Searching ABI/Inform Global and PsycINFO: Find the Evidence

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Find a specific research database:

- Title contains [abi]

  * e.g. web of science, psycinfo, istor, medline, proquest, ebsco

  Browse Databases by Subject »

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**Search Tips:**
Use the ‘Advanced Search’ boxes.
Search words or phrases that describe your concepts.
Link synonyms with ‘OR’. Narrow your search using ‘AND’.
Use the limiting features in each database to restrict your results.
Keep an eye on the ‘Cited by,’ ‘Cited’ and ‘References’ links to look at similar and related research studies and to gauge the impact/quality of the article.
Use the truncation symbol * to stem words.

**PsycINFO** (psychology)
Under *Search Options*:
- Limit to **Peer reviewed**
- Use the **Methodology** check boxes
- Look at your results
- Scan the **Citation/Abstract** for relevance
- Check the **Subjects** to see if you’re using the best words or phrases in your search
  Modify search and specify your search terms as **subject headings** not ‘all fields’

**ABI/INFORM Global** (business)
Under *Search Options*:
- Limit to **Peer reviewed**
- Add the search words ‘studies’ or ‘analysis’ and specify as **subject headings** – to limit to scholarly quantitative and qualitative research articles
- Scan the abstract and look at the Indexing (details) for other subject terms or phrases
  Modify search and try the different words and phrases
Search word examples:

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**Social Sciences Citation Index** (multidisciplinary)

SSCI is part of Web of Science. To search this database select SSCI under **Citation Databases** at the bottom of the screen.

Reference works:


**Journal Citation Reports** – (critical evaluation of Social Sciences journals based on citation data.)

Change the default to Social Sciences Edition and click submit.
By sorting by Impact Factor you can determine which journals in your field of study are making the greatest contribution to the publishing history of an idea by measuring citation frequencies.

See also Sage Research Methods Online for handbooks and guides to research methodologies.

**Citing and Managing Your Sources**

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RefWorks tutorials: http://refworks.scholarsportal.info/tutorial/