

# How to Search GONGWER an OhioLINK research database



Ohio Dominican University Library

## What is GONGWER?

*GONGWER-OH.com* is a full-text database for information on the Ohio government, including the Ohio constitution; past, current, and pending legislation; legislative committees; political events; court cases; speeches; news; and other resources. Audio and video recordings of sessions are also available.  
Coverage: 1906-present

## How to Connect to the Database:

- Connect to the ODU Library homepage: <http://www.ohiodominican.edu/library>
- From the Library's homepage, follow these links:  
Articles in Databases → Political Science → [GONGWER](#)

## How to Search in the Database:

### What Type of Information are You Looking For?

The type of information you are seeking will determine how you use the database. Select from the following six options.

#### 1. For News and Reports on Committee Hearings, Political Events, Pending Legislation, and related Ohio political activities:

Choose from among the following options listed on the menu on the left side of the database, under Additional Resources:

- Latest Statehouse News and Activities – Select from the links in the main window of the database—Ohio Report Top Stories.
- News Archives – On the left-side menu under Additional Resources, select News Archives  
to view a day's events in history
- To search for articles on a particular topic, event (e.g., election, Senate Committee hearing), organization, or lobbyist, use the database search box. Note: Most current articles listed first.

**Example:** oepa  
- Finds articles with the acronym OEPA

**Example:** minimum wage  
- Finds articles with the phrase "minimum wage."  
Note: Do NOT use quotation marks in the search box.

**Note:** If you wish to do advanced searching using AND or OR, you must first type a simple search in the search box and click on Search. Then you will have the option to modify your search using AND or OR.

2. **For Legislation:** Under Legislative Branch, select from any of the following:
  - Bill History Reports – Enter the number of the bill in the following format:  
For a Senate Bill: SB 123 | For a House Bill: HB 123
  - Bill and Amendment Texts – First choose the year of the bill/amendment;  
then choose from House, Senate, etc.
  - Session Laws – First choose the year, then select from the following options:  
Session Laws, Vetoes, Senate Bills Index, House Bills Index,  
Sponsor Index
3. **For Ohio Supreme Court Decisions:** Under Judicial Branch, select Search Decisions.  
Search by any of the following: Court, Decision Year, WebCite Number, or Keyword.
4. **For Election Summaries:** Under Election Information, choose from the following:
  - Candidate Bios/News – For each race (e.g., Governor; U.S. Senate), you can find  
1) Candidate listings; 2) Candidate bios; 3) Winners.
  - District Maps – View Ohio Senate, Ohio House, and U.S. House district maps.
5. **For Ohio Lawmakers, Committees, Candidates:**
  - Ohio lawmakers and committees – Select among the links under Legislative Branch, I  
listed on the database menu. Links include  
rosters for the Senate and House, as well as  
information on the committee.
  - Candidates – Select Candidate Bios/News under Election Information.
6. **For Additional Ohio Executive, Judicial, & Legislative Resources:**  
Select among the links under any of the three branches of government, listed on the  
database menu.

**For more information on how to search in this database,**  
click on **User Guide & Tips** at the bottom of the database menu.

Or contact a Reference Librarian: tel. (614) 251-4754 (toll-free 1-888-681-8044),  
email [refdesk@ohiodominican.edu](mailto:refdesk@ohiodominican.edu).