

Using *Global Issues in Context* in Political Science courses

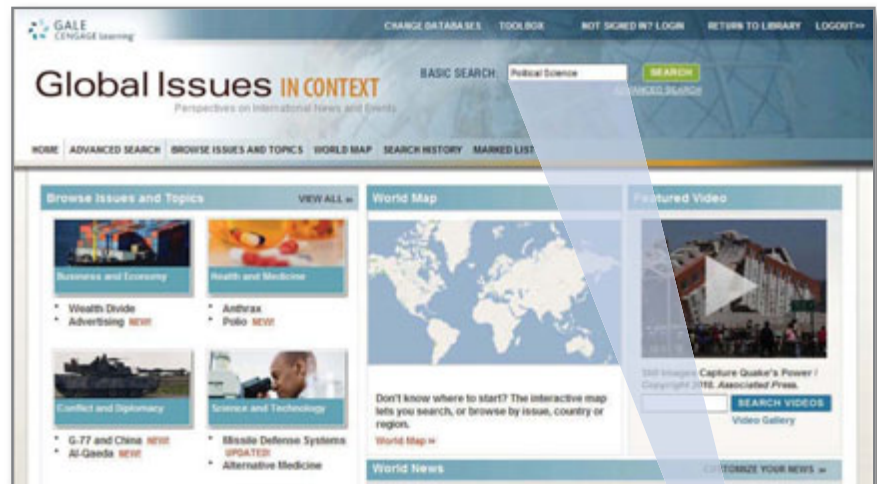
Global Issues in Context is a new electronic resource that offers global perspectives on issues of international importance and current world events and topics in the news related to these issues. Not a pro and con database, *Global Issues in Context* ties together a variety of sources to present a rich analysis of issues — social, political, military, economic, science-related, environmental, cultural, health-related — and headlines in world hot spots. It provides information seekers with a framework to better understand 21st-century issues and events while highlighting global connections and the interdependence of all nations.

Applicable for Health, History and Social Studies courses, *Global Issues in Context* is also ideal for Political Science courses. It features hundreds of continuously updated, media-rich issue and country portals that bring together a variety of specially selected, highly relevant sources for analysis of social, political, military, economic, environmental, cultural and health issues. The hundreds of full-text, English language international periodicals and newspapers included in *Global Issues in Context* offer local viewpoints, virtually transporting the user to where news is happening.

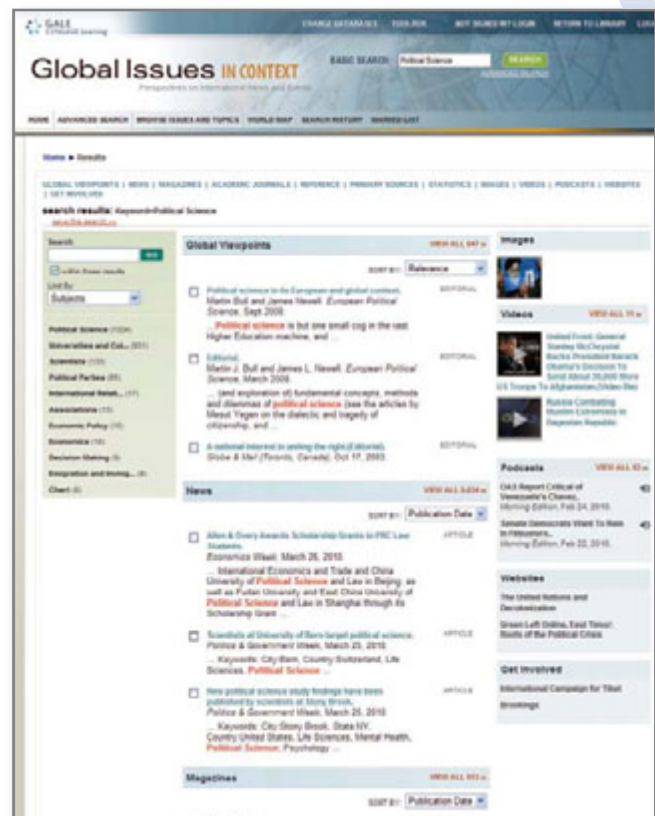
Global Issues in Context's well-organized and easy-to-navigate interface opens up a world of news coverage and extensive multimedia features — including video, downloadable audio files and interactive statistics.

It is a valuable resource for students in the following Political Science courses:

- Introduction to World Politics
- Media and Public Opinion
- Politics of International Economic Relations
- Law and Social Change
- Party Politics and Democracy in Africa



Homepage



Search results for Political Science

How *Global Issues in Context* helps students in Political Science courses

Provides credible sources of information

When taking a position on controversial issues, students need credible sources of information. *Global Issues in Context* is built around Issue and Country landing pages. Through these portals students gain instant access to reliable information needed to understand both historical context and current viewpoints surrounding gender issues — helping them formulate a strong position. *Global Issues in Context* links students to a variety of sources of information:

- Background information and explanations of the impact of issues and events
- Expert perspectives analyzing issues from cultural, religious, political, social, economic, scientific and health standpoints
- Full-text of more than 400 international magazines, academic journals and news sources
- Primary Sources, such as legislation and court proceedings
- Statistics, including interactive graphs, tables and charts

Helps develop critical thinking

Informed opinions include context, going beyond the surface argument and evaluating implications, making sense of complex ideas and bringing to light topics that are not easily found. As students delve into *Global Issues in Context*, they are compelled to look at an issue from every angle.



Searching “Overviews” promotes further investigation

For example, a student investigating “Al-Qaeda” lands on Global Viewpoints. These original “Overviews” by academics and professionals worldwide introduce topics that promote discussion and further exploration, with links to hundreds of periodicals and news articles, as well as videos, images, podcasts and more — all related to “Government, Politics and Law.”

Exploring deeper into the unique “Perspectives” drawn from editorials, feature articles, news reports and analyses from media sources across the globe, the student can research local views and their interpretations of issues and events. The student clicks on a podcast entitled, “Anti-Terrorist Legislation.”



Delving deeper with “Perspectives”

Further investigation leads the student to “Related Issues” where similar topics from various viewpoints, perspectives and locations from around the world are explored. The student clicks on a link labeled “Terrorism” and it leads to additional videos, podcasts, newspapers, periodicals and reference sources related to the original search.



“Related Issues” broaden perspectives

Stimulates active discussions

Global Issues in Context helps students choose the most current, controversial and comprehensive topics to discuss and provides full-text articles that explore them. Utilization of *Global Issues in Context* spurs excellent classroom debate and discussion.

Enhances presentations

Global Issues in Context contains vivid images, powerful videos and other multi-media content from international news sources that are ideal for enhancing papers and enlivening presentations.

Global Issues in Context features

1 Homepage

The extensive and diverse catalog of interactive content found in *Global Issues in Context* is perfect for Political Science courses. Students begin at the Home Page to browse issues and topics, access country portal pages, find front page news from around the globe and more.

2 World Map

This interactive Google Map allows users to search or browse by topic, country or region. The map provides a global view of results and enables zoom to regional and local levels. Click on the pins for headlines, related issues, multimedia and more. The Country Finder directs students to the country portal page where they will find country specific reference, periodical and multimedia content.

3 Multimedia content that covers both sides of the issue

Global Issues in Context contains podcasts, videos, interactive graphics, links to Web sites and more than 20,000 images from sources all over the world. With reporting from Associated Press, NBC News, National Public Radio and more, users get a balanced coverage of issues.

4 Front-page news from around the globe

Global Issues in Context contains more than 400 newspapers, magazines and academic journals, all available in full-text. Students will find trusted international content from sources like Australian Quarterly, Bangkok Times, Kyodo News International, BBC, UPI, New York Times, London Times, New African, Al Jazeera, Moscow Times and more.

5 Issue/Country overview

Every issue or country portal page in *Global Issues in Context* contains a brief overview article. This primer is a great starting point for students new to the topic, unsure of the topic scope or needing an introduction to the nation.

6 Multimedia hub

Students looking for the perfect image to illustrate a paper or a dramatic video to drive home a point will find it here. Images come from respected sources such as the Associated Press, Getty and Corbis. Many of the video clips — from NBC news, the Associated Press and more — are exclusive to *Global Issues in Context*.

7 Related portal pages

Links to portal pages on similar topics help users make connections, gain context, think critically and find other helpful sources of information.

Global Issues in Context features

8 News and periodical content
Hundreds of full-text, English language international periodicals and newspapers offer local viewpoints, virtually transporting students and faculty to where news is happening and imparting insight into current events, debates and discussions happening around the globe.

9 Web 2.0 integration
Web 2.0 tools help users act on what they have learned — by posting images, sharing stories and contributing to blogs. Content can be added to social bookmarking sites like Delicious, social networking sites like Facebook and microblogging services such as Twitter.

10 Primary sources
Perspective views on the issue from notable figures on the front lines are available through personal narratives, interviews, speeches and testimony from world leaders and activists.

11 Podcasts
For those who aren't visual learners *Global Issues in Context* provides the latest audio podcasts from National Public Radio, BBC, NBC News and more. Students can stream a podcast or download it and listen later.

12 Get involved
Links to take-action Web sites like Amnesty International, Carbon Footprint and many more make it easy for students to form an opinion, get involved and make a difference.

13 Websites
Global Issues in Context provides direct links to the Web sites of organizations shaping global policy such as Human Rights Watch, The World Health Organization and more.

14 Reference
Reference information is provided on each portal page and serves as an additional source of vital background data. *Global Issues in Context* contains exclusive reference content from 88 complete encyclopedias.

The screenshot shows the 'Global Issues in Context' website interface. At the top, there is a search bar with 'Political Science' entered. Below the search bar, there are navigation tabs: HOME, ADVANCED SEARCH, BROWSE ISSUES AND TOPICS, WORLD MAP, SEARCH HISTORY, and MARKED LIST. The main content area is titled 'Basque Nationalism' and includes an overview, a video player, and several sections: 'Academic Journals', 'Podcasts', 'Get Involved', and 'Websites'. Numbered callouts (8-14) are placed around the page to highlight specific features: 8 (News), 9 (Web 2.0), 10 (Primary sources), 11 (Podcasts), 12 (Get involved), 13 (Websites), and 14 (Reference).