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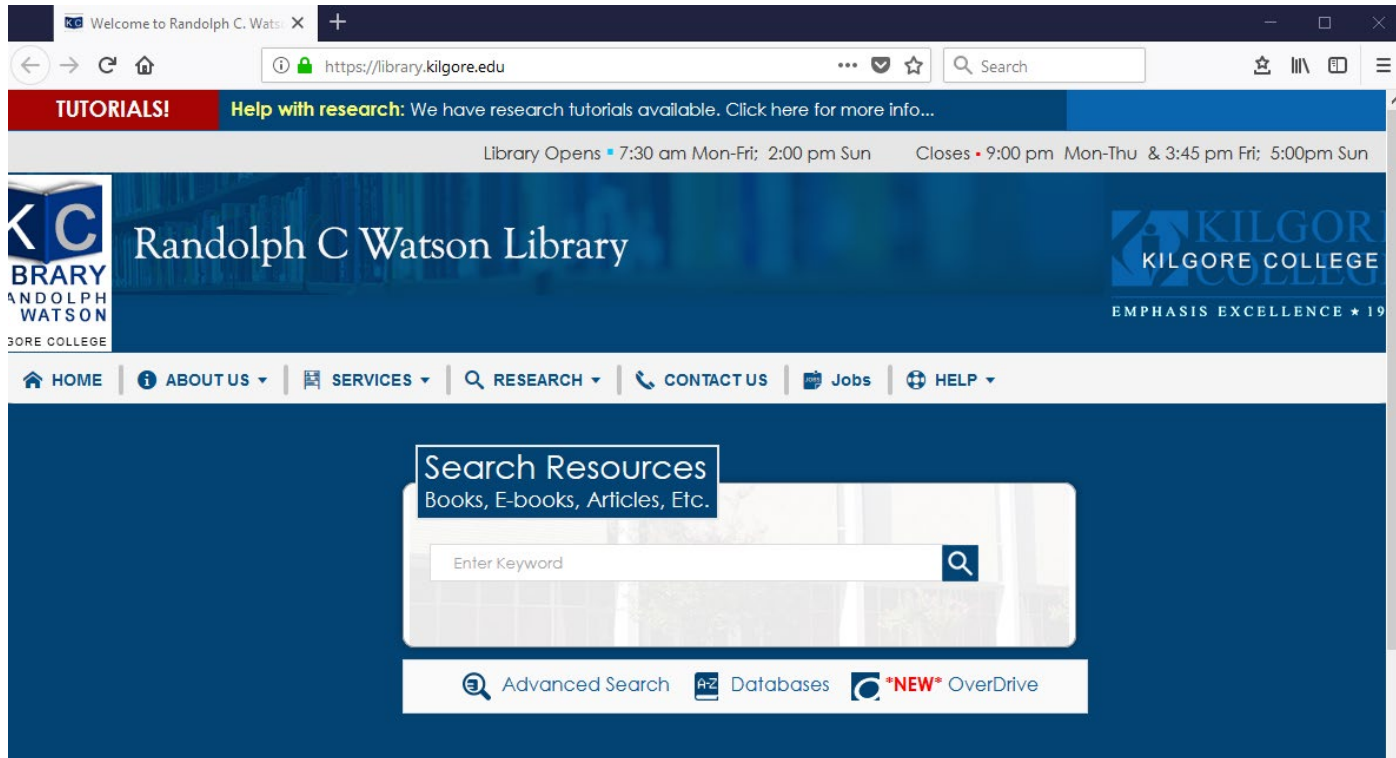
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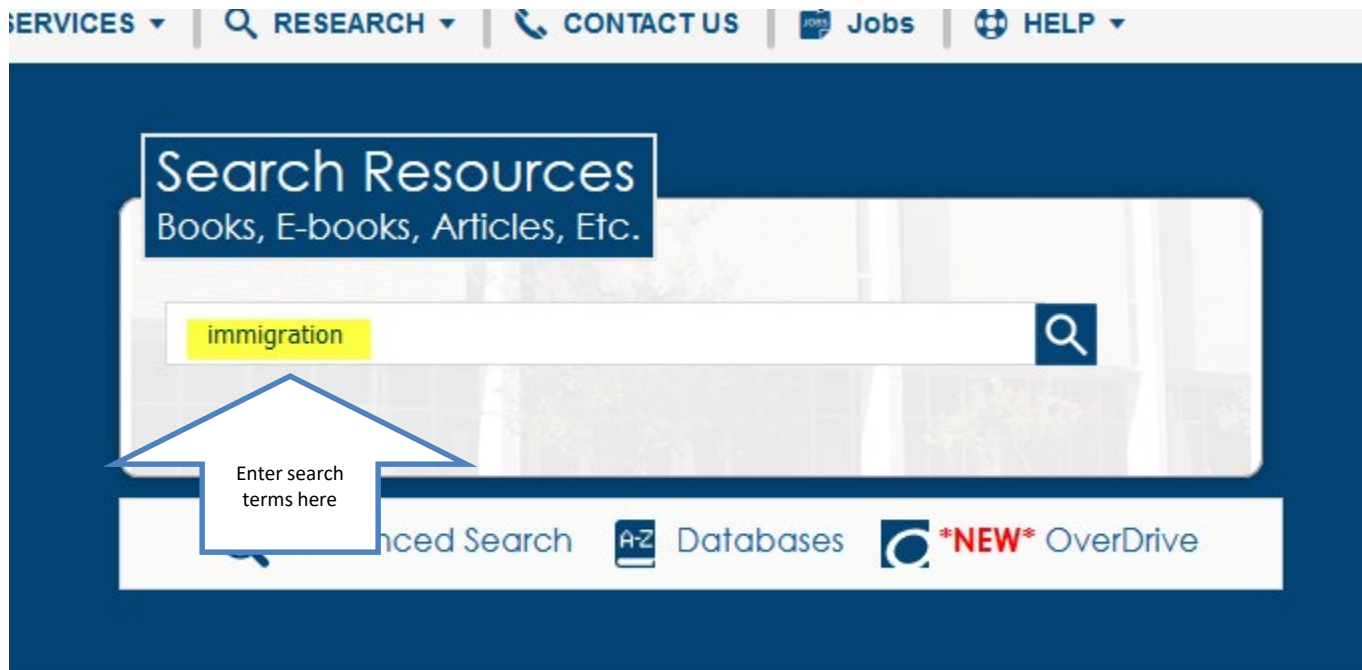


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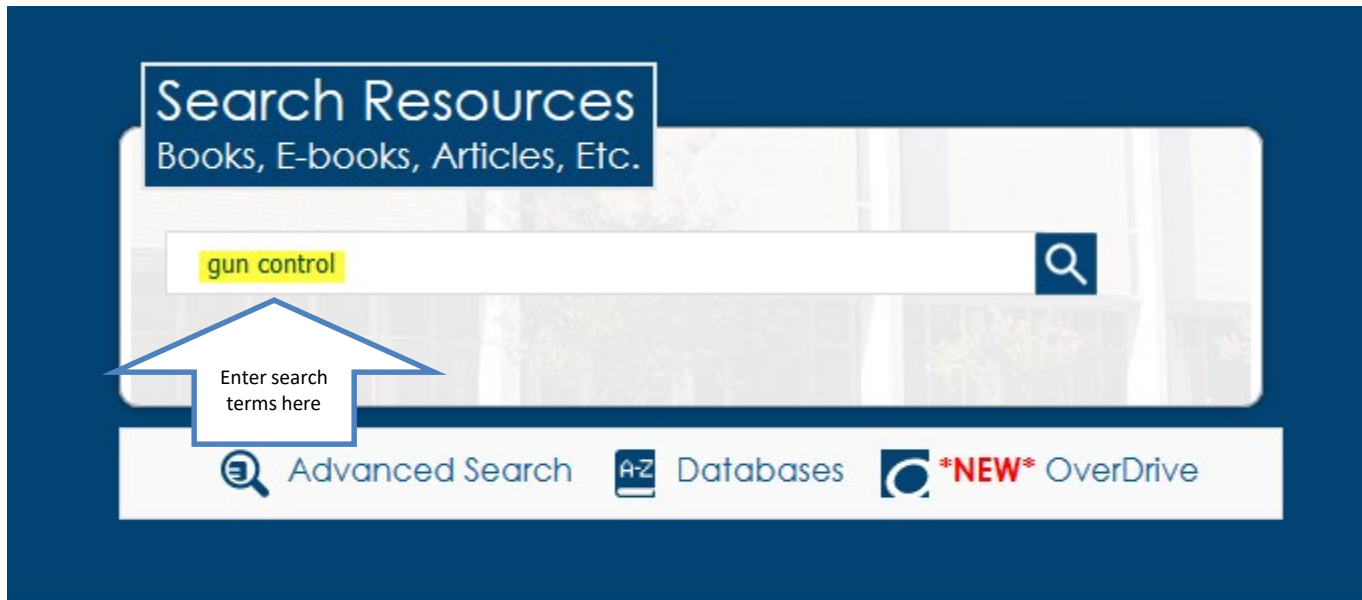
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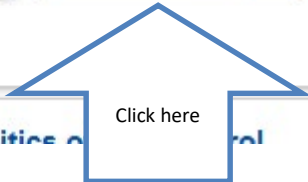
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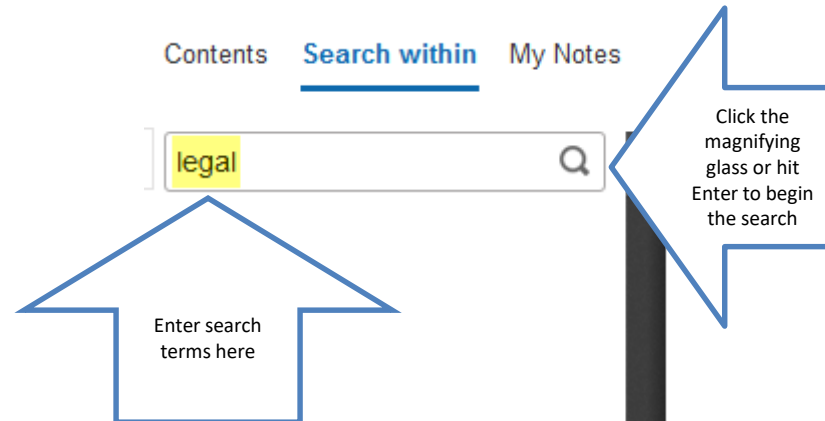
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The intervening years have not been kind to the NRA. The gun lobby has scored a few legislative victories since 1993, but its defeats have been crucial and defining. In February 1994, the Brady Bill became the Brady Act, requiring a waiting period for the purchase of handguns while a background check was performed, making it a federal offense to steal a firearm from a licensed dealer, and implementing several other provisions. Having failed to stop the legislation, the NRA immediately went to work to scuttle it. The group was partially effective when, in late June of 1997, the United States Supreme Court ruled that the Brady Act violated the Constitution by requiring state law enforcement officers to carry out a federal mandate. Not surprisingly, the NRA made the most of their victory, calling it a "death blow to the Brady Act," but, in fact, the high court had only struck down one provision of the bill, and many (perhaps most) law enforcement agencies continue to perform background checks on their own because they believe it is good policy or they are already required to by state law.

The NRA also lost a critical battle on gun dealer licensing when President Clinton signed an executive order in 1993 tightening notoriously lax regulations on these licenses. At the time there were 286,531 federally licensed gun dealers (more than the total number of gas stations in the country). The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) estimated that only about 20,000 license holders were gun stores; the rest were mostly kitchen-table dealers and fly-by-night suppliers who sold their wares out of car trunks. The presidential directive increased the charge for a three-year license from a negligible \$10 to \$200, and the Brady Act stepped up ATF inspections. The results were dramatic. The number of federally licensed gun dealers dropped by more than two-thirds, down to 90,000 today—the lowest number since the ATF first started keeping track in 1975.

In the summer of 1994, the NRA lost another high-profile battle when Congress passed an assault weapons bill. The bill banned the manufacture, transfer, or possession of certain semiautomatic firearms possessing "military" features (such as flash suppressors, bayonet mounts, and folding stocks). Nineteen models, including the TEC-DC9s used by Gian Perri, were specifically banned, as were "large capacity ammunition

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While the 1994 assault weapons ban made headlines, a relatively little noticed amendment to a 1996 spending bill may have a greater effect in curbing gun violence. It was already **illegal** for felons to own a weapon. But there was a deadly loophole in the law: men who had been convicted of misdemeanor domestic violence could still **legally** own guns. According to the FBI, approximately one-quarter of murdered women are killed by their husbands or boyfriends, usually with guns. The deaths **generally** come after a long history of violence, escalating from verbal abuse to slaps to repeated beatings and, finally, to shooting. Removing the gun at the misdemeanor stage, instead of waiting until the perpetrator is convicted of a felony (the majority of domestic assaults are charged as or plea-bargained down to misdemeanors), is likely to reduce the number of women shot to death by their abusers.

The NRA has won some battles on the state level since 1993, most notably in the proliferation of "right to carry" laws, allowing citizens to possess concealed handguns. Supporters of such laws claim that the answer to gun violence is more guns (carried by the right people, of course) and back-up these assertions with a study concluding that guns are used to prevent 2.5 million crimes each year. More recent studies have poked some rather large holes in the methodology used by the pro-gun researchers, suggesting that the actual number of "defensive use of guns" is an order of magnitude lower than that in the study touted by the NRA. Still, some thirty-one states have enacted "right to carry" laws, with more expected to pass similar legislation.

The other notable NRA victory came in its fight to stop the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) from collecting data on gun violence. In a campaign to "kill the messenger" bearing the bad news that

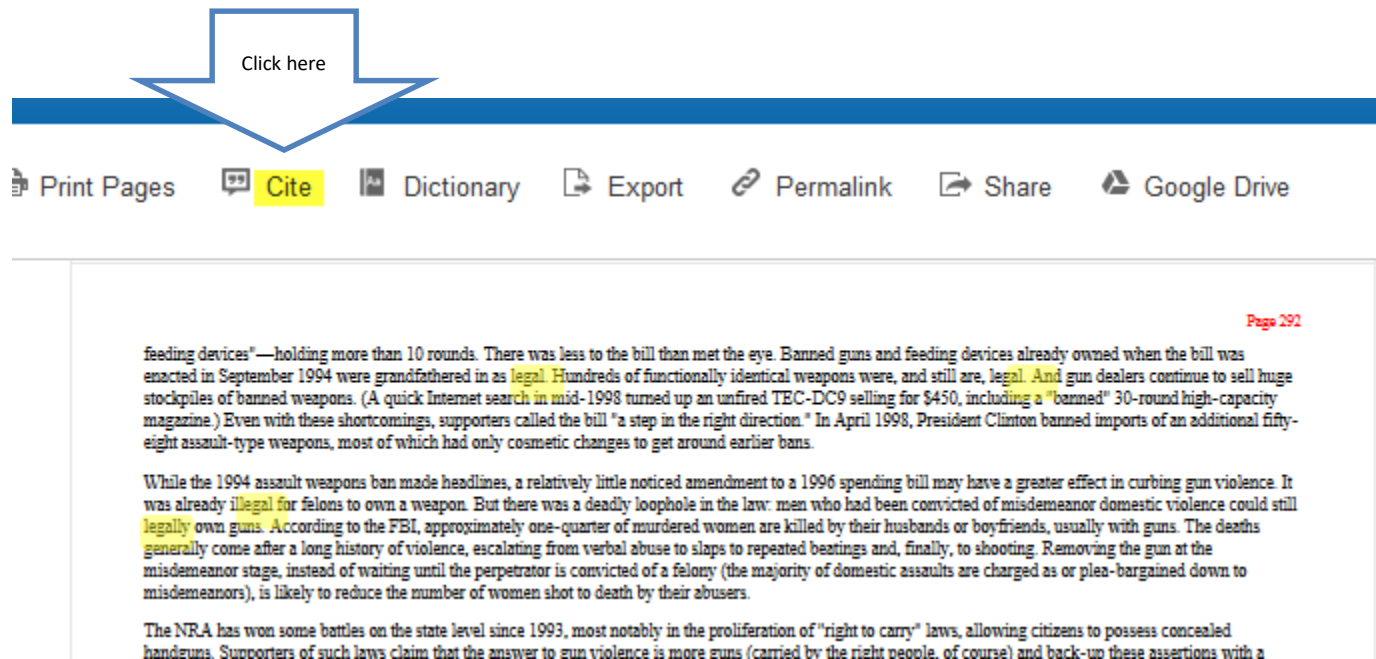
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- Databases contain information from reliable sources.
- Databases contain accurate information.

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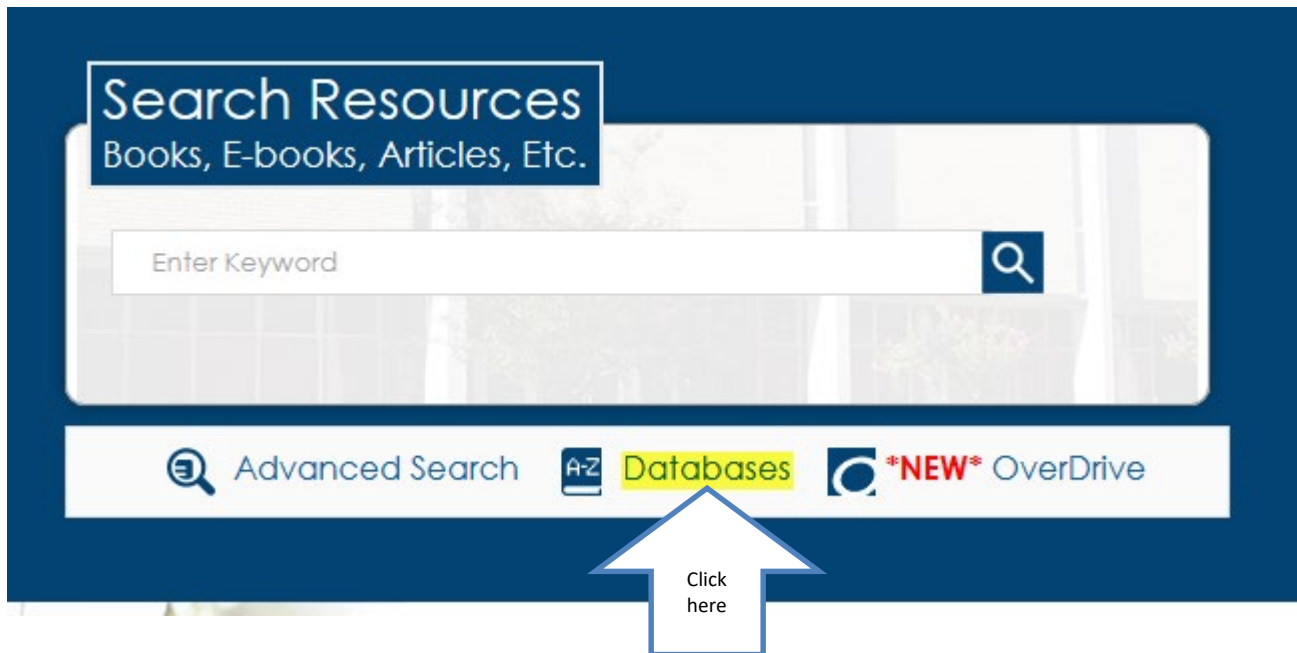
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- In any argument, you need to know what the opposition thinks, so that you can be prepared to counter their points.




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ACADEMIC JOURNALS (2)

Connecting the dots: forming a uniform voter identification system through established law

Author: Louis A. D'Amarino

From: UMass Law Review (Vol. 8, Issue 2.) Peer-Reviewed

Sept. 22, 2013 13,298 words Article 1930L ▲

EFFECTIVENESS OF CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENT OF A POLITICAL CANDIDATE AMONG YOUNG VOTERS

Author: Nam-Hyun Um

From: Social Behavior and Personality: An International Journal (Vol. 45, Issue 9.) Peer-Reviewed

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Author: Michael Bargo, Jr.

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Don't Blame Voters of Color for Not Turning Out. Blame Voter Suppression and the Clinton Campaign.

# Read the article

## The Voting Rights Act Prevents Voter Suppression



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### Article Commentary

*"Regions with a history of racial [discrimination](#) no longer have federal oversight of their [voting](#) process."*

Tamara Power-Drutis is the chief of staff at Amplifier, a creative design lab that promotes social justice. In the following viewpoint, Power-Drutis argues that the US Supreme Court's 2013 ruling in *Shelby County v. Holder*, which nullified the provision of the [Voting Rights Act](#) that required certain jurisdictions to undergo federal review before changing their local voting laws, disproportionately impacts [women](#), young people, and people of color. Since the ruling, the author notes, more than thirty states have proposed new restrictions affecting [voter](#) registration and [identification](#). Laws that require [voters](#) to provide state-issued [identification](#) that matches their [voter](#) registration information on record, the author maintains, will suppress voting among women, [minorities](#), and young people because inconsistencies between voter ID and information on the voter rolls are more likely to be found among those voting blocs.

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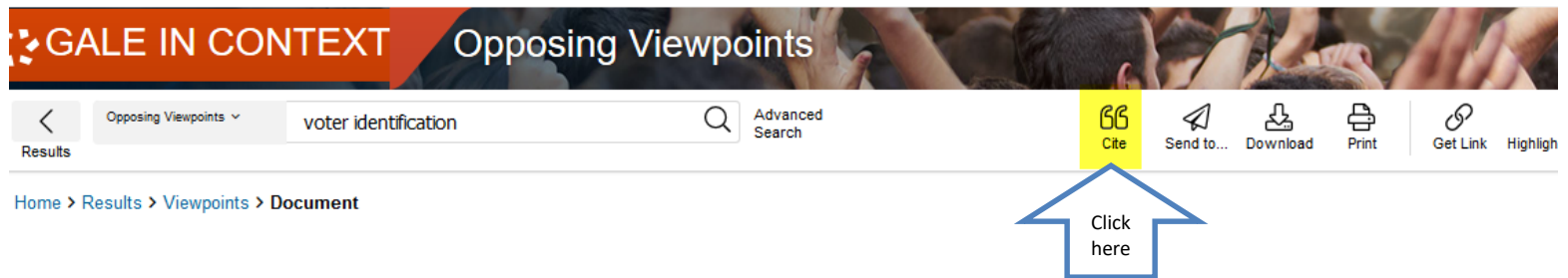
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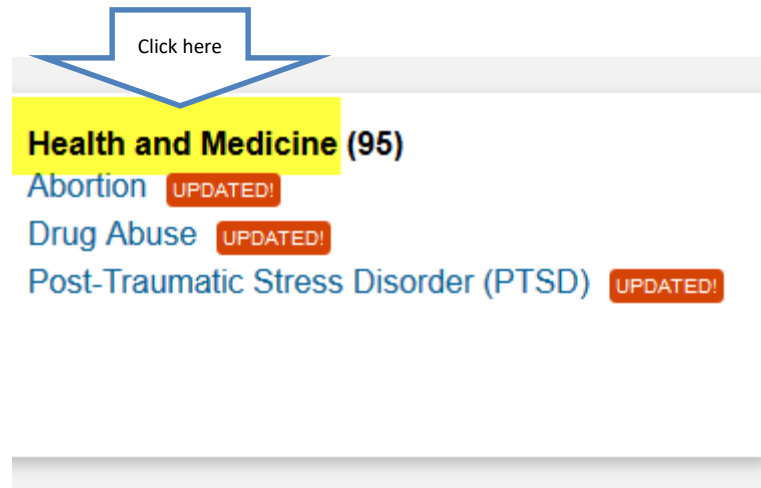
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#### How is the Pentagon using military funding to build a border wall?

THE PENTAGON COULD FACE LONG-TERM negative effects by defying Congress to fund construction for a wall along the Mexican border, but acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan is going ahead with it anyway.

On March 25, he authorized the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to spend up to \$1 billion for 57 miles of fencing, roads and other measures on the southwestern border. And rather than asking for the money, the Defense Department simply told Congress what it was doing. That's an unprecedented tactic and one that has drawn fire from Democrats and Republicans alike who see it as sidestepping the legislature's power of the purse.

The decision to do things this way will likely cost the Pentagon its ability to "re-program" money in the years ahead, which will hamper its ability to react quickly to military needs. "We understand the significant downsides of losing what amounts to a privi-

military personnel and transferred it into a counterdrug account, which gives it authority to take measures to support federal law-enforcement efforts to stop drug trafficking. The fence falls under that umbrella.

Trump's decision to declare a national emergency was widely seen as a last-ditch "nuclear option" that will likely spark multiple legal challenges and fundamentally shake the balance of federal power. But an initial attempt to overturn the emergency flopped on March 26, as House Democrats failed to overturn Trump's veto of a resolution rejecting it.



Though Representative Adam Smith, chair of the House Armed Services Committee, issued a letter denying the Pentagon request to transfer funding, it was symbolic, as no such request had been made. To see the defense budget as a "slush fund" from which money can be grabbed as needed "really undermines [its] credibility," Smith told Shanahan.

And the Pentagon still intends to take an additional \$3.6 billion in construction funds that have not yet been allocated to a specific contract. The military generally uses that money to fund projects ranging from family housing to infrastructure repair, and many

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