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Navigating the Political Maze

A guide to equip you in making informative political decisions



Welcome to Navigating the Political Maze

Module 1
Google Search Fundamentals



INTRODUCTION

If you have ever tried to find information on how a political leader voted, bills they introduced, or how they sided on a particular issue, then you are not alone.

Through this series of tips and lessons, we will equip you with the information you need to become a better informed citizen.

We will:

- Show you how to do a web search
- Show you how to add them to your bookmarks for future reference
- Show you how to find information on your Local, State, and Federal Governments
- Show you how to contact your representatives
- Show you how to look up a bill and interpret its process before becoming law
- Give you valuable websites for your information

Note: The information provided has something for everyone.

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Helpful Information

The information provided here will help you to understand the symbols used in the modules.

	This is a bullet point, It refers to the topics of discussion
—	Red arrows are warnings, pay attention to this point
	Gray arrows are used to reference a particular point
—	Green arrows instruct you to turn the page
	Yellow arrows are items you may want to note or save
	Blue boxes are used to indicate an action you must take
0	This symbol means DO NOT PREFORM THIS ACTION

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INTRODUCTION

Google Search Fundamentals

One of the first steps in finding information on the internet is knowing how to navigate it. In this session, *Google Search Fundamentals*, you will learn:

- ➤ How to do a Google search
- What a link is
- How to tell the difference between the Blue and Green links in your search

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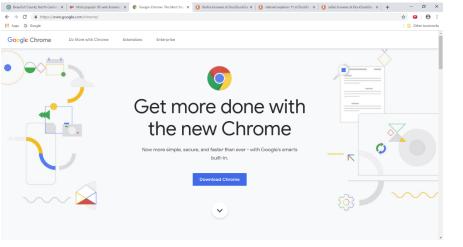




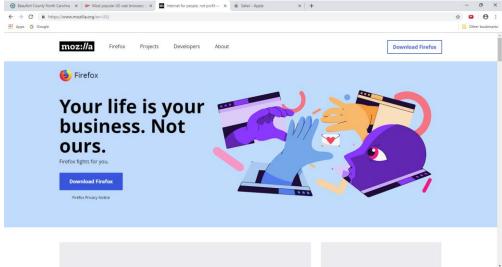


Before we dive into the Google search, there are a few things you need to know. There are different "Search Engines" (a web-based tool that enables users to locate information) and different "Web Browsers" (a program that allows users to locate, access, and display webpages). You may be familiar with these "Search Engines." The next page I will show you "Web Browsers."

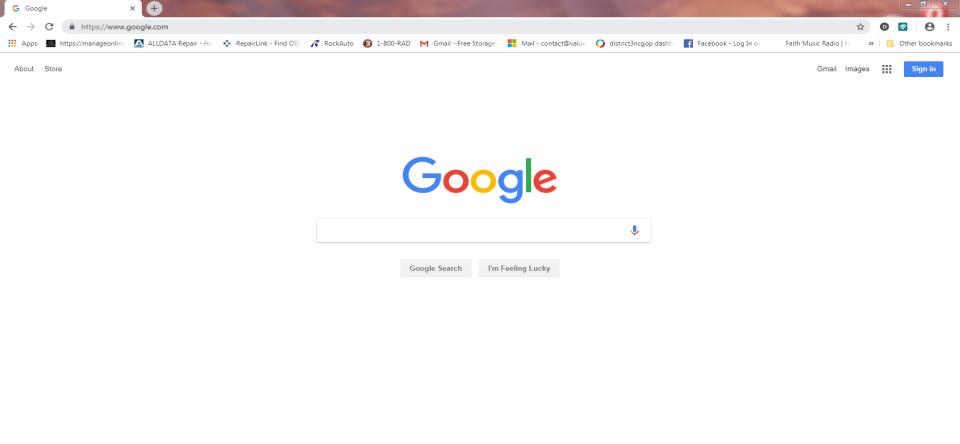
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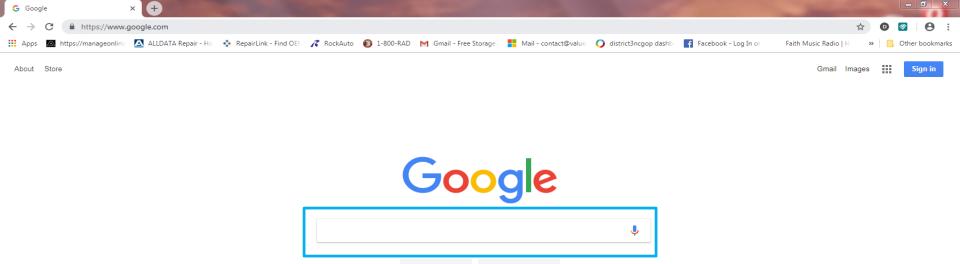


These are known as "Web Browsers." There are many "Browsers" but I only chose three. You may be familiar with these. Each "Browser" and "Search Engine" act differently in operation, search, and how they allow you to save your sites. In *Navigating the Political Maze,*" we will be using the "Google" search engine and browser." It would be almost impossible to cover all browsers and search engines. *So, get ready, set, go!*



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This is where most of your journeys will begin, at Google. You may have a different search engine, but for the purpose of this session and those to follow we will be using Google. Many of you may be familiar with this already, but for those who don't know, just be patient with us.

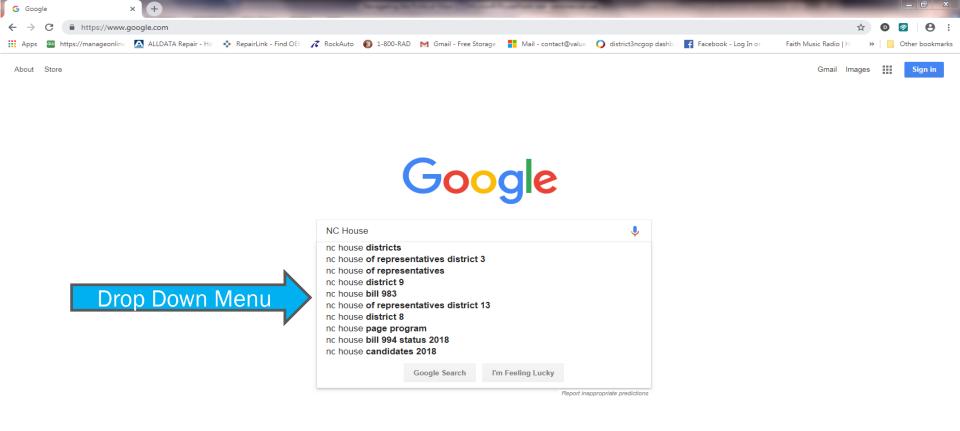


I'm Feeling Lucky

Google Search

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The empty box below the word "Google" is known as the search box. This is where you would type in what you are looking for. I know this sounds like first grade but bear with me, it will get more in depth in later sessions.



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You will notice, as you start typing in the box, a dropdown window appears giving you options to choose from. You can click on any of those choices below or continue typing. *Kind of neat don't you think. Okay, got a little carried away. On to the next step.*

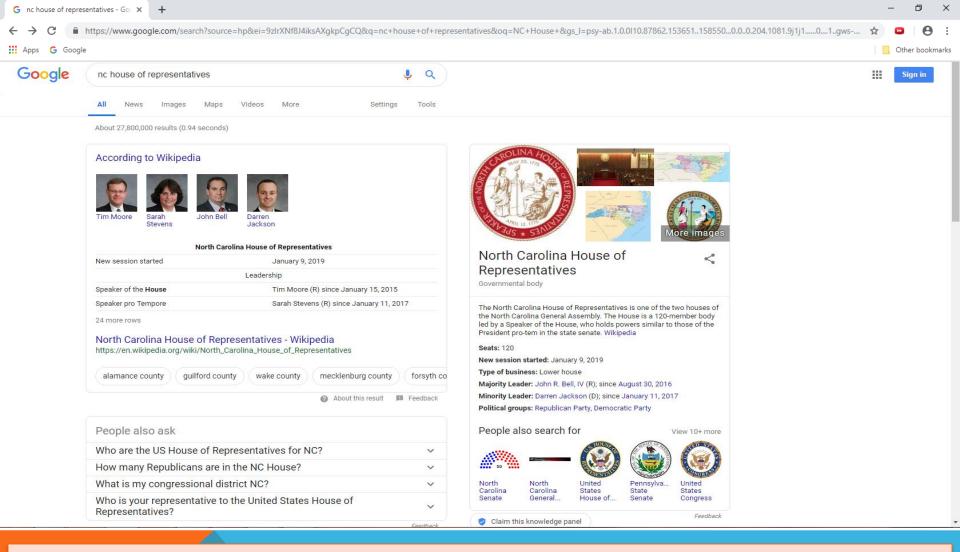






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From this menu, I'm going to select "nc house of representatives" Watch what happens. If you are one of those who know this already you can skip ahead. The rest of us will still keep trudging along.



Wah-la! A little melodramatics. This page is displaying the search results we choose for "no house of representatives." If you notice, a lot of things popped up. I know choices, choices. We'll take a closer look at what we've found.

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If you notice, the writing you see in Carolina Blue. Any Tar heel fans? Okay back to what we were talking about. This is called a link. You must be careful when clicking on it. It can be deceiving.

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The blue colored writing is "linked" to the green colored writing below it. The writing in green is called the "URL" short for: Uniform Resource Locator. It's a fancy name for address of the place you are looking for. Thought you might want to know. If you are not careful you will look at the words in blue but in reality it is going to send you to the words in green, "URL Address."

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Now we are going to try that link so you can see what I mean. I will click on the link words in blue and it will take me to the address in green. You need to turn the page to see what happens. Trying to be funny. Really, turn the page.



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If you notice, you may have thought you where going to the NC House of Representatives, but instead you where diverted to the "WikipediA Site." When I first started using computers I would get so mad when that happened. But guess what? I learned better.

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So remember, when you want to search for something and have the urge to click on the blue words, look to see where the green monster will the you.

You have completed *Module 1*

We hope this segment of *Navigating the Political Maze* has been informative and helpful. The short nature of these segments is to make your learning experience a pleasurable one. Other segments will go into greater depth and help familiarize you with ways you can become better informed.

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- What are bookmarks
- How to create a bookmark
- How to save your site to a bookmark
- How to save your site to a bookmark bar
- ➤ How to access your bookmarks and bookmark bar for future use

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