Searching in EBSCO Databases

EBSCO is a database company that produces a number of databases which can be searched simultaneously or individually. Most databases contain articles from a vast number of academic journals, magazines, newspapers, ebooks, and other credible sources.

This tutorial will cover the most important features of our EBSCO databases, including Academic Search Premier, Business Source Complete, Psychology and Behavioral Sciences, and others.

You can find EBSCO databases in our A-Z database list, or select the EBSCO search button in the Find Materials section of the homepage.

This search will search all of our EBSCO databases to match results to your keywords. Here I will enter my keywords, Media bias AND
elections, and select “Full Text” and “Peer Reviewed” so I will only return these types of results.

Just like any library database, phrases and single terms, not sentences, that describe your search topic will probably return the best results.

Once you search for your terms, there are a number of ways to filter and modify your search results.

Librarians have tagged these materials with Subject tags and keywords, which you can use to expand or modify your search. My topic does have to do with Mass Media, and I see it has been tagged as a subject, so I will add that as a keyword to my search.
There are many ways to narrow your search results.

Under Refine Results, you can see I have already selected to view only peer reviewed articles, and articles that we subscribe to the full text of.
You can filter articles by date, to only view current research, for instance.

To go straight to the article, you can select PDF Full Text, or to view the citation and abstract, select the title.

From here you can see bibliographic information about the resource, send yourself a copy of the article and citation, and view an automatically generated APA citation. Be sure to check these for accuracy before using them in your research.
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