includes data about countries.

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