



U.S. Congressional Hearings Hot Topics Project:

Strategies for Promoting Government Information
Through Increased Awareness of One Resource Type

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Background Information

- Expectation to integrate government information into all disciplines as appropriate by working with subject liaisons
- All processing and maintenance integrated into technical services, access services, etc.



Challenges of the structure

- Subject liaisons, reference generalists and information literacy instructors:
 - Are unaware or unconvinced that the government information is relevant to their specific area of responsibility
 - Don't know enough to distinguish between different types – it is all just “GOV INFO”
 - Have limited opportunities to promote their own agendas and the purchased/licensed resources



Maybe I can promote one
type of government
information?...

What is most likely to be
relevant to the most users
early in their college career
AND is an easy segue to
other information, including
government information?



Solution:

Congressional Hearings Hot Topic Project



Government Information Literacy

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Challenges to Address with Librarians and Library Staff

- Relevancy to their work with class instruction and reference consultation
- Information Literacy Skills needed to identify and recommend use of specific government information
- Understanding of hearing topics
- Search strategies to find topics specific hearings *(covered under Student Challenges)*



Handbook: So You've Been Asked to Testify Before Congress


<http://www.tradoc.army.mil/tpubs/misc/HANDBOOKTestifyingBeforeCongress.pdf>


YOUR OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Do I have to write something?
Yes, you will need to prepare a written statement. Think of it as your command's posture statement.


You will need three versions of that statement.

1. One version for the official records (**official written statement**). This version will appear in the official record as what you actually said at the opening of your hearing, rather than the shorter version that you actually spoke from.
2. A shorter version to read from (**opening remarks**). This version should be consistent with the official statement. Practice reading this out loud. Writing words for speaking is different than writing words for reading.
3. And another even shorter version (**abbreviated opening remarks**) in case the Chairman wishes to speed things up. Time limits are not unusual, so it's best to be prepared.

 What's my theme? What's my goal? What outcome would I like?

 It's best to stay away from budget figures that can be disputed. Army, OSD, and OMB may have different numbers.

Supporting Army Goals. All testimony should be geared to support the stated goals of upgrading the quality of personnel and equipment, obtaining maximum benefits from all resources, and shaping the Army for the future. Army's Congressional Actions Responsibilities Standing Operating Procedures (CARSOP)


 We have three practices. One: Win war on terrorism. Two: Transform the Army. And three: Obtain resources to accomplish both. *

* From Secretary of the Army White's opening statement at a posture hearing.

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Tell me more about the three versions of my statement.

We like statements that convey facts, contain original analysis, and clearly state a position.

 (Colonel, staff)

Three Versions	Length	Purpose	Comments	Format Tips
Official written statement	5 to 20 minutes	Published in the official transcript of the hearing. Will be recorded as your actual opening remarks.	Should sound like what you would actually say out loud. Committee staff will review it as a source for questions for committee members to ask you. Committee staff will place copies in the hearing room for the media and the public in general, but not until the hearing is about to begin.	Include your bio, with picture, so the committee members will know something about you. Prescribed format is in Army's Congressional Actions Responsibility SOP (CARSOPT).
Verbal statement or Opening Remarks	3 to 5 minutes	This version is for you. Memorize it or read from it.	Introduce yourself; establish credibility – why you're qualified to answer their questions. Explain your command or your position on the matter before the committee.	Large print, double-spaced, wide margins for last-minute notes. Print only on top half of paper to eliminate head-bobbing.
Abbreviated verbal statement (summary of the summary)	1 minute	Used as a backup when the Chairman suddenly requests you to limit your remarks to 1 or 2 minutes.	Prevents being caught off-guard trying to summarize your 5-minute speech. <i>Being prepared gives the appearance that you really know your topic.</i>	5 x 7 cards help distinguish it from longer version.

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Relevancy to Library Instruction and Reference

- University Mission

“dedicated to preparing its’ students for lives of learning and for the challenges **educated citizens** will encounter”

- “Civic Engagement” trend

- Provost calling for “service-learning” & “civic engagement”

- White House Issues-- “Service”

“civic engagement and service should be a lifelong commitment whether at the school, community, city, state, or national level.”



Government Information Literacy Skills Strategies

- Ask if they have ever read an official transcript, watch a video, or listened to an audio of a congressional hearing
- Challenge them to describe a hearing (purpose, content, etc.)
- Build on what they know
- Give visuals!



Quick Assessment of Information Literacy Skills

1. For each sets of images identify the following:
 - Publication or Information TYPE
 - 1-3 Resource you would use to find specific examples
2. Do you feel competent in describing this information type and the discovery/access resources to an undergraduate student?



Eating Well

Marian Burros

THE egg, its once enviable reputation as a top-quality source of nutrients besmirched by its high cholesterol content, is under new scrutiny after a report last week implicating it in salmonella outbreaks. According to the Federal Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, clean inspected Grade A eggs in their shells are responsible for an "epidemic rise" in salmonella infection in people in the East, including New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New England.

The centers recorded 2,119 cases and 11 deaths attributed to 65 outbreaks of salmonella in an 11-year period, according to the new report. Of the 35 outbreaks in which a food source was identified, 77 percent were caused by eggs or foods containing eggs.

Writing in the April 8 issue of The Journal of the American Medical Association, the scientists at the Federal center said that the problem was especially worrisome because the bacterium was especially *Salmonella enteritidis*, might be in eggs and could be transmitted by the hen. In the past, salmonella outbreaks have been associated with cracked or soiled eggs, suggesting that the bacteria was on the outside of the egg and that improper handling had contaminated the contents.

Salmonella is a severe problem in poultry. It is often found on freshly laid eggs, but proper sanitizing of the eggs before they reach the market kills the organisms on the outside. All Grade A shell eggs are washed and sanitized by the USDA. The Agriculture Department advises

Salmonella study suggests that eggs should be treated with greater caution.

howl when cake. Now, the Federal eating such food. Although Dr. ous, he said "Eggs are than ground risk is present may wish to Although the North Michigan



Reuters Brown on Sunday.

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SUPER BOWL

A Common N.F.L. Question: How Many Fingers Do You See?

By FRANK LITSKY

Special to The New York Times

ATLANTA, Jan. 25 — What does Troy Aikman remember about the concussion that knocked him out of the Dallas Cowboys' 38-21 victory over the San Francisco 49ers Sunday?

"I don't remember," the Cowboys' quarterback said today with a straight face. Then he smiled.

"Yeah, I remember most of it now," he said. "I'm O.K. I'll play Sunday."

Kevin O'Neill, the Cowboys' trainer, said Aikman was fine and would be ready to face the Buffalo Bills here in Super Bowl XXVIII. But "fine" is a relative word. And Aikman's concussion has focused attention on a dangerous and recurring injury in the National Football League.

Two of the four starting quarterbacks in Sunday's championship games — Aikman and Kansas City's Joe Montana — were knocked out of their games with concussions. A concussion, which is caused by a blow to the head, can cause temporary loss of consciousness and can affect some neurological functions, such as speech, balance and memory. Some players seem to be more susceptible to concussions and, in extreme cases, repeated concussions have ended careers.

Quarterback Jeff Hostetler of the Raiders was in and out of the lineup this season with concussions. Last season, Al Toon, the

Jets receiver, retired because of problems stemming from repeated concussions. The sight of players sitting groggily on the sideline has become common.

Ronnie Barnes, the Giants' trainer, cited two major causes of football concussions — a helmet hitting an artificial or hard-grass surface, or a helmet hitting a knee. Some artificial surfaces are always hard; the turf under a pad may get harder over the years. Even grass can dry out and be hard.

Barnes also said that the way a player's helmet is set up is crucial. Helmets for most professional players are made up of the hard outer surface and an inflatable bladder inside.

"Players have to make sure they have enough air in the bladder of their helmet," Barnes said. "If a bladder is under-inflated, the only protection may come from the shell of the helmet, and that isn't enough. This is a collision sport, and never mind malicious spearing."

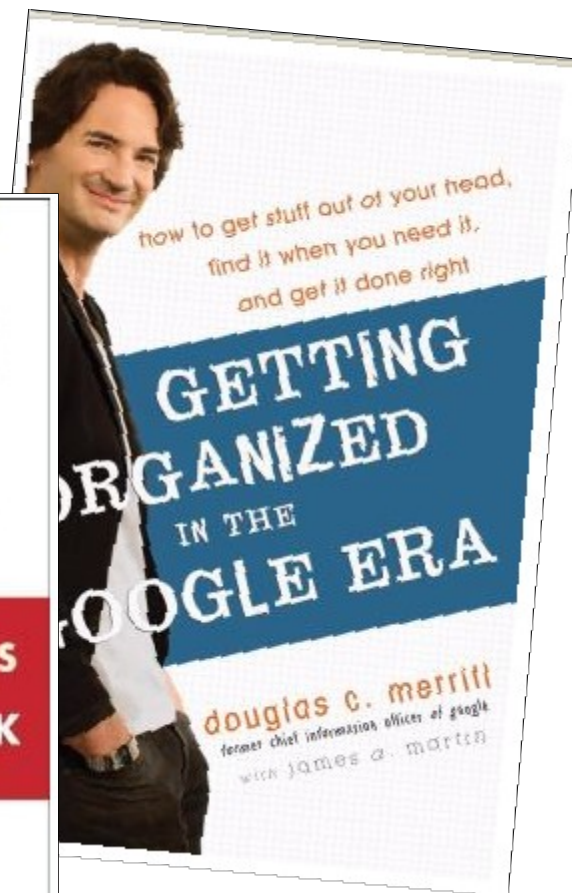
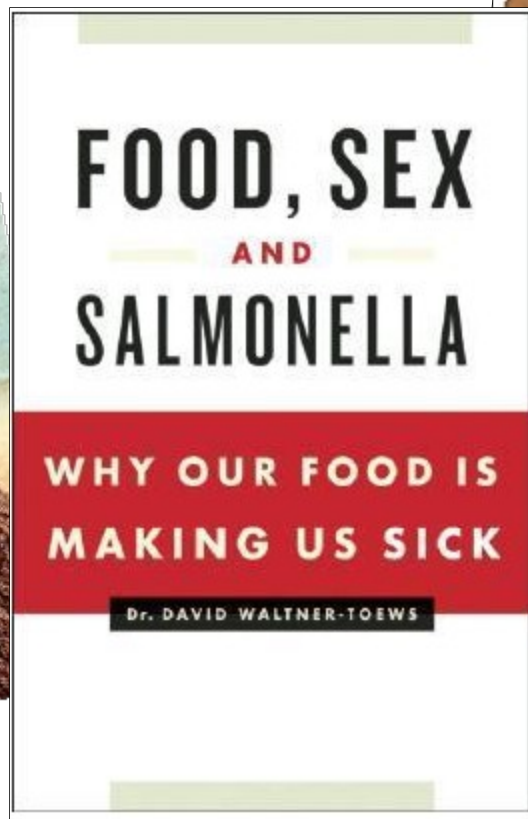
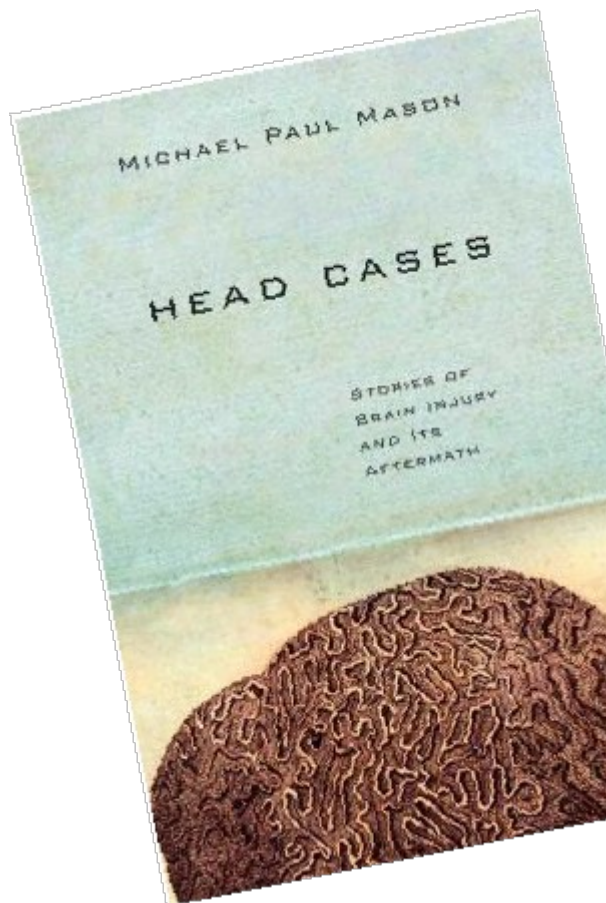
Before a game, a player normally puts on his helmet and has an equipment man pump air into the bladder. But Dr. Dick

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QUARTERBACKS ARE EASY TARGETS

The very nature of the position, doctors say, make them prone to concussions. Page B9.





Numerical Reconstruction of Real-Life Concussive Football Impacts

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ABSTRACT
 FRÉCHÉDE, B., and A. S. MCINTOSH. Numerical Reconstruction of Real-Life Concussive Football Impacts. *Journal of Loss Prevention and Process Safety*, Vol. 41, No. 2, pp. 396-398, 2009. **Purpose:** To present a protocol of numerical reconstructions of concussive football impacts involving unhelmeted Australian football and rugby players analyzed using a video analysis protocol and were fully reconstructed using a complete human model. **Conclusions:** The use of a complete human model in reconstructions had been previously assessed using a sensitive dynamical outputs. The use of a complete human model provides an accurate estimate of the effective masses involved in the impact for the head center of gravity linear acceleration. An estimate of the average effective energy of the impact power was found to be the best estimate for the head center of gravity linear acceleration. Other studies. They should contribute to the purpose of a better evaluation of the impact power. **INJURY, TOLERANCE**

There is a continuing prevention research decade the sports...

Article
 Google Book Search and the Future of Books in Cyberspace
 Pamela Samuelson†

INTRODUCTION
 One of the most significant developments in the history of publishing is the digitization project that Google has undertaken with more than forty thousand publishers. 1 Google's digitization of the contents of more than two million books is the largest project of its kind. Google Book Search...

TECHNICAL PAPER

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Mutagenicity of Airborne Particulates Assessed by *Salmonella* Assay and the SOS Chromotest in Wrocław, Poland

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ABSTRACT
 Ambient air particulate matter less than 2.5 µm in aerodynamic diameter (PM_{2.5}) samples were collected during summer and autumn using a Staplex high-volume air sampler. They were later extracted with dichloromethane in a Soxhlet apparatus. Polyaromatic hydrocarbon (PAH) content in extracts was determined by the high-performance liquid chromatography technique using fluorescence detection, whereas the nitro-PAH content was determined by gas chromatography using mass detection. Four *Salmonella typhimurium* strains (TA98, TA100, YG1041, and YG1042) were used in assays conducted with and without metabolic activation. The extracts were also tested with the SOS chromotest...

chromotest was very sensitive to a large spectrum of genotoxic air pollutants and showed a high degree of similarity with the results of the *Salmonella* assay. In comparison with the frequently used Ames test, the SOS chromotest enables quick analysis of the genotoxic effects of samples using only one tester strain. In addition, its miniaturized design decreases the consumption of tested samples.

INTRODUCTION
 Chemical air pollution is a mixture of many elements, mainly because of vehicle traffic, heating systems, and industrial plants.¹ Epidemiological studies have demon-



SALMONELLA EGG RECALL AND FOOD SAFETY

SEP 22, 2010

House Committee Energy & Commerce | Oversight Investigations

Two women who contracted salmonellosis testified before the Oversight and Investigations subcommittee of the Energy and Commerce Committee. The women's attorney, deputy commissioner of the state health department, also testified.

3 hours

TRANSCRIPT

QUESTION: WHAT IS MORE SCRAMBLED THAN AN EGG? ANSWER: THE FEDERAL FOOD INSPECTION SYSTEM

HEARING BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE AND AGENCY ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Hearing on Protecting School-age Athletes from Sports-related Concussion Injury

Subcommittee on Health
October 8, 2010

Hearing entitled "Protecting School-age Athletes from Sports-related Concussion Injury" held on October 8, 2010, in Newark, New Jersey. The legislative hearing was held in connection with the "Concussion Treatment and Care Tools Act of 2009", which was enacted on March 3, 2009.

Director for Science, Division of Injury Response, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Marlboro High School, Marlboro, New Jersey
Education Coordinator, Brain Injury Association of New Jersey
A., A.T.C., C.S.C.S., Head Athletic Trainer, Passaic High School, Passaic, New Jersey



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Show Examples

- To build visual identification skills of official transcript, c-span and other video, and committee pages for hearings
- To illustrate the broad range of topics discussed in hearings



Confirmation



KAGAN CONFIRMATION HEARING, DAY 3, PART 1 JUN 30, 2010

Senate Committee Judiciary

The Senate Judiciary Committee the appointment of Elena Kagan vacated by the retirement of Justice were allotted 30 minutes each questioning. Part 1 contained

2 hours, 2 minutes | 60

This is a screenshot of the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary website. At the top, it features the committee's name and a photo of a woman. Below the name is a navigation menu with "ABOUT THE COMMITTEE", "COMMITTEE RESOURCES", "HEARINGS & MEETINGS", and "LEGISLATION". The "HEARINGS & MEETINGS" section is expanded, showing "Hearings & Meetings", "Hearings", "Business Meetings", and "Search All Hearings". A specific hearing is highlighted: "Executive Nomination" by the Senate Judiciary Committee Full Committee, dated February 10, 2009, at 10:00 AM in Room Dirksen-226. Below this is a "WEBCAST" button and a "NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING" section. The notice states: "The Senate Committee on the Judiciary has scheduled a hearing on the nomination of Elena Kagan to be Solicitor General of the United States Department of Justice and Thomas J. Perrelli to be Associate Attorney General of the United States Department of Justice for Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 226 of the Dirksen Office Building." At the bottom right of the screenshot, there are links for "Print Page", "Email Page", and "AAA".

S. HRG. 111-3
CONFIRMATION HEARINGS ON THE NOMINATION OF THOMAS PERRELLI NOMINEE TO BE ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES AND ELENA KAGAN NOMINEE TO BE SOLICITOR GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES

HEARING BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY UNITED STATES SENATE



Oversight

S. Hrg. 110-787
OVERSIGHT HEARING: MAKING VA THE WORK-PLACE OF CHOICE FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS



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Hearing to Review Quality Control Systems of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

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HEARING

SCHEDULE CONGRESS BROWSE

JOHNSON AND JOHNSON DRUG RECALLS

SEP 30, 2010

House Committee Oversight and Government Reform

Johnson & Johnson CEO William Weldon and the Food and Drug Administration's principal deputy commissioner testified on the recall of over 135 million bottles of infant and children's medicines earlier in 2010. This was the second hearing the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee has ... [Read More](#)

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Legislative

HOUSE HEALTH CARE LEGISLATION MARKUP, DAY 4, PART 4 JUL. 30, 2009

House Committee Energy & Commerce



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Subcommittee on Health

Legislative Hearing on H.R. 3843, H.R. 4041, H.R. 5428, H.R. 5516, H.R. 5543, H.R. 5641, H.R. 5996, H.R. 6123, H.R. 6127, H.R. 6220, and Draft Legislation

September 29, 2010
10:00AM

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Investigative



LEGAL ISSUES RELATING TO FOOTBALL HEAD INJURIES (PART I & II)

Home ▶ Hearings ▶ Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations ▶ Hearing on "The Outbreak of Salmonella in Eggs" on Wednesday, September 22, 2010 15:20

The Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "The Outbreak of Salmonella in Eggs" on Wednesday, September 22, 2010, at 12:00 p.m. in room 2123 of the Rayburn House Office Building. The hearing examined the recent Salmonella outbreak associated with eggs produced by Wright County Egg and Hillandale Farms of Iowa.

DEEPWATER HORIZON INCIDENT JOINT INVESTIGATION, MICHAEL BEIRNE TESTIMONY, PART 1

OCT 6, 2010

Deepwater Horizon Joint Investigation

Michael Beirne testified at the U.S. Coast Guard and Bureau of Energy Management joint investigation of the April 20, 2010, Deepwater Horizon oil rig explosion in the Gulf of Mexico. He told federal investigators that it was not uncommon for oil exploration to go over budget and that the Macondo well ... [Read More](#)



Strategies to Understand Broad Range of Topics

- Identify witness affiliated with your institution
 - Create exhibit
 - Invite “witnesses” to a panel discussion on civic engagement at the national level
 - Analyze by discipline, congress, presidency, frequency, LC classification, hearing type, ...



Challenges to Address with Undergraduate Students

- Search strategies that easily find topic specific hearings relevant to their assignments
- Engaging their interest with hearings that are reasonably “ingestible”
- Finding other relevant research material
- Citations! – would use if they don’t know how to cite



Search Strategy Challenges

- Not all resources provide the entire hearing's content
- Relationship of parts is helpful to overall comprehension, but not always present
- Students will stumble into parts/whole and need assistance
- Google results to individual parts





committee hearing h1n1 (senate or house) site:.gov



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[Congressional Testimony, Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, NIAID, NIH](#)

Dr. Fauci's Statement for the Record Submitted to **House Subcommittee** on Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations, for **Hearing** on National Institutes of Health ... The Role of NIH-Supported Research in the Response to 2009 **H1N1** Influenza. ...

www.niaid.nih.gov/about/directors/congress/Pages/default.aspx - [Cached](#)

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Diabetes **Hearing** The **Senate Committee** on Homeland Security and ...

olpa.od.nih.gov/hearings/111/session1/default.asp - [Cached](#)

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Oct 21, 2009 ... Testimony of Secretary Napolitano Before the United States **Senate Committee** on Homeland Security ... In April, I testified before this **Committee** that DHS and our federal ... In all of the actions we are taking to counter **H1N1** flu, ... On July 2, 2009, DHS and the White **House** reached out to federal ...

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The **House** Education and Labor **Committee** held a **hearing** Tuesday, November 17 on how ... This Week: **Hearing** on **H1N1** and Sick Leave Policies, and **Hearing** on Literacy Skills U.S. **Senate** and **House** Introduce Employee Free Choice Act ...

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Possible Solution to Google Search Problems

- Good search strategies for Google
- “custom Google search engine”
- Promote other tools for discovery and access
- Encourage use of [***www.google.com/unclesam***](http://www.google.com/unclesam)



Engage Student's Interest

- Offer multimedia experience by promoting use of video along with text
- Direct to short hearings with multiple worldviews represented (pros/cons)
- Direct to hearing that address questions student might find interesting
- Avoid confirmation hearings



Strategies to aid discovery and access

- Design LibGuide specific to “hot topic” research using Congressional Committee Hearings
- Tag “in scope” hearing found at Committee websites using Delicious and include tag cloud in LibGuide
- Focus on most current and free (committee webpages, Fdsys, and C-Span)



LibGuide Design Points

- Discovery and access to hearings
 - Hot Topic Pages with links to specific current hearings pages
 - Delicious tag cloud links to hearing lists and pages
- Citation help guide
- Guide to expand research



 Congressional Committee and Hearings Webpages

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13 OCT 10 **Medicare's Competitive Bidding Program for Durable Medical Equipment: Implications for Quality, Cost and Access**
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"The hearing examined the conception and implementation of the competitive bidding program, the implementation of the Round 1 re-bid, and its potential effects on patients, providers, and suppliers"
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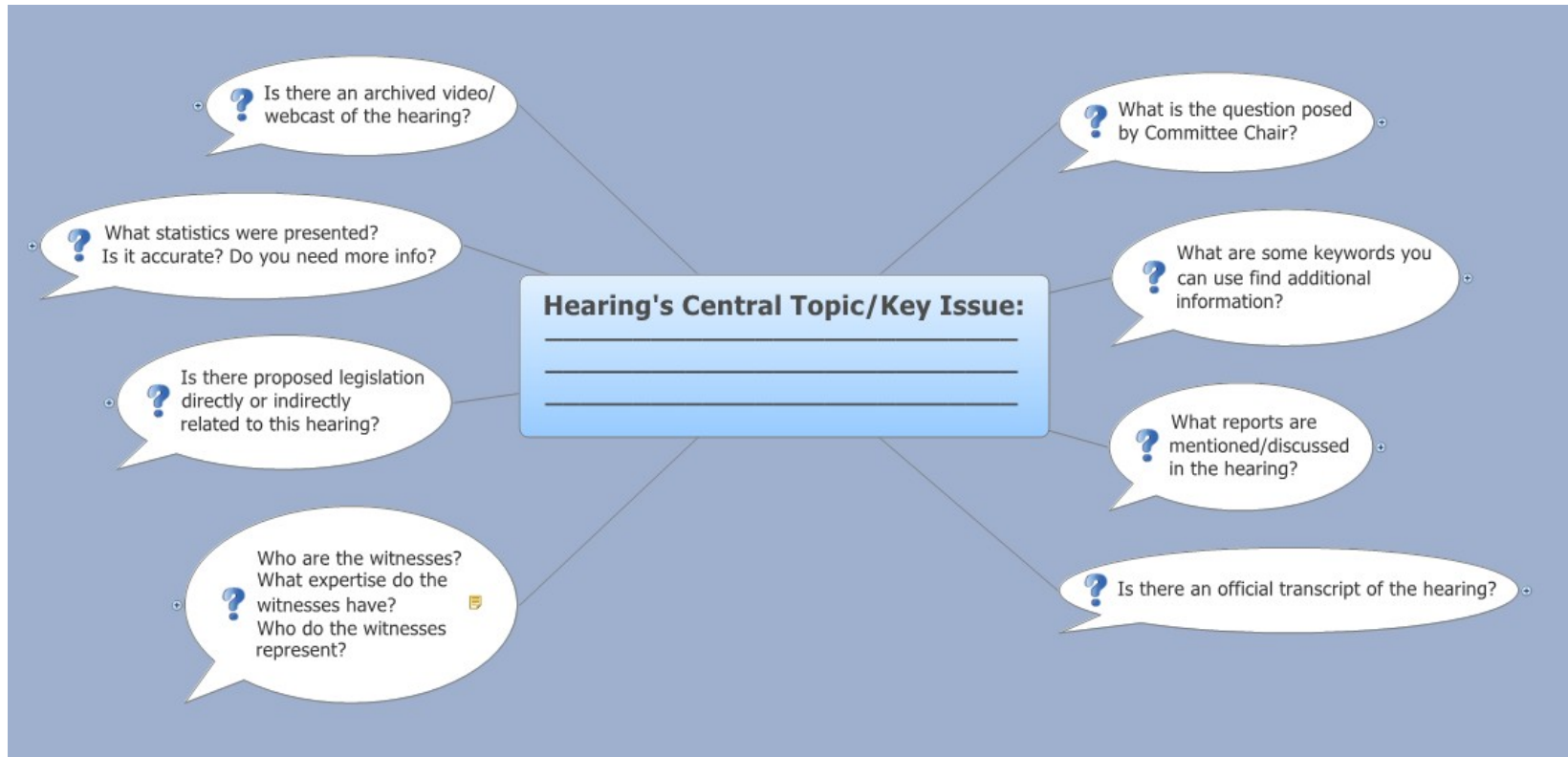
Subject Taxonomy

- Ideal would be approx 20 broad topics
- Experimenting with “issues” from WhiteHouse.gov
- Exploring other options

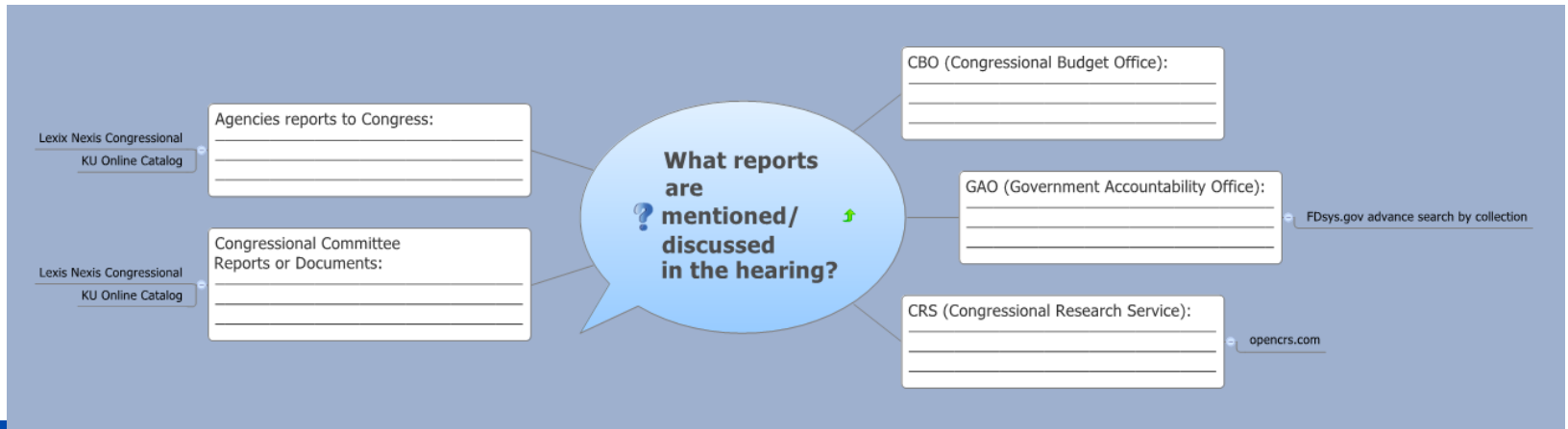
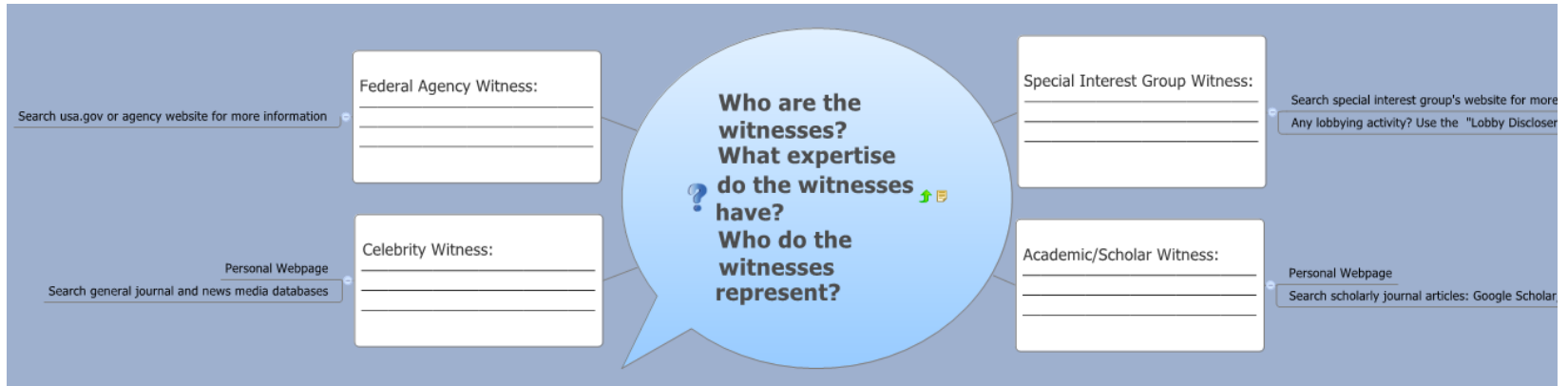
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Taxes_HotTopic	2
Technology_HotTopic	8
Urban_Policy_HotTopic	1
Veterans_HotTopic	15
Women_HotTopic	2



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Challenges to Address with Faculty and Instructors

- Relevancy to their class assignments
- Worth taking the time to include library instruction
- Acceptance of government information



Strategies for Reaching out to Faculty and Instructors

- Work with liaisons to identify specific classes and instructors
- Promote the content of hearings:
 - “thesis statements”
 - Different views addressing the same question
- Guides and handbooks for witnesses
 - Real world examples of persuasive informative writing and speech



Content elements of hearings

- Opening statements by chair and ranking minority member
- Written witness testimony
- Oral remarks summarizing testimony
- Examination/questioning of witnesses
- Exhibits (articles, letters, reports)



Opening Statements

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SECURING AMERICA'S INTEREST IN IRAQ: THE REMAINING OPTIONS

HEA

OPENING STATEMENT OF HON. JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR. U.S. SENATOR FROM DELAWARE

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Chairman BIDEN. Folks, let me echo the comments made by
Senator Lugar. Technically, we vote in the U.S. Congress on the exec

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has contributed more to American security than Chairman Lugar.

Today, we're brought together by a question that dominates our national debate, and it really boils down to a simple proposition. What options remain to meet our twin goals of bringing American forces home and leaving behind a stable Iraq? Over the next 4 weeks, this committee will seek answers to that question. First, we



Witnesses

- Celebrities
- Academics
- Government Officials
- Representatives from Interest Groups, organizations, companies
- Other Private Citizens



Celebrities Witnesses



Thank you for your time.

FEEDBACK is WELCOME.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

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