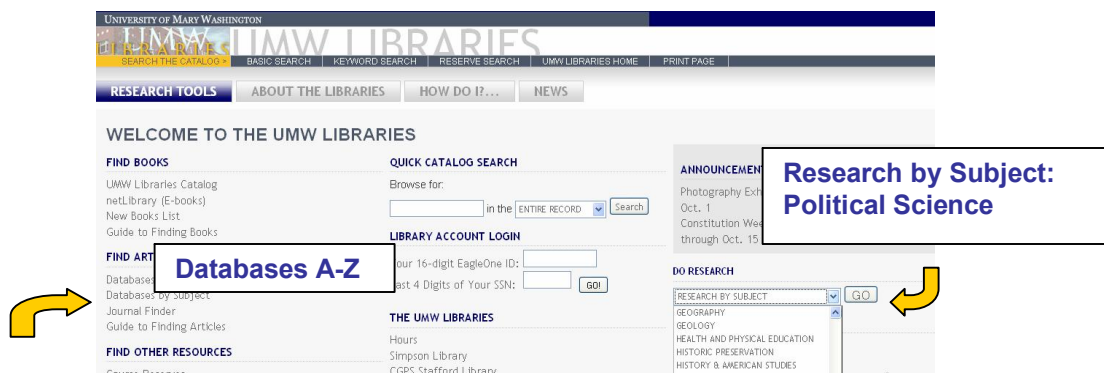


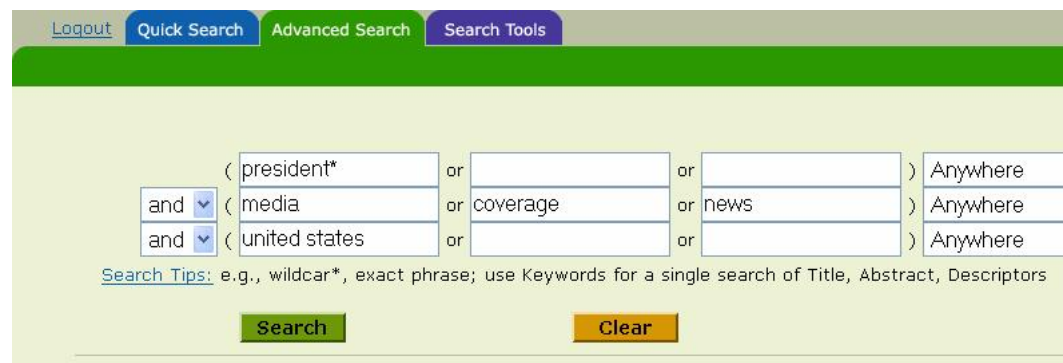
How to Use *PAIS International*

Use the *PAIS International* database to find citations and abstracts for popular and scholarly articles in political science and public affairs. (*PAIS* originally stood for *Public Affairs Information Service*.)

Find it on the *Political Science Research by Subject* page or on the *Databases A-Z* list from the UMW Libraries home page.



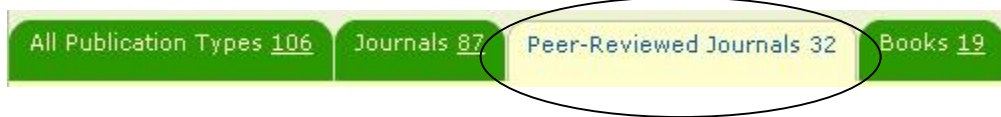
The *PAIS Advanced Search* screen allows you to easily combine keywords and concepts and to look for synonyms, such as *media OR coverage OR news*.



Notice the *Search Tips*.

- Lop off (or *truncate*) a word to the root and put an asterisk at the end to find variations: e.g. *president** finds *president*, *presidents*, and *presidential*.
- Put an exact phrase in a single box. Don't use quotation marks.

Notice that results are divided by the type of source. *Peer Reviewed Journals* is a subset of *Journals*. Use the *Peer Reviewed Journals* tab to limit your results to scholarly articles.



The *Descriptors* on the right side of the screen may offer effective ways to focus your search. For example . . .

Descriptors:
[*Campaigns, *Presidential* - Broadcasting coverage](#) | [*Television - *United States*](#)
| [*Political news - *United States*](#) | [Campaigns, *Presidential* - 2004](#)

Click on a descriptor to launch that particular search.

Notice that *PAIS* descriptors slice topics very narrowly, since everything in the database is already about public affairs. If you follow a descriptor and reach a dead end, use *Search History* to backtrack.



There are no full-text articles in *PAIS*, only abstracts. Use the *Locate Journal Article* feature to track down the complete articles.

- [1. Increasing candidate-centered televised discourse: evaluating local news coverage of campaign 2000](#)
[Farnsworth, Stephen J; Lichter, S Robert](#)
Harvard International Journal of Press/Politics, vol. 9, no. 2, pp. 76-93, Spring 2004
... projects, the "5/30" and "Best Practices" initiatives, on *presidential* campaign-related content of local television newscasts, including length of sound bites; based on content analysis comparing local stations that participated in either program ...
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