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# Overview

- Databases are electronic indexes, with both information about, and the full text of, journal articles, useful for research.
- This database contains only one magazine
   CQ Researcher.
- This guide will show you the basics of using CQ Researcher Online to find articles on current event topics.
- There will be step-by-step instructions, followed by pictures of an actual search.

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- There will be a sample search to show how to find articles. It will show the many ways to search or browse this database.
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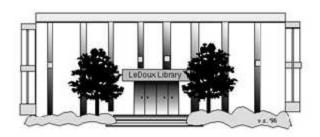
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- What you will see is not a list of databases by subject, but the companies that make those databases.
- Since CQ Researcher is both the magazine and the company, it is listed.
- Click on "CQ Researcher".
- If you are OFF campus, read Step 3B.

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- A new article is published approximately once a week.
- The most recent article is in the front middle – this one, "Political Conventions".
- There are options on the left-hand side that we will return to later.







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- The next most recent articles usually 6 or 7 – are on the far right.
- This can be helpful when you want a recent topic for a speech, but have not chosen one yet.
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predict what process will give us the best nominees. You can make an idealistic argument and say primaries are more democratic than caucuses. But that doesn't necessarily mean a mixed system doesn't give you a better result."

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# Background

### The First Conventions

National political conventions haven't always been as predictable as in recent years. Conflicts in the past dragged out conventions for as long as 16 consecutive days, created deadlocks that forced a multiday recess, labored through as many as 103 presidential nomination ballots, spawned rival conventions and nominees, and spurred the creation of new parties. [33]

The Democratic National Convention — which experienced all of that drama — is one of the oldest democratic institutions in the world, having met for the first time in 1832. The first-ever convention, however, was opened by the short-lived Anti-Masonic Party in Baltimore on Sept. 26, 1831. Three months later, the National Republican Party convened in the same city. Neither party survived to the 1836 election. [34]

The first Democratic Convention required a candidate to win support from two-thirds of the delegates in order to be nominated. President Andrew Jackson pushed the rule to get his choice for running mate, Martin Van Buren of New York. Van Buren was not popular. But the president controlled enough votes to deny two-thirds to anyone else, so delegates finally gave Jackson his way.

At the next convention, in 1835, the party adopted the "unit rule," which allowed the majority of a state's convention delegation to cast all of its votes as a block, even if a minority of the delegation disagreed.

The two-thirds rule stayed on the Democrats' books until 1936 and the unit rule until 1972. Together, they helped Southern delegates consolidate their power and block Democratic Party support for civil rights in the 20th century.

Democrats adopted the first platform in 1840 and inaugurated the party's lasting penchant for divisiveness.

Some delegates attempted to remove Vice President Richard Johnson from the ticket, and the convention

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# Raymond Buckley

Chairman, New Hampshire Democratic Party. Written for CQ Researcher, August 2008

New Hampshire and Iowa's role in the Democratic nominating process, their long traditions of seriously and solemnly vetting candidates, prompts me to say, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

I do believe, however, that the "fix" designed by the Democratic National Committee before the most recent election cycle has created a formula that well serves the voters of every state — no matter its size or demographic composition.

The four-state solution that allowed lowa, Nevada, New Hampshire, and South Carolina to hold caucuses and primaries before the DNC officially started the race had the desired effect that was contemplated when this year's electoral calendar was designed: It allowed every state and the divergent demographic groups in each state to have an equal voice in the nominating process.

The changes to this year's calendar have

CON



U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich.
Written for CQ Researcher, August 2008

Iowa and New Hampshire's first-in-the-nation caucus and primary positions sell the rest of our nation's voters short, and it is long past time to change the system.

In most presidential election years — with the notable exception of this year — the early contests determine the presidential nominees. Early momentum, gained by winning over a tiny handful of the voters, all but ends the primary season. Tens of millions of voters are left sitting on the sidelines in states with later contests.

Two of America's greatest strengths are our strong and fair democratic traditions and the rich diversity of our people.

We Democrats take pride in the fact that we best represent our nation's diversity of race, ethnicity, socio-economic status and urban, suburban and rural regidents. It is therefore hard

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the House and the Senate to do just that.

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1831	Anti-Masonic Party holds first national political convention.			
1832	Democratic Party holds first convention.			
1840	Democrats adopt first platform.			
1856	Slavery opponents conduct first Republican Party Convention.			
1860s-1920s	Economic and social conflicts dominate the national scene.			
1860	Democratic Convention nominates Illinois Sen. Stephen Douglas, a moderate on slavery, after 59 roll calls over two months in two cities; Southern Democrats bolt party GOP nominee Abraham Lincoln wins four-way race with 40 percent of vote.			
1912	Former President Theodore Roosevelt unsuccessfully challenges incumbent William Howard Taft at Republican Convention On 46th ballot, Democrats nominate Gov. Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey, who wins general election.			
1924	Democrats nominate former Rep. John Davis of West Virginia on the 103rd ballot in 16- day convention.			
1920s-1950s	Radio and TV herald telecommunications era.			
1924	Republican Convention is first broadcast by radio.			
1928	Convention speakers shorten remarks for radio.			
1932	Democrats nominate New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt on fourth ballot Roosevelt delivers first acceptance speech at convention.			
1948	Democratic, Republican and Progressive parties convene in Philadelphia to accommodate TV Southerners walk out of Democratic Convention over civinghts Truman wins four-way general election with under half the vote.			

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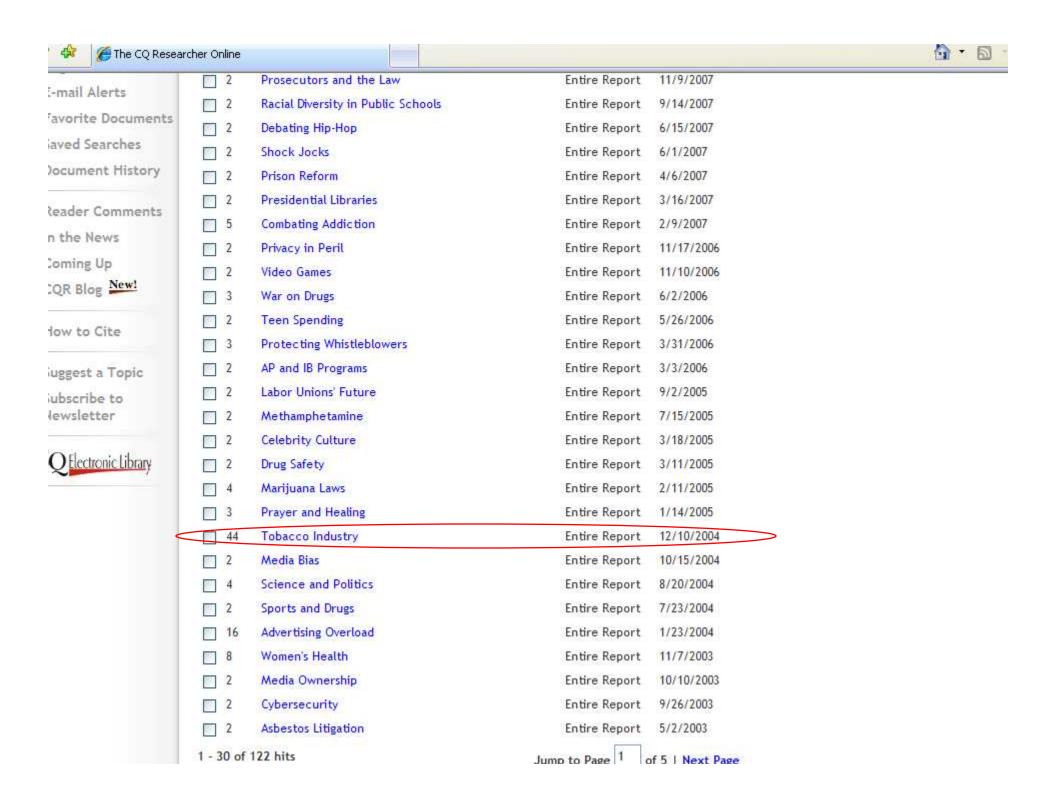
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