In this weekly post, we feature helpful research tools and recent articles of interest to the legislative community.

- Explore Americans' perceptions of the news media. (Gallup, January 17, 2018)
- Read about the legislative process in Congress. (Congressional Research Service, January 10, 2018)
- Consider which drugs are causing lethal overdoses. (FiveThirtyEight, January 17, 2018)
- Examine the costs of severe weather events. (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 2018)

Members of the Texas legislative community may request the articles below here or by calling 512-463-1252.

- "We're not letting the man get the best of us." By Zirui Song. Health Affairs, December 2017, pp. 2046-2051.
- "No new report finds — surprise — indigent defense attorneys shouldn’t be under the control of the state prison system." By Michael Barajas. Texas Observer, January 11, 2018, pp. 1-13.