

Search Library Resources Like a Pro

Select a library resource.

A full list of library resources is available through the A-Z resources button on the library homepage.

↓ A-Z Resources

Reference Library (Proquest), EBSCO, and Academic Search Complete cover most topics. Use the *Discover!* Search box to search most library resources at one time.

Choose search terms that reflect your topic.

Think carefully about the information you are trying to find.

Research question: What is the impact of social media on personal privacy?

Connect at least two concepts with an AND to find *both* terms in a result.

Using slightly different words will change the results.

Social media AND Privacy

Choose words that mean about the same thing.

Social media AND Privacy Laws

Social media AND right to privacy

Add additional terms for a more specific search.

Social media AND data collection AND privacy

Choose words that are more specific.

Instagram AND Privacy

Uses proper names, like the names of laws, people, companies, etc.

Social Media AND "general data protection regulation"

Hint: Use quotation marks to search for an exact phrase, like the name of a law.

Connect at least two similar concepts with an OR to find *either* terms in a result.

privacy OR confidentiality OR security

Use parenthesis to nest an OR search with an AND search.

Social Media AND (privacy OR confidentiality OR security)

Use AND and OR in the Advanced Search of any library resource.

Searching: **Academic Search Complete** | [Choose Databases](#)

privacy OR confidentiality OR security Select a Field (optional) ▾ Search

AND ▾ social media Select a Field (optional) ▾ Clear ?

Tools to make your search better

Limit To ▾

- Full Text
- References Available
- Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals

From: Publication Date To:

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Source Types ▾

- All Results
- Academic Journals (1,376)
- Magazines (747)
- Trade Publications (244)
- Newspapers (193)
- Book Reviews (21)

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Subject ▾

- facebook (web resource) (132)
- twitter (web resource) (61)
- united states (54)
- zuckerberg, mark, 1984- (34)

These tools fine-tune your results. You can usually find these tools in the column to the left of the results.

Full Text

Display only those results that have complete articles.

Publication Date

Limit to items published in a certain date range. You might want to limit to only the newest information.

Source Type

Limit by the type of source.

Academic Journals – articles are written by experts for experts, often describe research studies.

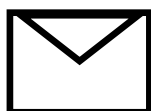
Magazines – written by journalists and professional writers for the general public. Some are specific to an area of interest.

News (papers) – written by journalists and reporters for the general public, focus on current events.

Trade Publications – Written by people working in the profession for others in that profession.

Subject Tag

Most articles are tagged with key terms that describe what the article is about. Articles can have many subject tags. Select subject tags to add to your search to limit to articles tagged with those terms.



Hint: Look for the email icon to email the full text article and preformatted citation to yourself. Be sure to double check the citation before using it in your paper.