A. Locate Some Background Information on Your Topic

Once you have chosen your topic, spend some time reading and compiling background information in our reference resources. This is an efficient way to help you become more familiar with the intricacies of your topic and will help compile useful information (keywords, key idea, people, important dates and concepts, etc.) to prepare you to conduct productive research.

- Ask the Reference Librarian to direct you to some of the print and electronic resources we have in the library collection which might include information on your topic

- Here are examples of some of the electronic resources available:
  - CQ Researcher (researchguides.ben.edu/cq-researcher): An excellent source of in-depth, unbiased background material on contemporary topics such as health, social trends, criminal justice, international affairs, education, the environment, technology, the economy, and more.
Plastic Pollution

Can the global mess be cleaned up?
By Jane Fullerton Lemons

Introduction

Plastic waste is clogging landfills, suffocating cityscapes, fouling oceans with massive debris fields and killing sea creatures that ingest everything from discarded fishing equipment to disposable food containers. This problem has become so acute that plastic could outweigh ocean fish by 2050. The crisis threatens not only wildlife but also human health, as plastic breaks down into microscopic pieces that enter the global food chain. Environmentalists have long promoted recycling as a key strategy for curbing plastic pollution, and more recycling plants in the United States and Asia are planned. But China — once the world’s leading recycler — announced last January that it would stop accepting plastic waste from other nations, creating uncertainty about where millions of tons of plastic debris will go. As the threat grows, more municipalities are banning plastic shopping bags and drinking straws, and corporations are redesigning packaging to reduce waste. But conservationists say such steps will do only so far. The real solution, they say, is to stop producing so much plastic.

Overview

In two oceans a world apart, a pilot whale's death and a sea

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How to cite CQ Researcher

Click on Cite Now!
- **Sage eReference** for Social Science topics (including the Environment, Psychology, Business, Social Issues and more)

Enter your search terms. Consider the auto-complete suggestions.

Click on a title to view the encyclopedia article.

Citation help is provided.

- **Gale Virtual Reference Library** for Humanities, Social Science, Science
B. Locating Journals: The Article Search Box

Select the **Articles** tab on the library web page.

Enter your search.

**Note:** If you are off campus, you will be prompted to login – the same way you would log into a campus computer.

This search on **wage gap** resulted in a large number of hits:

Let’s see how we can **refine the results** of this search.
Here are some ways you can refine your search:

- Explore the **Source** Types. Your instructor may want you to limit your search to Academic Journals (also known **Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals**).
- You may wish to limit your search by **date**.
- Use some of the **Subject** terms listed to narrow your search.
You may wish to limit your search to a specific **Database** to focus on a specific discipline such as Business, Psychology (PsycINFO), Health Care (CINAHL) Education (ERIC), etc.
Here are some of the results of our refined search:

1. *Ceteris non paribus: The intersectionality of gender, race, and region in the gender wage gap.*
   - Subjects and Keywords: Gender intersectionality, Gender, Race, Region, Wage gap.
   - Abstract: The concept of the gender wage gap has received considerable attention in the literature, particularly in the U.S. context. Many analyses posit that various factors contribute to the variation in wages across genders. However, we extend this knowledge to link the gender wage gap with the theoretical framework of intersectionality. Specifically, the current analysis focuses on the intersection between gender, race, and region to explain the variation in gender wage gap across the United States. Through the use of multivariate analyses, we show that both gender and race have a significant impact on the gender wage gap, and that these effects are amplified in regions with a high concentration of people of color. The results have important implications for policy makers and for future research in the area of gender and economic inequality.

2. *Taking Attitude into Account for the Gender Wage Gap: Compensating employees equally when gender role attitudes differ.*
   - Subjects: Occupational segregation, Occupational prestige, Gender wage gap, Gender stereotypes, Gender inequality.
   - Abstract: Research has shown that gender role attitudes have a significant impact on wages, but the mechanisms behind this phenomenon are not fully understood. This paper explores how compensating employees equally when gender role attitudes differ can help to address this issue.
   - Cite for citation help.

   - Abstract: This paper examines the impact of dendruralization on women’s wages in the United States.

Click on an article title for more information about an article.

Note the Subjects and Keywords suggested. They might lead you to additional information on your topic.

Click on Cite for citation help.
What can you find out about the authors? Are they authorities on this topic? How can you tell?

Ceteris non paribus: The intersectionality of gender, race, and region in the gender wage gap.

Authors:

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Or search for an author on Google:
Another evaluation technique: View the Plum Analytics to visualize the research impact of an article.

PLUM: A key measure of the worth of research is the impact it has or the difference it is making within the academic community.

**PlumX Metrics**

PlumX Metrics provide insights into the ways people interact with individual pieces of research output (articles, conference proceedings, book chapters, and many more) in the online environment. Examples include, when research is mentioned in the news or is tweeted about. Collectively known as PlumX Metrics, these metrics are divided into five categories to help make sense of the huge amounts of data involved and to enable analysis by comparing like with like.

**The Five Categories:**

**Usage** - A way to signal if anyone is reading the articles or otherwise using the research. Usage is the number one statistic researchers want to know after citations.

- *Examples:* clicks, downloads, views, library holdings, video plays

**Captures** - Indicates that someone wants to come back to the work. Captures can be an leading indicator of future citations.

- *Examples:* bookmarks, code forks, favorites, readers, watchers

**Mentions** - Measurement of activities such as news articles or blog posts about research. Mentions is a way to tell that people are truly engaging with the research.

- *Examples:* blog posts, comments, reviews, Wikipedia links, news media

**Social media** - This category includes the tweets, Facebook likes, etc. that reference the research. Social Media can help measure “buzz” and attention. Social media can also be a good measure of how well a particular piece of research has been promoted.

- *Examples:* +1s, likes, shares, tweets

**Citations** - This is a category contains both traditional citation indexes such as Scopus, as well as citations that help indicate societal impact such as Clinical or Policy Citations.

- *Examples:* citation indexes, patent citations, clinical citations, policy citations
C. Locating full-text articles

1. Ceteris non paribus: The intersectionality of gender, race, and region in the gender wage gap.


   Often a link to the full text article is provided.

   If a link to the full-text is not provided, click on the icon to locate the article.

   In this example a copy of the article was located in the Sage database.

   Click on a database link to see the article.
D. What if an article is not available in our library collection?

Some articles may be available free of charge through Google Scholar: [http://scholar.google.com/](http://scholar.google.com/). To access them, you’ll need to adjust the settings.

Select the **Library links** for Benedictine University and **save**.

Search for the article in Google Scholar

2. **Taking Attitude into Account for the Gender Wage Gap**: Compensating employees equally when gender attitudes differ.

   ![Academic Journal](image)

   Request via interlibrary loan - ILLiad

   ![Google Scholar](image)

   Link to the full-text article.
Interlibrary Loan

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F. Additional Databases

The article search box only searches 22 library databases. To access additional databases:

Select Databases

View list of databases by subject ...

... or select a specific database from the alphabetical list.

Recommended Database: Sage Journals

Click on title for additional information

View full-text article
Bully, bullied and abused. Associations between violence at home and bullying in childhood

Steven Lucas, Carolina Jambro, Ylva Tindberg, more...

Abstract

Aims: The aim was to examine experiences of bullying among Swedish adolescents and whether victims and perpetrators were also exposed to violence in the home, with particular focus on how abuse severity affected the risk of exposure to bullying. Methods: A nationally representative sample of pupils aged 14—15 responded to a questionnaire exploring exposure to corporal punishment and other types of violence. Results were analysed using Pearson’s chi-square and multiple logistic regression, adjusting for factors regarding the child, the parents and the families’ socioeconomic status. Results: Among the 3197 respondents, a significant proportion reported at least one incident of either bullying victimisation (girls 35%, boys 26%) or bullying perpetration (girls 24%, boys 35%). Physical and emotional violence in the home, including witnessed intimate partner violence, were significantly associated with both bullying victimisation and bullying perpetration. Odds ratios for exposure to bullying rose with abuse. Adjusted odds ratios ranged from 1.6 for any event of bullying to 20.3 for multiple types of abuse vs. many episodes. The presence of a chronic health condition were consistently associated with nearly all forms of abuse and bullying. Conclusions: Bullying experiences are common among youth and are clearly associated with abuse. Frequent bullying, whether as victim or perpetrator, warrants particular vigilance, as it appears to be an indicator of severe violence in the home.

Keywords

Child abuse, bullying, physical abuse, psychological abuse, intimate partner violence

Recommended Database: Science Direct
G. Use Google Scholar for citation help

Enter the title of the article into the Google Scholar: http://scholar.google.com/ search box.

Citation Chaining: Use the article you selected to locate additional resources for your research project.

This article has been cited by 12 other authors in their research.

You may also wish to explore some of the Related articles.
Glass ceiling and maternity leave as important contributors to the gender wage gap

Rationalizing pay inequity: women engineers, pervasive patriarchy and the neoliberal chimera
This article argues that neoliberalism with its pervasive patriarchy and co-option of feminism, renders women tacitly complicit in gendered pay inequalities. We show that in New Zealand, one of the world’s most neoliberal nations, women who might precisely be best equipped to...

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Volume 3, Southern Journal of Business and Ethics, 2011


Access full-text article

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H. Search for Government Documents

You can also use the Government Documents Research Guide (researchguides.ben.edu/gov-docs) to locate additional government publications:

1) Select USA.gov

2) Select GovInfo

3) Add site:.gov to your Google search

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Enter your search terms

gender wage gap
2. **GovInfo**

![GovInfo search results for gender gap](image)

- **History of H.R. 6284** - A bill to direct the Secretary of Labor to report to Congress on the gender pay gap in the...
  - H.R. 6284: A bill to direct the Secretary of Labor to report to Congress on the gender pay gap in the teenagers labor force, to the Committee on Education and the Workforce. By Mrs. LAWRENCE (for herself, Mrs. Watson Coleman, Ms. Clarke of New York, Ms. Bass, Ms. Norton, Mr. Nadler, Ms. Titus, Mr. Hastings, Ms. Wilson of Florida, Ms. Clark of...

- **History of H.R. 6390** - A bill to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to study and identify...

3. **Search Google (site:.gov)**

![Google search results for gender pay gap site:.gov](image)

- Breaking down the gender wage gap - US Department of Labor
  - Gender Wage GAP: Women who worked full-time, year-round in 2014 earned on average, of men's median annual earnings. Women earn less than men.

- Equal Pay Infographic - US Department of Labor
  - Equal Pay: Women represent almost half of the total.

- Jobs with the Largest Gender Pay Gaps in Finance, Sales
  - May 22, 2018: The gender pay gap persists in almost all occupations but is much greater in some jobs.

- Five Facts About the Gender Pay Gap: whitehouse.gov
  - Apr 14, 2013: On Equal Pay Day, however we focus on a stubborn and troubling fact despite women's gains, a large gender pay gap still exists. In 2013, the...

- Gender Pay Gap is Unfair to All of Us - Wisconsin State Legislature
  - https://legis.wisconsin.gov/senate/laws/.../Gender-Pay-Gap-is-Unfair-to-All-of-Us.aspx
  - The consistent presence of pay gaps between men and women of all races, ages, education levels and professions suggests that gender bias is costing women...
I. Locating Books and E-books

Compose your search

Go to the library web page and select the **Books & Videos** tab.

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Use the links in the sidebar to refine your search.

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Locating print books

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