

SAIS Library Electronic Resources

World News Connection

The *World News Connection (WNC)* is an online subscription service providing English language translations of political speeches, television programs, radio broadcasts, and articles from newspapers, periodicals and books. Translations are provided by the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency's Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS). Online coverage began in 1996; prior to that, these translations were called *FBIS Daily Reports*. SAIS Library owns a microfiche set of the *Daily Reports*, covering the period 1975-1996, and an online index to them.

A NOTE ON COPYRIGHT AND WNC

The switch to an online *World News Connection* coincided with new developments in copyright law. Since that time, the publisher has made a concerted effort to secure publishers' permissions to provide these reports. **However, because of the need to secure copyright, articles from some sources may not appear in the database, or may not appear in as timely a fashion as in the past. In addition, occasionally articles are withdrawn from the database because their publishers have withdrawn their permission to publish.**

SEARCHING WORLD NEWS CONNECTION

Here are some tips for effective searching in *WNC*. For more extensive help, please consult the online help screen and/or one of the SAIS Library's reference librarians.

Search Screens: There are 4: Simple, Advanced, Region/Topic, and Latest Headlines. The SAIS Library staff recommends using either the **Simple** or **Advanced Search** options.

Fill in only the boxes you need to use. A search done in the **Search Entire Article** box will probably return the greatest number of results, although some of the articles may only be only partially about the keywords. Limiting the search to the **Headline and Lead Paragraph** box should retrieve articles in which the search terms are the main focus. You may use Boolean connectors (*and, or, not*) within boxes to make your search broader or more precise.

Limit by **Publication Date:** Enter a specific date in the publication date box, a range of dates or a "starting from" date. Examples of how to enter the dates appear below the box. ****Avoid using the WNC Insert Date box.****

Limit by Publication: You can narrow/limit your search by specifying the name of a particular publication in the **Publication** box.

Sources: To see a partial list of publications include, click on the **Sources** tab at the top right side of the search screen. To search in more than one source, connect the titles with *or*.

City/Source: This box can be used if you want to limit the source of your information to publications from a specific city.

OTHER SEARCH TIPS

? is a **wildcard** that can be used to replace a single letter within a word (to retrieve defence or defense, for instance). ? can also be used after a word root to retrieve derivations (politic ? will retrieve articles including the words politics, politician, political, etc.).

() can be used to connect two or more words that should be **searched as a phrase**, (e.g. *mass()destruction*).

Capitalization is ignored in WNC searches.

And between words will retrieve only articles that contain all the words.

Or between words will retrieve articles that contain at least one of the words.

Not between words will retrieve articles contain the first term but not if it contains the second term. This limiter is a bit tricky and should be used with caution!

Exact Matches. When searching keywords, subject words, words in title, or company names, the system automatically looks for variations on phrases that you enter. For example:

- **NATION BUILDING?** will find nation building and building nations

For an **exact phrase match**, you can enter hyphens between the words:

- **NATION-BUILDING?** will find nation building, but not building nations

Parentheses may be used to **group words together** for a complex search, when you are using more than one connector.

- **(CHEMICAL or BIOLOGICAL) and WEAPON?** finds articles on chemical weapons or biological weapons
- **CHEMICAL or BIOLOGICAL and WEAPON?** will find articles on biological weapons or articles containing the word CHEMICAL

A few special characters are not searchable, such as @, #, \$, &, *, !, +

RESULTS

Results will be displayed in reverse chronological order. You may check the articles you think you want to read, and then display a subset of checked articles, or you may click on the title of an individual article to read it. You may print, save, or email an article using the browser.