

Name of Database: [EBSCO's Points of View Reference Center](#)

Suggested Training Timeline

10 MIN	Introducing the homepage
15 MIN	Browse by category
15 MIN	Advanced search
5 MIN	Create an account
10 MIN	Activity
10 MIN	Questions

Description: Points of View Reference Center guides students thru the social issues of our time. It is a full-text research database that includes over 600 main essays representing multiple points of view. It includes:

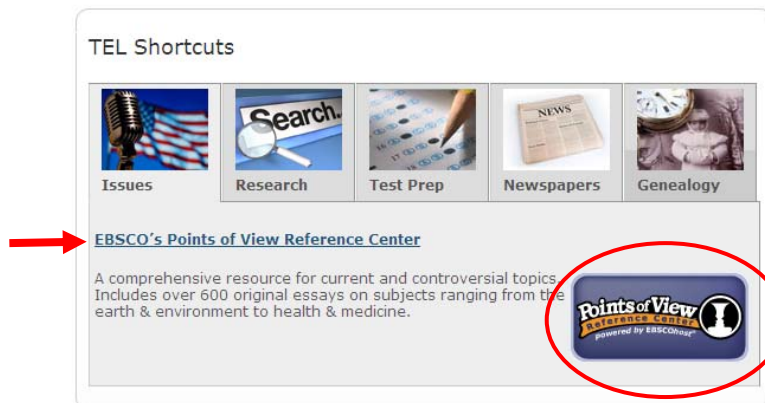
- creating an essay
- developing arguments
- writing position papers
- preparing for a debate
- developing critical thinking skills

Asking students to Google any of the issues covered in Points of View Reference Center will expose them to an unbalanced and typically one-sided view of the subject. Points of View Reference Center provides a neutral Overview, a Point and Counterpoint Essay, and a Guide to Critical Analysis in that topic. There are hundreds of topics to choose from.

You'll leave here knowing:

- What content Points of View offers
- How to find information about a topic of interest
- How to email, print, and/or save articles and citations
- How to create a search alert
- How to create an account and use that account

Show them how to access. Select **ISSUES** tab from the TEL Homepage. Click on **POINTS OF VIEW** icon or the underlined link.



Introducing the Homepage

- 1. BASIC SEARCH BOX:** The default search is keyword. This will search both **CATEGORIES** and **TOPICS**. You can use logical operators (AND, OR, NOT), quotations for phrases, punctuation – like the wildcard.
- 2. CATEGORIES:** these identify the general subjects in which the Points of View essays exists. EACH CATEGORY contains at least two topics.
- 3. TOPICS: (SELECT VIEW ALL TOPICS TAB)** these are all of the topics that contain Points of View essays.
- 4. RESEARCH GUIDES:** these provide information and guidance when conducting research for an essay.
 - 4a. CLICK ON: SEE ALL RESEARCH GUIDES** provides a list of all the research guides in points of view. **TOTAL OF 18** research guides
- 5. IN THE SPOTLIGHT:** highlights key content within the POV Database. These are rotated out on a regular basis.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Points of View Reference Center, powered by EBSCOhost. The page features a dark blue header with the logo and navigation links for 'Sign In', 'Folder Preferences', and 'Help'. Below the header, there are links for 'Home' and 'Advanced Search', and a link to 'Exit to TENNESSEE ELECTRONIC LIBRARY'. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Search:** A search box with a 'Find:' label, a 'SEARCH' button, and a 'CLEAR' button. A red '1' is next to the 'Find:' label.
- Browse by Category:** A section with a 'View All Topics' tab. A red '2' is next to the 'Browse by Category' label. A red '3' is next to the 'View All Topics' tab. The section lists various categories and topics, such as 'Abortion Issues', 'AIDS / HIV', 'Animal Welfare', 'Arts & Culture', 'Censorship', 'Citizens' Rights', 'Civics & Government', 'Crime & Punishment', 'Earth & Environment', 'Energy & Conservation', 'Evolution', 'Family Issues', 'Foreign Policy', 'Global Issues', 'Government Funding', 'Health & Medicine', 'Human Rights', 'Immigration', 'Internet', 'Labor & Economics', 'Media & Communications', 'Medicine & Ethics', 'National Debate Topics', 'People & Society', 'Race & Culture', 'Religion', 'Schools & Education', 'Sex Education', 'Sports', 'Substance Abuse', 'Taxes', 'Voting & Elections', 'War & Peace', and 'Women's Issues'.
- Research Guides:** A section with a red '4' next to the title. It contains a list of links: 'Create an essay outline', 'Cite sources', 'See all research guides...', 'Special Interest Groups', 'Charts/Graphs for Topics', and 'Write a persuasive essay'. A red '4a' is next to the 'See all research guides...' link.
- In the Spotlight:** A section with a red '5' next to the title. It features a headline 'Bin Laden's Death' and a short article snippet about Osama bin Laden's death, followed by a 'Click here.' link.

At the bottom of the page, there is a 'Top of Page' link, the EBSCOhost logo, and the text 'EBSCO Support Site', 'Privacy Policy | Terms of Use | Copyright', and '© 2011 EBSCO Industries, Inc. All rights reserved.'

Search Example 1: Browse By Category

Each category contains at least two topics.

- a. Choose **Earth & Environment**

The screenshot shows the Points of View Reference Center website. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Find:" and buttons for "SEARCH" and "CLEAR". Below the search bar, there are two tabs: "Browse by Category" and "View All Topics". The "Browse by Category" tab is active, displaying a grid of 30 categories. The category "Earth & Environment" is circled in red. Other categories include "Abortion Issues", "AIDS / HIV", "Animal Welfare", "Arts & Culture", "Censorship", "Citizens' Rights", "Civics & Government", "Crime & Punishment", "Energy & Conservation", "Evolution", "Family Issues", "Foreign Policy", "Global Issues", "Government Funding", "Health & Medicine", "Human Rights", "Immigration", "Internet", "Labor & Economics", "Media & Communications", "Medicine & Ethics", "National Debate Topics", "People & Society", "Race & Culture", "Religion", "Schools & Education", "Sex Education", "Sports", "Substance Abuse", "Taxes", "Voting & Elections", "War & Peace", and "Women's Issues". On the right side, there are two sections: "Research Guides" with links like "Create an essay outline", "Cite sources", "See all research guides...", "Special Interest Groups", "Charts/Graphs for Topics", and "Write a persuasive essay"; and "In the Spotlight" with a section titled "Bin Laden's Death" and a link "Click here."

- b. Select : **Greenhouse effect**

The screenshot shows the Points of View Reference Center website with the "Earth & Environment" category selected. The "Greenhouse Effect" topic is circled in red. Other topics in the "Earth & Environment" category include "Amazon Deforestation", "Animal Overpopulation", "Animals Endangered", "Bottled Water", "Carbon Offsetting", "Cleanup of Toxic Dump Sites", "Climate Change", "Colony Collapse Disorder", "Contaminated Food", "Deforestation in the Amazon", "Eco-friendly Consumerism", "Food Contamination", "Frankenfoods", "Genetically Modified Foods", "GMOs", "Green Consumerism", "Housing Development & Water Shortages", "Insecticide Spraying", "Marine Resources", "Nonnative Species", "Ocean Policy", "Overfishing", "Overpopulation", "Ozone Layer", "Strip Mining", "Sustainable Development", and "Toxic Cleanup". On the right side, there are two sections: "Research Guides" with links like "Choose a topic", "Create an essay outline", "Write a thesis statement", "Write a persuasive essay", "Cite sources", and "See all research guides..."; and "In the Spotlight" with a section titled "Presidential Election of 2008" and a link "Read more..."

This is what the results look like.



It's going to show the Points of View tab first. Each Points of View Topic includes:

1. Overview
2. Point
3. Counterpoint
4. Guide to Critical Analysis

ABOUT THE POV results:

The Overview is neutral and gives definitions, history, and an extensive bibliography.

The Point and Counterpoint essays are opinion pieces; the goal is to present an idea only as it pertains to the viewpoint being expressed, much like a newspaper editorial. All essays are reviewed thoroughly by EBSCO.

The essays are often written by 2 people: a professional writer and a subject expert. These people are selected by EBSCO based on their skills, quality, and expertise.

Essays are reviewed a minimum of once a year. The information in the other tabs is updated twice a month.

The Guide To Critical Analysis helps students to further explore issues by offering exercises and assignments.

Open **OVERVIEW ESSAY (FIRST ARTICLE IN THE LIST)**

- Show the PURL:Persistent URL in the abstract
- Show how to PRINT, EMAIL, SAVE article
- Show the Related Items (right side)
- Show the bibliography at the bottom

If time permits, click on all 4 of the article types to show the differences and similarities.

If time permits, click through and explain the other tabs:

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Home [Advanced Search](#) [Exit to TENNESSEE ELECTRONIC LIBRARY](#)

Search [Search Other Databases](#)

Find: (AN 23727092 OR AN 23727093 OR AN 23727094 OR AN 25226814) OR (("greenhouse effect") NOT JN "Points of View*") OR (("greenhouse effect") AND (PO x OR NS x OR PC x OR HI x OR MA x OR FL x))

SEARCH CLEAR

Research Guides

- [See all research guides...](#)
- [Charts/Graphs for Topics](#)

[All Results](#) [Points of View](#) [Periodicals](#) [Newspapers](#) [Books](#) [Radio & TV News Transcripts](#) [Primary Source Documents](#) [Images](#)

[Refine Search](#) [Add search to folder](#) [Display link to search](#) [Create alert for this search](#)

Results: 1-4 of 4 for *Greenhouse*

All of the other resources listed in these tabs can be added to folders and all have full citations.

Advanced Search

(for librarians and teachers)

Using Advanced Search lets you customize your search results.

CLICK ON: ADVANCED SEARCH. The screen will look like this:

The screenshot shows the 'Advanced Search' page of the Points of View Reference Center. At the top left is the logo 'Points of View Reference Center powered by EBSCOhost'. At the top right are links for 'Sign In', 'Folder Preferences', and 'Help'. Below the logo are 'Home' and 'Advanced Search' links, and a link to 'Exit to TENNESSEE ELECTRONIC LIBRARY'. A search bar labeled 'Find:' is at the top, with 'SEARCH' and 'CLEAR' buttons. Below the search bar is a 'Search Tips' link. The main search area is divided into two sections: 'Include when searching:' and 'Limit your results:'. The 'Include when searching:' section has 'Check All' and 'Uncheck All' buttons and a list of document types with checkboxes: Points of View, Periodicals, Newspapers, Books, Biographies, Radio & TV News Transcripts, Primary Source Documents, Images, and Videos. The 'Limit your results:' section has a 'Reset' button and options for 'Full Text' (checked), 'Publication' (text input), and 'Publication Date from' (Month dropdown, Year input, and 'to' text).

1. Point out limiters:

- a. By **Document type** – can just search for **Primary Sources, Images, or Videos**
- b. By **Full-Text**, including a Publication Title or a date range, limiting by Lexile reading level

2. Point out expanders:

- a. Can search by entire document or including related words.

3. **Conduct an advanced search for Global Warming:**

- a. Results list, including POV essays
- b. Point out Narrow Results by section on the left side

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Sign In Folder Preferences Help

Home **Advanced Search** Exit to TENNESSEE ELECTRONIC LIBRARY

Advanced Search Search History/Alerts Search Other Databases Publications

All Results Points of View Periodicals Newspapers Books Radio & TV News Transcripts Primary Source Documents Images

Refine Search Add search to folder Display link to search Create alert for this search

Results: 1-10 of 24 for *global warming AND Full Text AND Automaticall...*

Page: 1 2 3 Next Sort by: Date Descending Add (1-10)

Narrow Results by		
Subject		
Publication		
	1. Carbon Offsetting: An Overview. By: Lee, M.; Griswold, Marcus. Points of View: Carbon Offsetting, 2009, p1-1, 1p; Reading Level (Lexile): 1470 HTML Full Text	Add
	2. Counterpoint: Coal is Harmful to the Environment. By: Kramer, Otis; Warhol, Tom. Points of View: Coal-Burning Power Plants, 2009, p3-3, 1p; Reading Level (Lexile): 1370 HTML Full Text	Add
	3. Fuel Efficiency: An Overview. By: Jacobs, W.E.; English, Marlanda. Points of View: Fuel Efficiency, 2009, p1-1, 1p; Reading Level (Lexile): 1310 HTML Full Text	Add
	4. Global Warming: An Overview. By: Driscoll, Sally; Flynn. Points of View: Global Warming , 2009, p1-1, 1p; Reading Level (Lexile): 1320 HTML Full Text	Add

4. Click on **Advanced Search** at the top of this page.
From the advanced search page, you can Browse Publications

a. PUBLICATIONS

1. You are able to **BROWSE** or **SEARCH** for publications.

Advanced Search Exit to TENNESSEE ELECTRONIC LIBRARY

Search History/Alerts Search Other Databases Database

Search Tips

When searching: Check All Uncheck All

Document Types

- Points of View
- Periodicals
- Newspapers
- Books
- Biographies
- Radio & TV News Transcripts
- Primary Source Documents
- Images
- Videos

Your results: Reset

Full Text

Publication

SEARCH

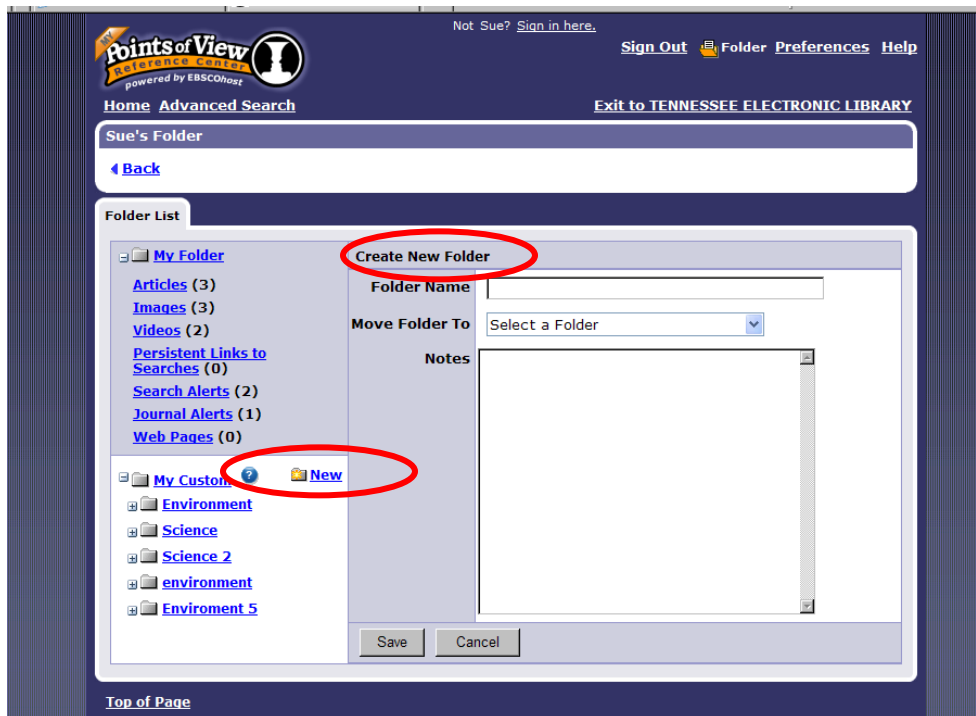
2. Enter **CONGRESSIONAL DIGEST** in Publication search box. Click on **Search**.
There's a description of the publication along with the dates included

3. If time permits, browse a particular year or search within this publication.

Sign In

Creating an account lets your students save articles and then access them anywhere they have access to TEL. It also allows them to set-up search alerts, where results will be sent to their email address automatically.

1. **Click on Sign In.** select **Create a New Account**
 - a. Fill out the information: first name, last name, email address, username – **MAKE YOUR USERNAME YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS** - password and secret question.
 - b. Subtle ways you know you are signed in in:
 - **The POV icon in the upper left has a My banner added**
 - **Sign In changes to Sign Out**
 - **Not Sue? Sign in here prompt added.**
2. **Click on Folder.** The folder feature lets you organize content of the articles, images, etc. that you have saved.
 - a. Demonstrate creating a new folder



Optional Activities

1. A student needs to find different view points on the **Patriot Act**.
 - a. Select **View all TOPICS**. And click on **PATRIOT ACT**
2. A student needs to find **images** having to do with the topic of **protest**.
 - a. Click **ADVANCED SEARCH**
 - b. Keyword: **Protest limited to images**
 - c. HOW DO THEY CITE?
 - i. Select image
 - ii. Go to save and select the citation format.
 - iii. Email this image with the citation to yourself

Questions

Be sure to leave time for questions.

It's ok to get back to them with an answer later.

The TEL trainer website has:

- handouts for you to provide.
- Backup Power Point with screenshots
- Additional resources

Remember to fill out the online workshop form so TEL can count your workshop! It's at <http://svy.mk/ICDNGd>. Or just send an email to wendy.cornelisen@tn.gov.

This also puts you in the running for the TEL Trainer of the Year Award! It's presented to the best trainer at the Tenn-Share Fall Conference each October.

Be sure to contact me if you need anything. Thank you so much for everything!

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