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The opening page provides subject groupings which you can browse. For a more detailed breakdown you can click on “see all topics” and scroll through

You can also enter a search term in the Quick Search box at the top of the page. Let’s search for information on “right to die.”

A list of items displays in order of relevancy. Let’s take a look at some of them. The first item on the list is a research report with the title “right to die”.

If you look at the outline you’ll see that this report will include several features including background information, the current situation and outlook for the future and a chronology.

As you scroll down you’ll also see that the article includes some polling information [see box Americans Support Schiavo’s..]

When you scroll back to the top of the report you’ll see that you can print or email it to yourself.

And if you click on “cite now” you’ll find out how to cite the report in whatever style your professor requires.

Let’s go back to our list and see what else might be useful.

As you scroll down the list you’ll also see reports on “caring for the dying” and “assisted suicide controversy” There is also a Supreme Court Case on the topic [see Washington V Glucksberg etc.]

Note that some of these documents are rather old [see Karen Quinlan case, 1976] so if very current information is important for your topic take note of the date.

These are just a few of the ways that CQ Public Affairs can help you with many topics on public affairs or policy. And remember... if you need more help you can always Ask Us.