Public Affairs 2120

Sources for Finding Information on Current Issues of Concern Related to The Ohio State University Campus

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Public Affairs Resources: https://go.osu.edu/78b
This guide will offer tools for finding different resources for the assignment including appropriate journal articles, quality web sites, newspapers, think tank studies, laws and regulations, and data sources

OSU Sources of Information

OSU website: http://www.osu.edu
Use the search box in the upper right corner

OSU Board of Trustees proceedings
“Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes serve as the official record of the proceedings of the Board of Trustees.”
Recent Years (2013-present): https://trustees.osu.edu/about/meeting-minutes/
Archive (1870-2012): https://trustees.osu.edu/about/meeting-minutes/archived-meeting-minutes/

University Senate
https://senate.osu.edu/ Find reports, brief information on meetings including MP3 recordings

Lantern (OSU student newspaper), 1881-2015
Recent Years: https://www.thelantern.com/ (use search box in upper right)

University Archives
2700 Kenny Road; CABS: Buckeye Village line
Historical resources produced by departments and people at Ohio State University; includes manuscripts material and roughly 2 million photos and other images
Contact the archive by email or telephone to ask about resources on your topic

-Discover appropriate campus offices for recent documentary material
-Discover the leaders involved with the issues and the potential groups with whom you would communicate. Often this includes staff, faculty and students at each level.

Sources for Broader Perspectives

Higher Education News and Commentary

Chronicle of Higher Education 1990s-present
This online edition is updated every weekday and is a key source for news and information about higher education. Use the search box to find articles mentioning Ohio State University or specific issues.

Inside Higher Ed https://www.insidehighered.com/
This resource is an important for “online news, thought leadership, and opinion over the last decade” related to higher education.
Newspapers

**Access World News Research Collection** 1980s-present (dates vary with titles)
Database offers newspapers, blogs, newswires, journals, broadcast transcripts and videos. This database includes various Ohio newspapers, such as the Columbus Dispatch. After entering the database select “USA-Ohio” for focused access to Ohio newspapers or “USA” to search all US newspapers in the database.

**Lexis Nexis (Nexis Uni)**
"Lexis Uni™ features more than 15,000 news, business and legal sources from LexisNexis ® —including U.S. Supreme Court decisions dating back to 1790." Few Ohio news sources are in this database.

Research Literature

**Public Affairs Index**
Public Affairs Index offers access to selected journal articles on all aspects of global contemporary public policy issues ranging from public health, the environment, housing, human and civil rights, to international conflict and natural disasters.

**ERIC** (Education Resources Information Center)
ERIC contains abstracts and links to the full text of many documents and journal articles on education research and practice. Books are indexed since 1993.

**Education Research Complete**
The resource offers access to a large collection of full text education journals.

**Academic Search Complete**
A comprehensive scholarly, multi-disciplinary full-text database, with more than 5,300 full-text periodicals, including 4,400 peer-reviewed journals.

Additional Sources of Information

**CQ Electronic Library:** access to information about public affairs issues and congressional activities, includes CQ Researcher (Analysis of important issues); CQ Magazine (Weekly; key issues in Congress); CQ Almanac (1945-2016; an annual summary of activities in Congress)

Find information and statistical data

**National Conference of State Legislatures, Research and State Bill Tracking Databases** (Higher Education section) Find brief information about issues and legislative activity at the state level.

**Stateline** (Higher Education section)
Stateline is web site from Pew Charitable Trusts with current news and analysis on state government activities