SIRS Knowledge Source database

This database provides pro/con coverage of current issues from newspapers, magazines, and other reference sources.

Video tutorial available at: http://libguides.seminolestate.edu/tutorials/sirs

Access
1. To access this database, begin at library’s homepage: https://www.seminolestate.edu/library/
2. Click on the Articles/Databases button.
3. Click on the Humanities Source (EBSCO) database link.
4. Log in:
   a. Borrower ID is your My.SeminoleState or Canvas username.
   b. PIN/Password will be the last 4 digits of your Social Security number*

*International students without a Social Security number will use the last 4 digits of their student ID number.

Searching
5. There are multiple ways to search:
   a. Browse for topics from the scrolling list, or
   b. Type in your search terms and then click on the search icon or press the Enter key.

Search Results
6. You can sort your search results in more than one way:
   a. Sort by Relevance or by Date of publication using the drop-down menu.
   b. Sort by source type, such as Newspapers, Magazines, or Reference.
Search Results (cont’d)
7. Your search results list also includes:
   a. Source citation information at the top of each entry
   b. An article Summary
   c. Some articles will also include PDF versions. These are scans of the original article and are helpful because they include page numbers to use with your in-text citations.
   d. Standardized subject terms identifying the concepts found in the article

Print, Email and Cite
8. Once you have chosen an article, click on the title to view the full text. You will also be able to:
   a. Email yourself a copy
   b. Print the article
   c. Use the Cite link to view a database-generated APA and MLA citation for the article.

   Be sure to check the database-generated citation against an official style guide.

Other Current Issues Databases
CQ Researcher, Issues and Controversies, and Opposing Viewpoints in Context