CQ Researcher Pitch Guidelines
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CQ Researcher publishes weekly, single-topic, digital reports on social, political and policy topics, including health and medicine, researched and written by experienced journalists. Subscribers are mostly libraries, and the audience is primarily college and high students and faculty.

Each report consists of an 8,000-word mainbar and two sidebars. CQ Researcher periodically publishes what it calls Hot Topics. These are shorter, 3,000-word reports with one sidebar. The pay for both is competitive, and Meredith can discuss fees with each freelancer during PitchFest.

Meredith is looking for freelancers with experience writing longer features who are adept at explaining complicated material in plain English. Freelancers should come prepared to share links to longer articles they have written.

She recommends browsing the CQ Researcher website to see what topics the publication has covered in the past few years before pitching your idea and reading the latest CQ Researcher, which is available to the public for a week.