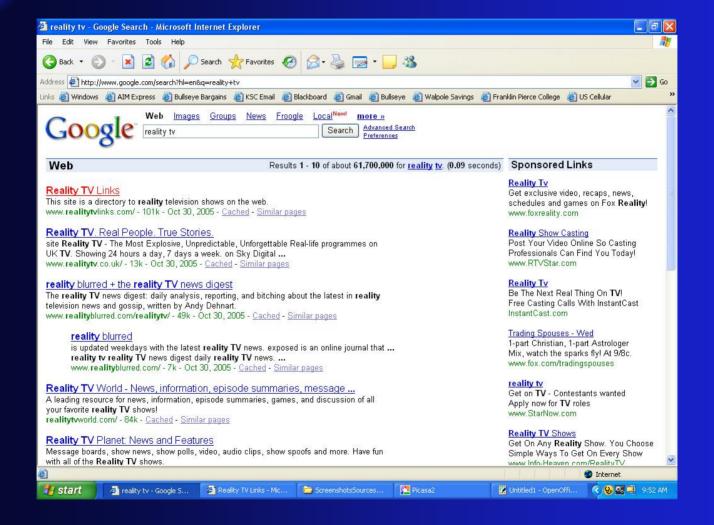
Using Online Sources in an Essay

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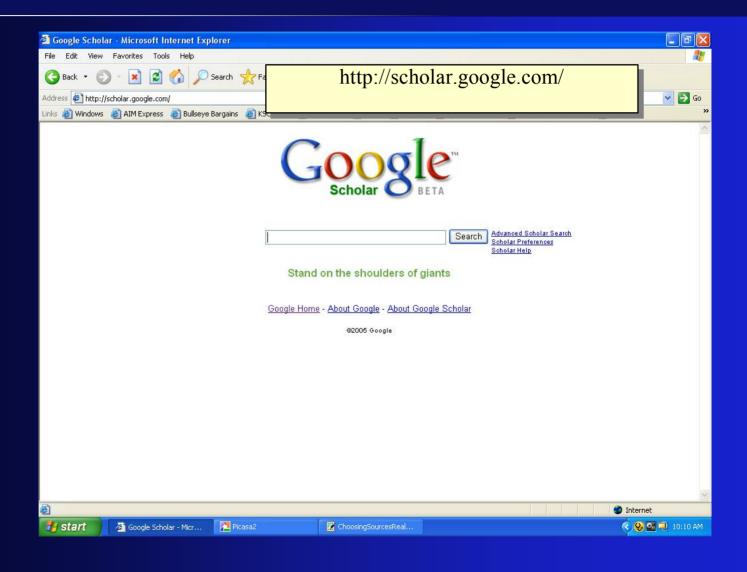
A Series of Choices: Practice Choosing Online Resources

• The following slides will present screenshots of pairs of Web sites. For each one, try to guess what would be a better choice for finding resources for an academic essay.

A. Google...



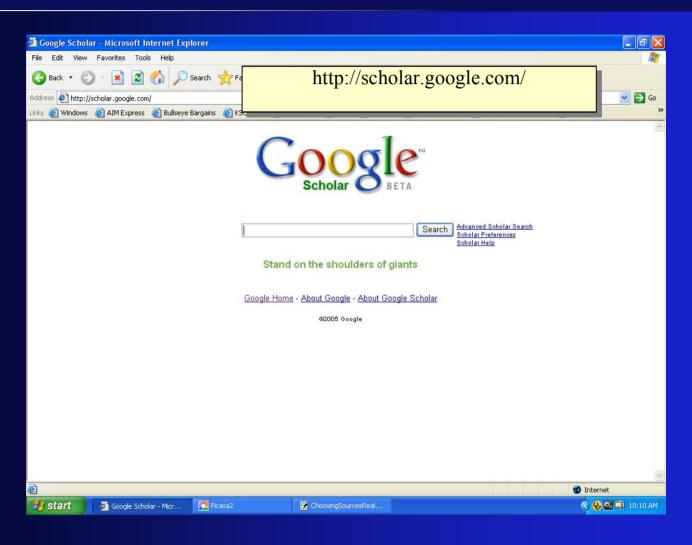
Or B. Google Scholar?



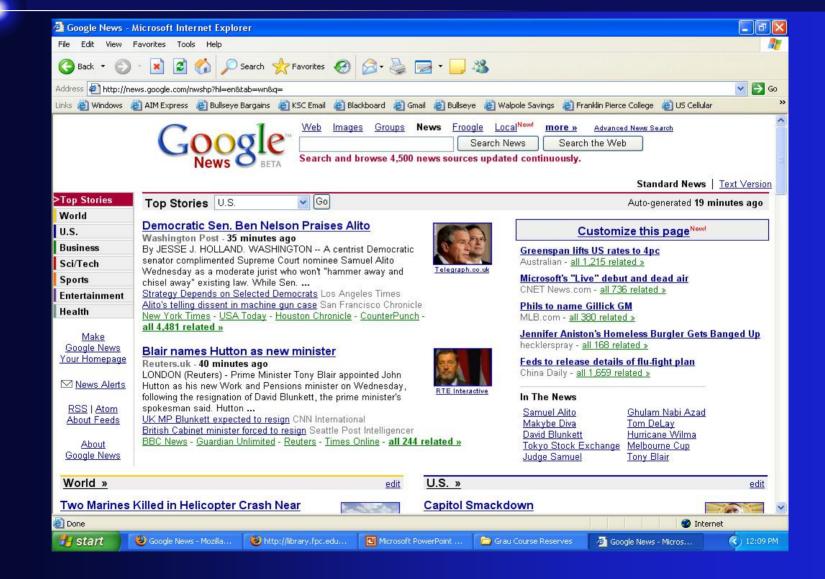
B. Google Scholar



Another Pair of Googles: A. Google Scholar

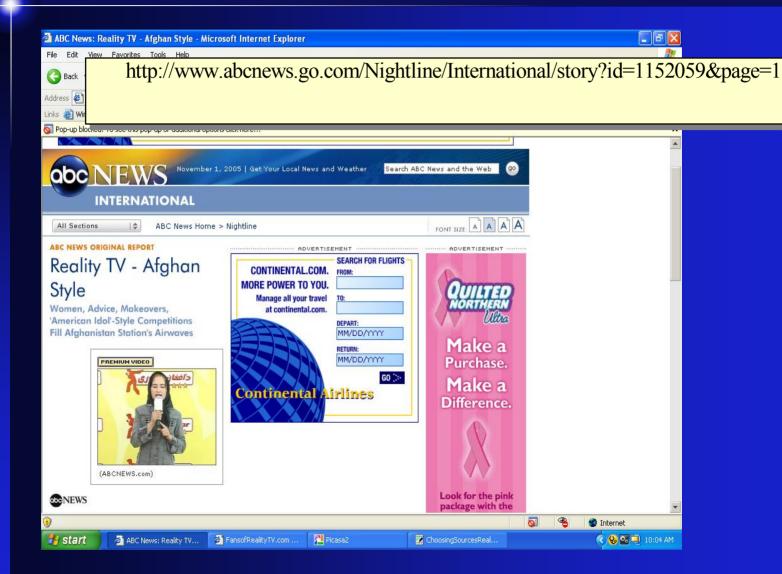


B. Google News



- It's a toss-up
- Google Scholar will generate good material, but much of it may be inaccessible or in a foreign language.
- Google News will generate a greater number of usable hits.
- I suggest using both; just shop wisely as you look at hits on Google News.

A. ABC News



B. Reality TV Magazine



- ABC News.
- You've heard of it and looking at it you get an idea of which might be more substance, less

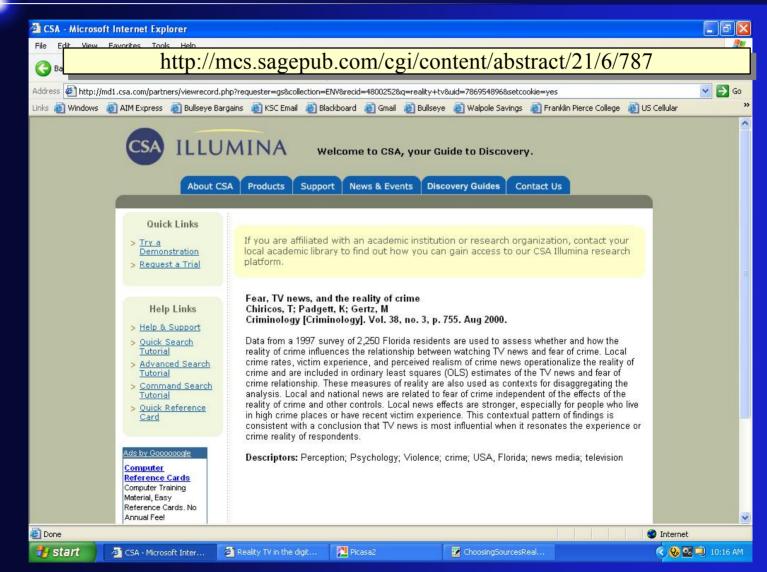
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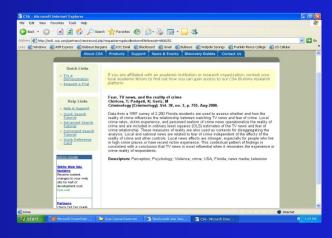
A. Reality TV Planet News



B. An article in *Criminology*, "Fear, TV News, and the Reality of Crime"



- B. Criminology is a professional publication and looks more trustworthy
- (This was a Google Scholar result)



A. Fans of Reality TV



B. MTV site for *The Osbournes* TV Show



- B. The MTV site may at least be considered a reliable source of information for what programming is on and may yield some other sources such as an interview with an actor.
- We know who MTV is, but we don't really know who Fans of Reality TV is—and their site looks cheesy.

A. Reality Blurred TV News Digest



B. Reality TV Talk



- A. Reality Blurred.
- Reality Blurred may not be *The New Yorker*, but Reality TV talk is a user forum, which means that *anyone* can talk/write on it, so it's not a good source unless you happen to be writing *about* online communities
- Reality TV Talk looks amateurish



A. Reality TV Channel (UK)

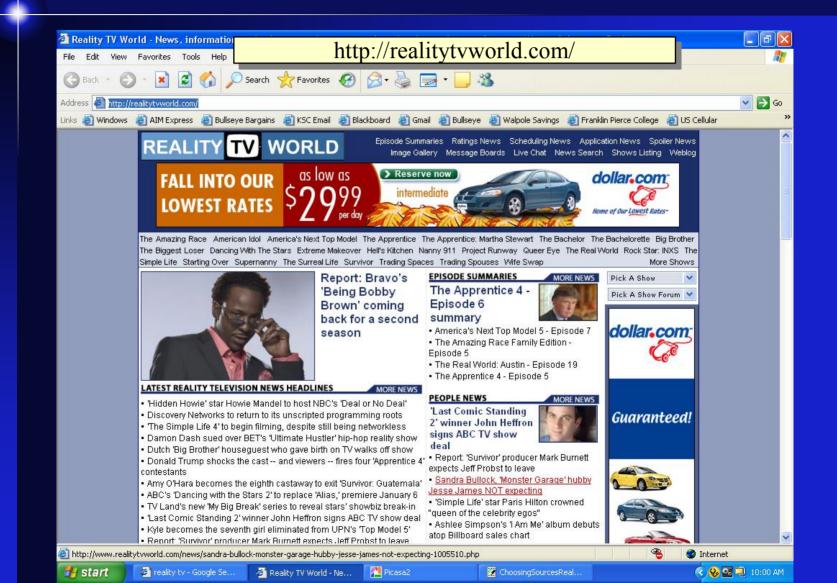


B. Reality TV Links

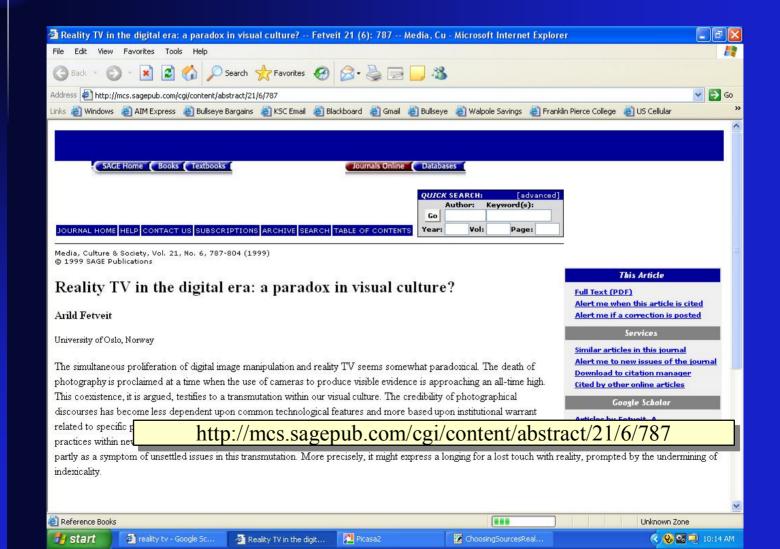


- A. Reality TV Channel UK
- Reality TV Channel UK, like MTV, may at least be considered a reliable source of information about *itself*
- Reality TV Links lacks substance and looks tacky, a clue that it may not have much to offer

A. Article in *Reality TV World*: "Bravo's 'Being Bobby Brown' Coming Back for a Second Season"



B. Article in *Media, Culture, and Society*: "Reality TV in the Digital Era: A Paradox in Visual Culture"

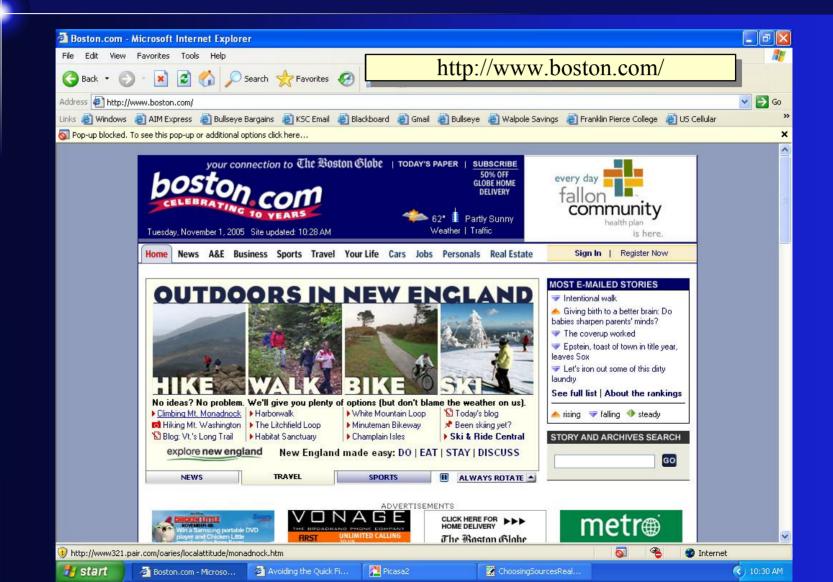


- B. Media, Culture and Society article.
- Media, Culture and Society is a professional journal.
- Reality TV World is actually just a list of headlines from other news sources...If "Being Bobby Brown" is important to your topic, you might also want to look at it to evaluate the source

A. New York Times



B. Boston.com: The Boston Globe



- Either one is good.
- (NYTimes.com looks nicer than Boston.com, but either one is a reliable news source)



A. Wikipedia entry on Reality TV



B. Boston Globe search result: "Feel-Good 'Random' has deliberate impact"

http://www.boston.com/ae/tv/articles/2005/11/01/feel_good_random_has_delib erate impact/



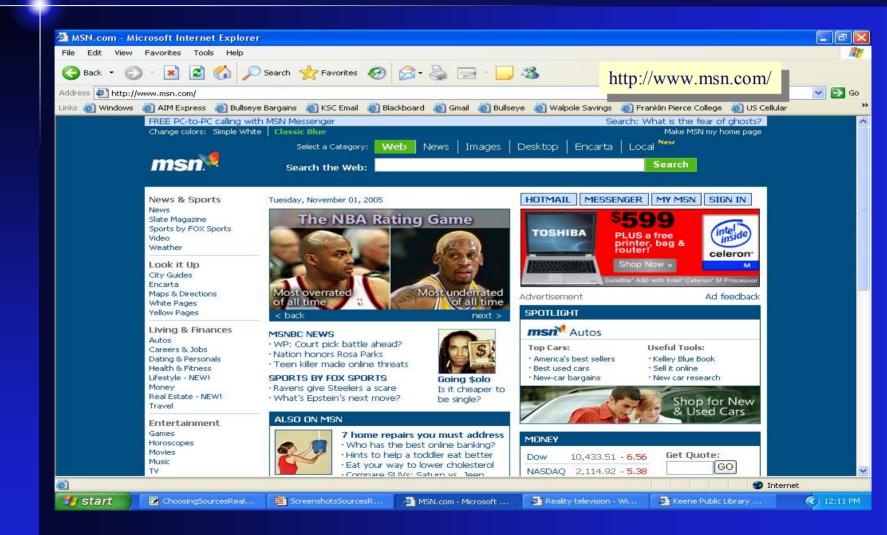
- B, the Boston Globe article.
- Encyclopedias and dictionaries aren't acceptable sources for CWII essays (although they may be a useful starting point in your research)



A. NY Times search result: "Avoiding the Quick Fix for Those Truly in Need"



B. MSN.com



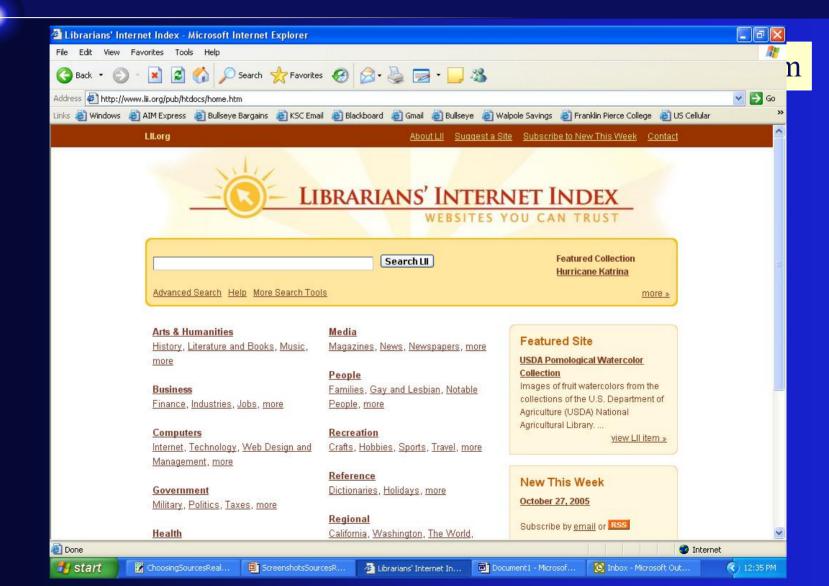
• A. "Avoiding the Quick Fix" is an authored article

• MSN.com might get you somewhere else useful, but it shouldn't appear in your list of

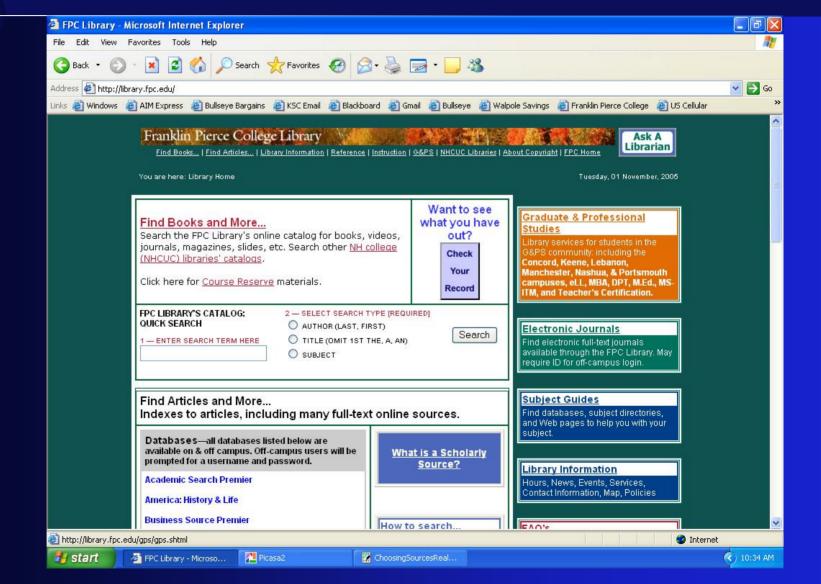
Works Cited



A. Librarians Internet Index



B. Franklin Pierce College Library

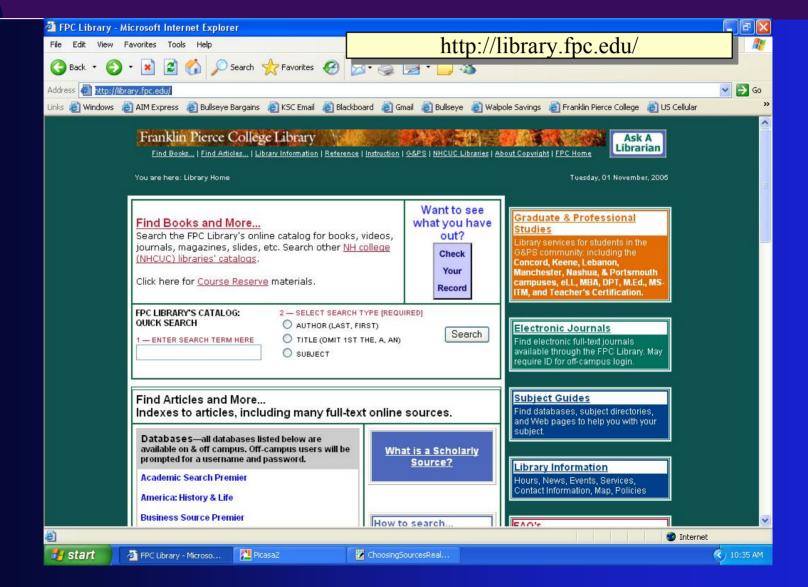


Answer

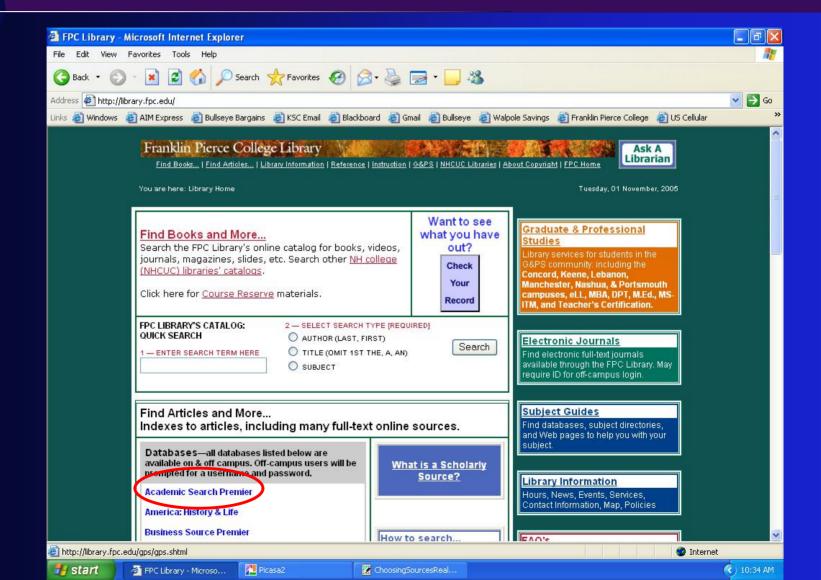
- It's a tie!
- They're both good, and may serve different purposes.

Quiz Over

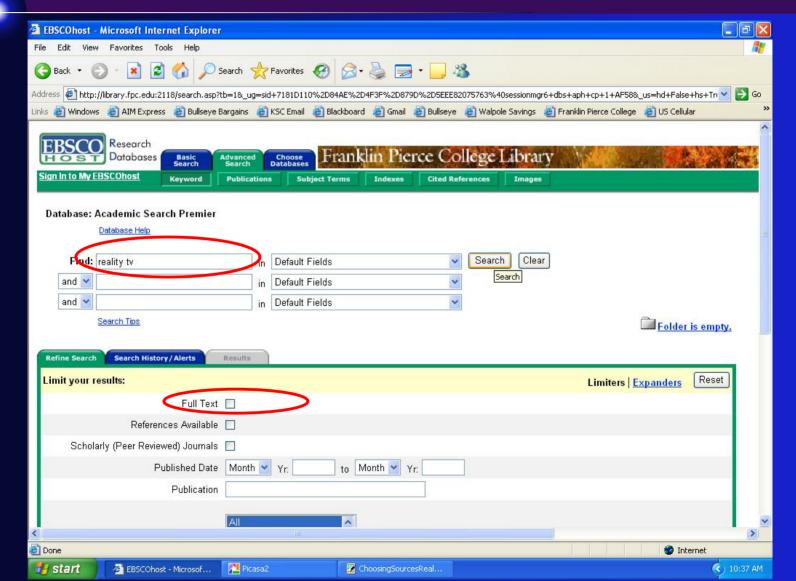
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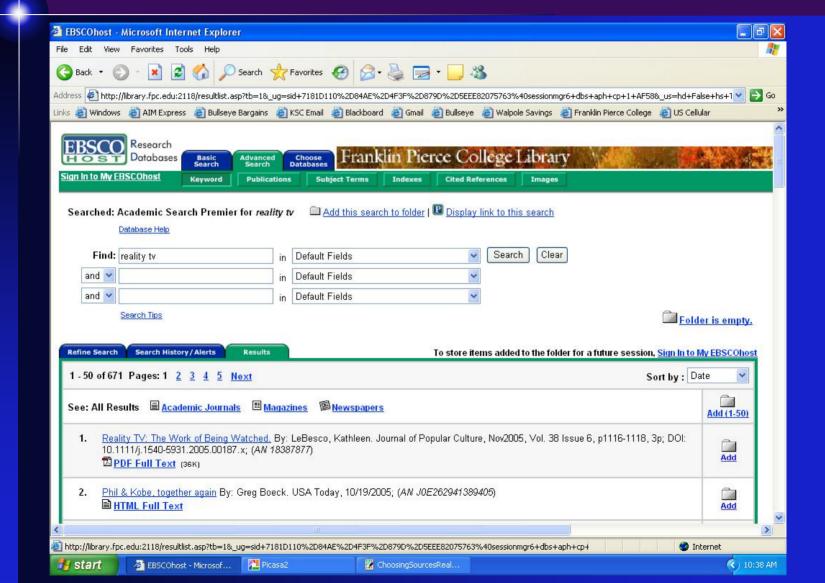
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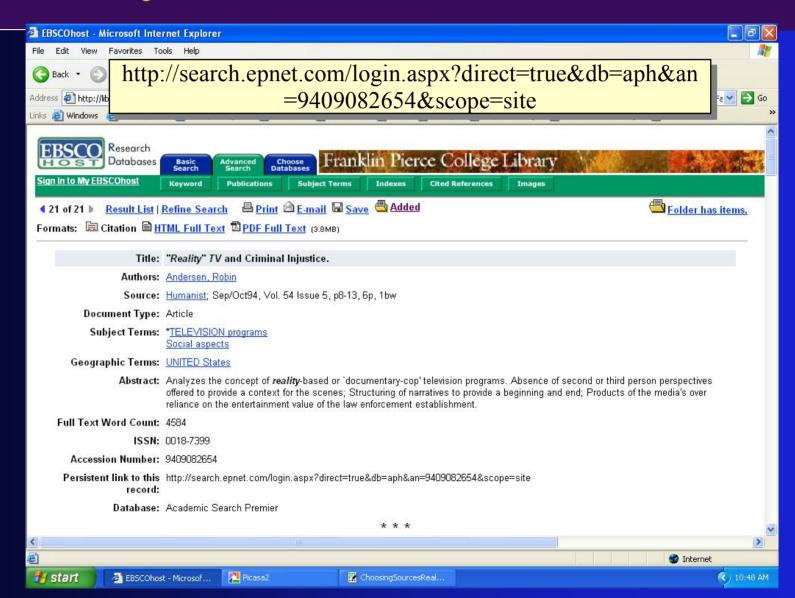
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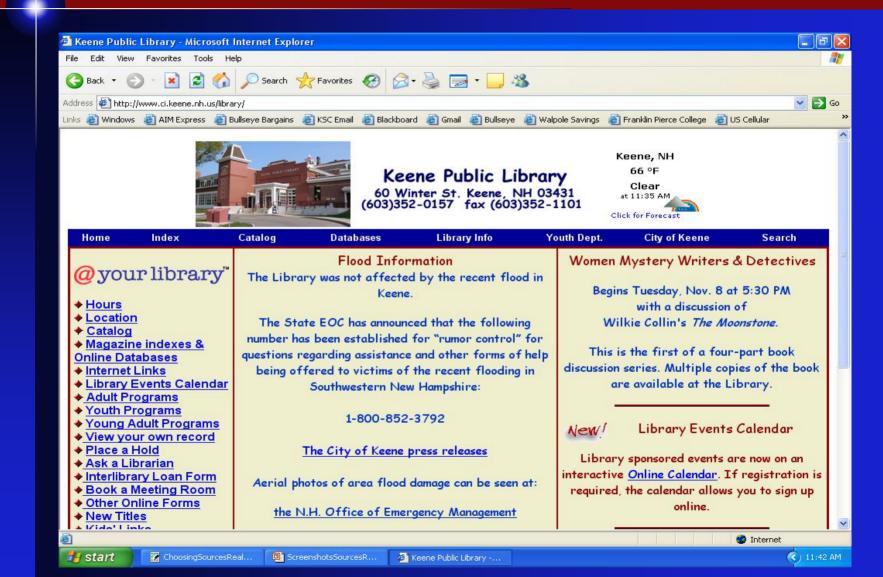


Sample Result: Article in *The Humanist*: "Reality TV and Criminal Injustice"

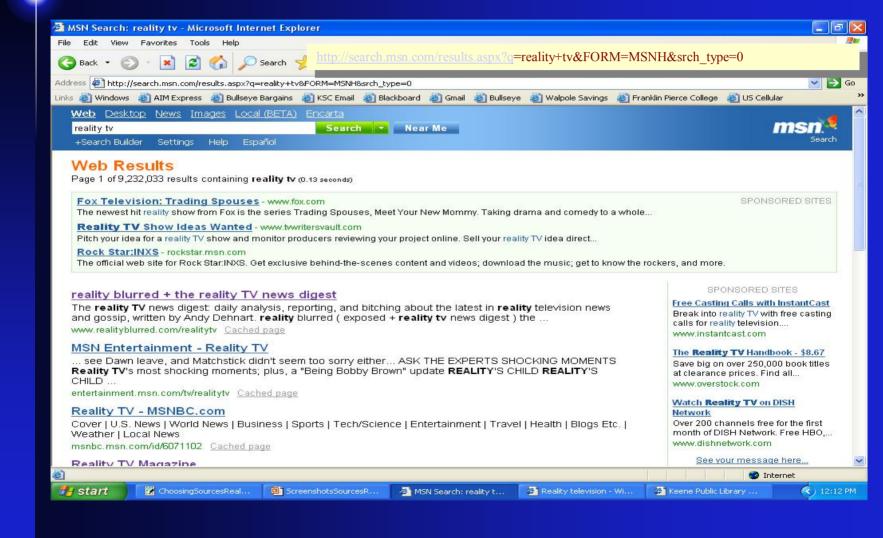


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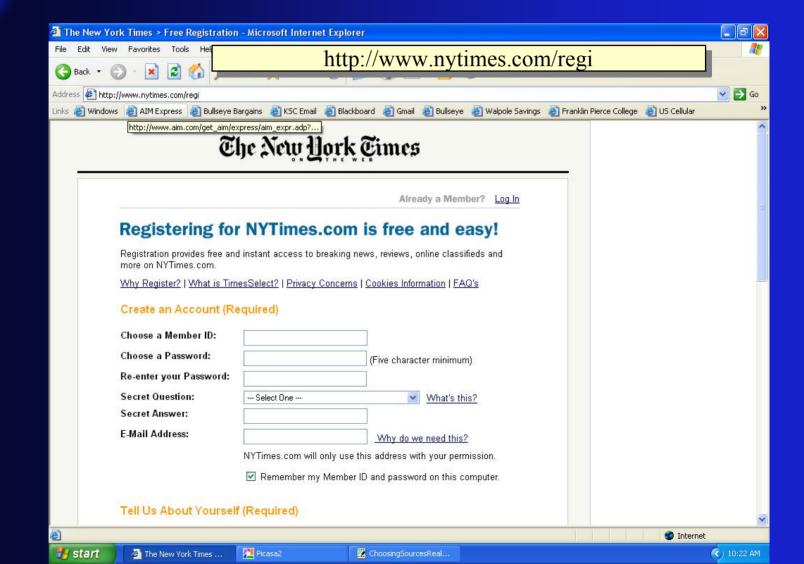
MSN search results



Google Scholar Results



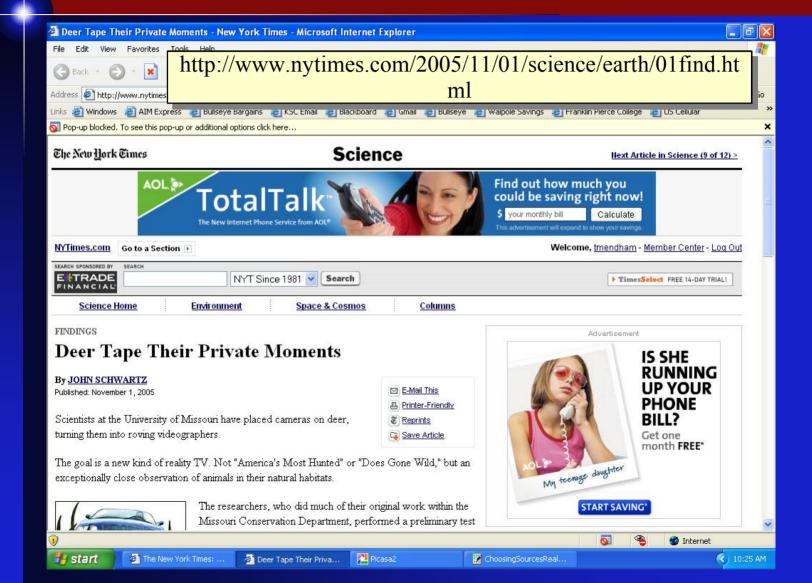
Registering for NYTimes.com (free)



NY Times search results for Reality TV



NY Times search result: "Deer Tape Their Private Moments"



"A licensed psychologist fields that question and others on a TV show that has the production values of 'Wayne's World.' But in Afghanistan, it's groundbreaking stuff."



"In India, television's regency — only 10 years since cable TV — is only balanced with its awesome ability to gobble, consume, co-opt and regurgitate almost 50 years of television from the West. And produce an instant generation of citizen performers.



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