ProQuest Newsstand Guide

Newspaper articles are a great place to find information about social welfare problems and policies. They are usually written for a popular audience, and identify key policies, people, and organizations as they relate to social problems, and we have several Chicago newspapers available in full-text.

You can get to ProQuest Newsstand through the library’s website (http://library.neiu.edu); under Databases, click P, then select ProQuest Newsstand.

Or, under Research Help, select Social Work, and from the Articles tab on the Social Work Research Guide (http://libguides.neiu.edu/socialwork/articles), select ProQuest Newsstand.

- If you are off-campus, you will be prompted to login using your NEIUport ID & password.
Searching in ProQuest Newsstand

1. **BEFORE you search, brainstorm** for search terms - think about other words you could use to describe your topic when searching. You may need to try out a few different words and phrases until you find something that works!

   - For example, if you are interested in homelessness, you also need to consider which homeless population you’re most interested in: children, youth/teens, LGBT, veterans, black/African American, Latino/Hispanic, women, etc. Consider also the different factors that can contribute to homelessness: housing costs, unemployment, mental illness, substance abuse, etc.

2. **Advanced search** allows you to combine different phrases and synonyms in a single search.

   For example, an *advanced search* looks like this:

![Advanced Search Screen](image)

Here, I am searching for newspaper articles that relate to homeless Latino/a or Hispanic women in Chicago. Limit the results to full-text.

   - Do not put a question into the search boxes. Stick with nouns!
   - The * symbol tells the database to search the “root” word. “Latin*” includes both “Latino” and “Latina” and “homeless*” includes homeless and homelessness.
   - You can combine synonyms by putting them in the same row: “Latin*” OR “Hispanic” tells the database to bring you back all the results that refer to one group or the other, as well as “women” and “female*” (which includes both the word “female” and “females.”

January 2015
Michelle Guittar
3. Search results

With this database, sometimes the first several results don’t really seem relevant. Do not fear! Scroll down a bit and you should see more relevant results. This search had 1240 hits!

All of these articles are in the database in full-text.
A single article looks like this:

![Article Image]

This article is from the Chicago Tribune, December 25, 2013. If you were researching the population of Hispanic homeless women in Chicago, a good organization to Google and learn more about would be Mujeres Latinas en Accion. On their website, you can learn more about their programs, services, and partner organizations, some of which may relate to working with the homeless.

- At the top of the article, you can “email” the article to yourself or a partner.
- You can also cite the article using the “Cite” tool, which generates a citation in APA style. The citation for this article is:

Retrieved from http://search.proquest.com/docview/1470652554?accountid=28190

BEWARE that this database “forgets” to capitalize proper nouns. “Latina” should be capitalized in this citation!

January 2015
Michelle Guittar