

The CQ Researcher Online

What is The CQ Researcher?

The CQ Researcher Online provides multi-page reports (over 10,000 words) on controversial issues. Each report provides an overview and background of the topic, an opposing views section, and other information. Examples of report titles include *Dietary Supplements* (9/3/04), *Privatizing the Military* (6/25/04), and *Future of Marriage* (5/7/04).

Figure 1 – CQ Researcher Homepage



The screenshot shows the CQ Researcher homepage with the following elements and callouts:

- Navigation:** Home, About, FAQ, Log Out (top right)
- Logo:** CQ PRESS (left), CQ Researcher (center)
- User Status:** You are not logged in to Your Profile. Please sign in [here](#).
- Left Sidebar:**
 - En español
 - Your Profile
 - Document History
 - Favorite Documents
 - Saved Searches
 - Quick Search (with search box and Go button)
 - Advanced Search
 - Browse by Date
 - Browse by Topic
 - Index (PDF)
 - In the News
 - Coming Up
 - Find a Topic
 - How to Cite
 - WHAT'S NEW with *The CQ Researcher Online*
- Main Content Area:**
 - Current Report:** Features a large image of a protest with signs that say "EMPLOYEES ON STRIKE RALPHS LOCKED OUT" and "UFCW EMPLOYEES LOCKED OUT". Below the image is the title "Big-Box Stores" and the question "Are they good for America?".
 - Recent Reports:** A list of reports with dates:
 - Big-Box Stores (09/10/2004)
 - Dietary Supplements (09/03/2004)
 - Stopping Genocide (08/27/2004)
 - Science and Politics (08/20/2004)
 - Religion and Politics (07/30/2004)
 - Sports and Drugs (07/23/2004)
 - Medicaid Reform (07/16/2004)
 - Privatizing the Military (06/25/2004)
 - In the News:**
 - FCC Hits CBS With Record Indecency Fine
 - Mexico Reviewing Genocide Charges Against Former President
 - Banker Quattrone Receives 18-Month Sentence
 - Coming Up:**
 - Cyber Politics (09/17/04)
 - Social Security (09/24/04)
 - Gays on Campus (10/01/04)

Callout boxes on the left side of the image point to specific features:

- "Full text keyword search" points to the Quick Search box.
- "Link to advanced search" points to the Advanced Search link.
- "Browse by date or topic" points to the Browse by Date and Browse by Topic links.

Callout boxes on the right side of the image point to specific content areas:

- "List of most recent reports" points to the Recent Reports list.
- "Future topics" points to the Coming Up list.

How do I Search?

The CQ Researcher Online homepage (Figure 1) offers several browse and search options. Users can browse by date or topic. Browse by date displays years 1991 to the present year. Selecting a year displays report titles arranged chronologically. Selecting browse by topic displays a list of topic groupings (e.g. "Gambling – Groundwater"). Selecting a group displays

an alphabetical list of report titles. Basic search limits search to the full text of reports. Results are ranked by relevancy.

Advanced Search Features

The Advanced Search Screen (Figure 2) enables limiting searches to report titles or report topics, as well as limiting search by date or report section (e.g. Pro/Con).

Limit search by report section

Advanced Search

To search for a complete phrase, place it in quotes. Use search operators to narrow the search: and, or, not, *, w/#. [Search Tips](#)

Search all your CQ files

Enter words or phrases: Search

Search: Keyword/all text Report titles only Topics only

Date range: Anytime Month Day Year and Month Day Year

Search all report sections.

Search only specific report sections:

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

Callouts: Limit search by report section (points to 'Search only specific report sections'), Limit search to title words (points to 'Report titles only'), Limit by date (points to 'Date range').

Figure 2 – Advanced Search Screen

What do I Get?

Each report includes several sections including Overview, Background, Chronology, Pro/Con, Bibliography, Contacts, and more sections (Figure 3). Reports can be viewed by individual section or by entire report. Results can be printed, saved, or emailed.

Delivery options

Print Color B/W Email Email Section Report

Big-Box Stores

En español | English/Spanish Display

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

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Abstract
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Are they good for America?

America is teeming with Wal-Marts, Home Depots and other “big-box” chain stores — some larger than five football fields. Millions of consumers like the low prices, free parking and one-stop shopping convenience offered by the megastores, while policymakers say the stores create jobs, enable customers to save money for other expenditures and pump much-needed tax dollars into community coffers. But critics say big-box stores actually harm local economies and flourish only because they receive public subsidies, pay low salaries and benefits and utilize unethical and possibly illegal practices to drive smaller, locally owned competitors out of business. Critics also say they cause added traffic congestion and suburban sprawl, force U.S. companies to ship high-paying manufacturing jobs overseas and cost more

Callouts: Delivery options (points to icons), Links to report sections (points to navigation links).

Figure 3 – Sample Report