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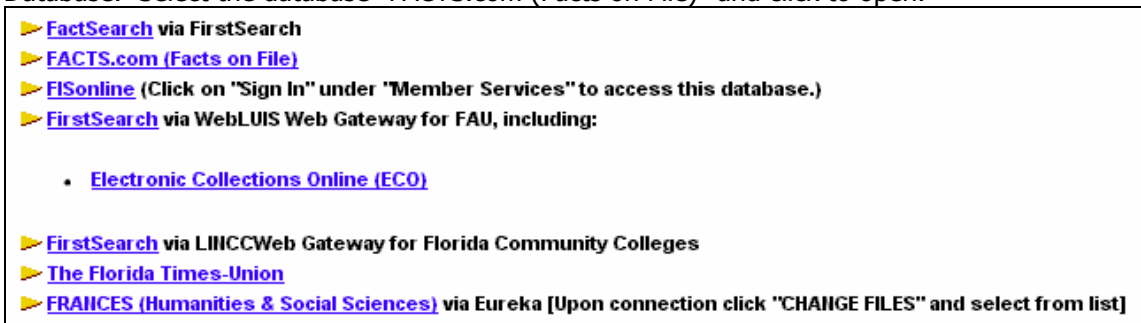
Issues and Controversies via FACTS.com
(FAU Libraries Electronic Collection)

Issues and Controversies via FACTS.com is a reference database that includes a wealth of information on current topics, pro/con discussions of hot issues, newspaper editorials, numerical snapshots of key topics, photos and graphics, and historical source documents, and numerous special features, so students and faculty can quickly grasp the essentials of even the most complex topics.

In order to access and search this database, students should use the FAU Computers (WebLUIIS) located on the first floor in the U/C Library on BCC Central campus. Off-campus access to Issues and Controversies via FACTS.com is limited to FAU patrons with a current OWL Card and they must configure their web browser to use a proxy server with Netscape or Internet Explorer. If further help is needed in connecting from off-campus via Proxy Server, you should go to the FAU Library home page at <https://login.ezproxy.fau.edu/login>. On the FAU Home Page, select Indexes/Databases. Under Databases by Title, click on letter "F."



The alphabet F should bring up all of the databases beginning with the letter F. Look for FACTS.com (Facts on File), Issues and Controversies is part of FACTS.com (Facts on File) Database. Select the database "FACTS.com (Facts on File)" and click to open.



When the database opens, you must click on the command as shown below to open The Reference Suite @ FACTS.com. The database, Issues and Controversies is one of the databases.

Click here to access
The Reference Suite @ FACTS.com

Once opened, a listing all of the databases will appear. These databases are located on the left hand side of the screen. You may search several databases at one time but you must "check" the database/s you wish to search and "uncheck" the ones you do not wish to search.

Full Text Search

Type your search query above. Options to expand or limit searching are found below. If you need help, [CLICK HERE](#).

Title Field Search Only

Search Using These Databases

World News Digest (1980-2001)

World News Archive (1960-79)

World News Special Features

Reuters News (*last two weeks*)

Issues and Controversies

Today's Science

World Almanac

World Almanac Encyclopedia

Sort Option for Results List

Story Date Relevance Ranking

Optional Date Range

From:

To:

Menu Access

▶ **Indexes**
Topical indexes to stories from 1980 to 2000

▶ **Today's News**
Reuters news feed with two weeks archive

▶ **Maps**
Indexes to maps

From the menu, as shown below, you should "check" Issues and Controversies.

World News 1960-79 **Issues & Controversies**

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To begin your search, there are two basic ways that you can access the 20 years of full-text news reports in FACTS.com

1. Keyword (full-text) searching
2. Menu access

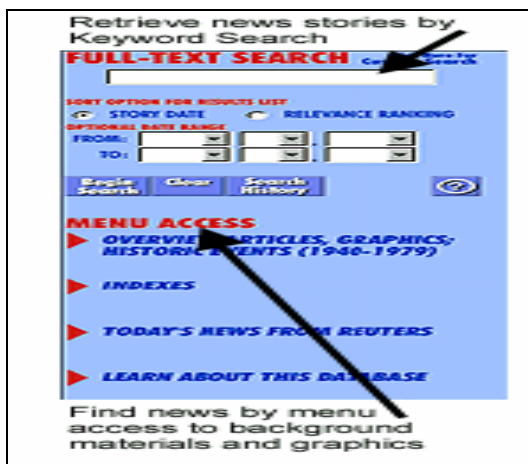
Keyword search:

Type your search term(s) in the white box. Terms will automatically be connected by "AND". Use double quote marks if you want to search for a specific phrase. For example, "Terrorist in the U.S."



Optional steps

- Check/uncheck available databases to expand or limit the search.
- Change sort order by selecting "Story Date" or "Relevance Ranking." "Story Date" puts stories in reverse chronological order. Undated special features go to the top.
- Limit search by picking "From" and "To" dates.



Menu Access:

Menu Access is activated through the choices in the vertical blue box along the left-hand side of the home screen, as shown above.

1. Click on "Begin Search" when you have input all information to complete your search.

Special Features:

- **Print** – The print button prints the entire content area of the story on screen, formatted and with embedded graphics in place. A dialog box lets you select printing characteristics; for example, you may limit the printing to choosing specific pages.
- **Saving** – The File Menu provides basic file operations including "Save as," which allows the user to download the story on disc. All FACTS.com article graphics are copyrighted, but they may be downloaded for individual non-commercial use only.
- **E-Mailing** – Allows you to send articles to an e-mail address depending on the setup of the browser.
- **Help** – Provides access to help using Netscape Navigator or Microsoft Internet Explorer. The Help menus for the FACTS.com itself are accessible through the help icon at the upper right of every screen

Sample Search:

Twenty-six Documents were found on the subject, "racial profiling". Each article is in full-text with a bibliography at the end of the article.

The screenshot displays the FACTS.com search results page. On the left is a search sidebar with the following elements:

- Full Text Search** section with a search box containing "racial profiling".
- Instructions: "Type your search query above. Options to expand or limit searching are found below. If you need help, [CLICK HERE](#)."
- Title Field Search Only** checkbox.
- Search Using These Databases** section with checkboxes for:
 - World News Digest (1980-2001)
 - World News Archive (1960-79)
 - World News Special Features
 - Reuters News (last two weeks)
 - Issues and Controversies
 - Today's Science
 - World Almanac
 - World Almanac Encyclopedia
- Sort Option for Results List** section with radio buttons for "Story Date" (selected) and "Relevance Ranking".
- Optional Date Range** section with "From" and "To" date pickers. "From" is set to Sep 11 1996 and "To" is set to Oct 20 2001.
- Buttons for "Begin Search", "Clear", and "Search History".

On the right, the search results are listed under the heading "Documents: 26 Documents 1 - 25 of 26". The results are numbered 1 through 12, each with a title, date, and category:

- 1) Antiterrorism Policies and Civil Liberties (October 12, 2001) -- Issues and Controversies
- 2) International Terrorism (September 21, 2001) -- Issues and Controversies
- 3) The Nation of Islam (September 14, 2001) -- Issues and Controversies
- 4) Disenfranchisement of Felons (June 08, 2001) -- Issues and Controversies
- 5) Gay Rights (October 13, 2000) -- Issues and Controversies
- 6) Special Education: A High-Profile Example of Tracking (sidebar) (September 15, 2000) -- Issues and Controversies
- 7) Police Brutality (September 01, 2000) -- Issues and Controversies
- 8) War-Crimes Tribunals (September 01, 2000) -- Issues and Controversies
- 9) FBI Scandals (September 01, 2000) -- Issues and Controversies
- 10) Domestic Violence (September 01, 2000) -- Issues and Controversies
- 11) Direct Democracy (September 01, 2000) -- Issues and Controversies
- 12) Boycotts (July 28, 2000) -- Issues and Controversies

How to Cite FACTS.com

Citation should include:

"The Title of the Article," the Print Publication, with the issued date. FACTS.com. Physical location from which the site was accessed including city, state. Date site was accessed.

EXAMPLE: (Article #4)

"Issues and Controversies: Disenfranchisement of Felons." Issues and Controversies On File, 08 June 2001. FACTS.com. University/College Library, Davie, Florida. November 1, 2003. <http://www.2facts.com/icof/search/i0301980.asp>

For Additional Help, call:

Reference Desk: 954-201- 6223 or 954-201-6653

Reference Desk Hours:

Monday – Thursday	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Sunday (IIIA & IIIB)	2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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