

# Cerritos College Library

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## NATIONAL SECURITY

Your search for information on **national security** can include books, periodicals, online databases, and authoritative Internet resources.

### Books

Use the **Library Catalog** located on the Cerritos College **Library Home Page** to find books on your topic that are available in the Cerritos College Library. Books can provide a broad overview of a topic or in-depth information. You can search for books by *Author, Title, Subject, or Keyword*.

Listed below are some *Library of Congress Subject Headings* used in the catalog for books relating to **terrorism and national security**. Use these terms to *Search by Subject*. Remember, this list is by no means conclusive.

Intelligence service – United States  
National security – United States  
Privacy, right of – United States  
September 11 Terrorist Attacks, 2001  
Terrorism

Terrorism – Government policy – United States  
Terrorism – Prevention  
Terrorism – United States  
War on terrorism, 2001

### Selected Reference Books on National Security

**Homeland Security** (At Issue)  
REFDESK HV6432 .H66 2004

**Homeland Security** (Current Controversies)  
REFDESK HV6432.4 .H65 2005

**National Security** (At Issue)  
REFDESK UA23 .N24772 2003

**National Security** (Opposing Viewpoints)  
REFDESK UA927 .N38 2007

**National Security** (Information Plus)  
REFDESK UA23 .A1 N399 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009

**Nuclear Security** (At Issue)  
REFDESK U264 .N816 2001

**Patriot Act: Opposing Viewpoints**  
REFDESK KF9430 .P38 2005

**The Patriot Act – Writing the Critical Essay**  
REFDESK KF9430 .Z9 P38 2006

**U.S. National Security: A Reference Handbook**  
REF UA23 .W36397 2002

**Weapons of Mass Destruction** (Opposing Viewpoints)  
REFDESK U793 .W43277 2005

**What Limits Should be Placed on Presidential Powers?**  
REFDESK KF5053 .W47 2007

**NOTE:** See the Research Guide on **Terrorism** for additional Reference Books

### Finding Magazine, Journal, and Newspaper Articles

Journal and magazines usually provide the most current information on a topic. Journal articles are more scholarly or professional while magazine articles tend to be shorter and more general. Newspaper articles, while not usually scholarly or professional, can give you the most current news and some additional facts on your topic.

To find articles on your topic, use one of the online databases listed below. These databases usually provide full-text articles on almost every topic. They are available via the **Library Home Page**. Conduct your search in these databases by using subject headings and keywords similar to those you used to locate books.

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### Online Databases for issues dealing with National Security:

*EBSCOhost*

*Ethnic News Watch*

*Facts.com*

*NewsBank*

*Proquest Newspapers*

*CQ Electronic Library*

For remote access to the library databases, login to the *Library* using your Cerritos College ID number.

See the *Database Page* or *handout* for a complete description of the Cerritos College Library online resources.

For historical research, the Library also has print indexes that must be used to find older articles, generally anything published before 1985.

### Internet Sites

The Internet can be a valuable source for supplementing the information you have gathered from books and periodicals. It is important that you evaluate the information you get from the Internet to determine if it is reliable and useful to your research. A few Internet sites that may be useful are listed here.

#### **Department of Homeland Security**

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/deptofhomeland/toc.html>

#### **CDI: Center for Defense Information: Terrorism**

<http://cdi.org/program/index.cfm?programid=39>

#### **The U.S. Patriot Act, a Legal Analysis**

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RL31377.pdf>

#### **The Patriot Act: Where It Stands (ACLU)**

<http://action.aclu.org/reformthepatriotact/whereitstands.html>

#### **The USA Patriot Act in the Library**

<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/oif/ifissues/usapatriotactlibrary.cfm>

#### **Center for Democracy and Technology**

<http://www.cdt.org/>

#### **Department of Energy—National Security**

<http://www.energy.gov/nationalsecurity/index.htm>

#### **NationalSecurity.org**

<http://www.heritage.org/research/features/nationalsecurity/>