



# Controversial Issues

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- [Adbusters](#) "dedicated to reinventing the outdated paradigms of our consumer culture"
- [Affirmative Action](#) Hot Paper Topics
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- [Alternate Movie Awards](#) an alternative to the Oscars
- [America, WAKE UP!](#) "Embedded in our nation's road sign system is a secret coding designed to target vital sites, facilities and resources for military confiscation during a National Emergency" - see photographs and testimonies from military personnel
- [America's Global Role](#) Public Agenda - great source, lots of information
- [America's Uninsured: A Closer Look](#) "Almost 40 million people in this country lack health insurance, more than the populations of Texas, Florida and Connecticut combined" - report issued by the National Academies
- [Antibiotic Resistance: A Growing Threat](#) study from the FDA
- [Arsenic in Drinking Water](#) from the EPA - Arsenic in drinking water has been linked to bladder and lung cancers, diabetes, and heart disease
- [Assessing the New Federalism](#) "a multi-year Urban Institute research project to analyze the devolution of responsibility for social programs from the federal government to the states, focusing primarily on health care, income security, job training, and social services"
- [Attacks on the Press in 2000](#) "a worldwide survey by the Committee to Protect Journalists"
- [Behind the Label](#) "the labor issues and working conditions of those people who make many of the clothes sold by major retailers" (Scout Report) - quite a lot on sweatshop activism
- [Bill of Rights Defense Committee](#)
- [Bioethical Issues](#) Hot Paper Topics
- [Birth Control - Sanger and Reproductive Rights](#) quotes from an article on Sanger
- [Beyond Reason: The Death Penalty and Offenders with Mental Retardation](#)
- [California Energy Crisis](#) "Blackout: What caused the power crisis in California? And who's profiting?" from PBS
- [Campaign Finance](#) Public Agenda - great source, lots of information
- CAPITAL PUNISHMENT, see [DEATH PENALTY](#)
- [Censorship](#) Hot Paper Topics
- [CENSORSHIP](#) --page of links
- [Child Care](#) Public Agenda - great source, lots of information
- [Child Injury Deaths - UNICEF Innocenti Report Card](#) comprehensive report on child injury deaths around the world - "injury has become the number-one killer of children ages one to fourteen in developed countries and accounts for almost 40 percent of deaths in that age group"
- [Children's Internet Protection Act \(CIPA\)](#) filtering software at schools and libraries
- [Chip Implants Approved](#) BBC news article
- [Chile -- Progress Stalled Setbacks in Freedom of Expression Reform](#)
- [CIA & Drugs - From the Wilderness](#) "innovative analysis and groundbreaking original stories on the impact of \$5-600 billion per year in drug money moving through the US economy and the illegal covert operations [of the CIA among others] which maintain control of that cash flow for US economic interests"

[Clean Up Texas Politics](#) the latest on Texas political scandals and the citizen movement to clean up Texas politics

[CNN FYI](#) education site built around issues in the news as covered by various CNN programs

[College Drinking: Changing the Culture](#) research, facts, college alcohol policies

[Consumer Health](#)

[Corporate Crime Reporter](#) a legal newsletter - Check out their Top 100 Corporate Criminals of the 1990s

[Corporate Crimes](#) Jim Hightower talks about bribing legislators and stealing from the public

[Corporation Watch](#) watchdog of corporate abuses

[Corporations and Human Rights](#)

[Corporations - RTM Ark](#) an anti-corporation activist site

[Covering the Uninsured](#) a national campaign "to raise awareness of the challenges facing the 39 million Americans with no health insurance"

[Crime](#) Public Agenda Online - excellent broad source of information and opinion

[Crimes of War](#) "Our goal is to promote understanding of international humanitarian law among journalists, policymakers, and the general public, in the belief that a wider knowledge of the legal framework governing armed conflict will lead to greater pressure to prevent breaches of the law, and to punish those who commit them" - articles and news

[CURRENT AFFAIRS](#) page of links

[DEATH PENALTY](#) page of links

[Debate Central](#) one stop shop for debate issues

[Declare Yourself!](#) aimed at getting young adults to register to vote; lots of voting information

Defense, see [NATIONAL ISSUES.com](#)

[Democracy as Class Struggle](#) excerpts from book

[Democracy for the Few](#), excerpts from book by Michael Parenti

[Deterring Democracy](#), by Noam Chomsky - excerpts

[DEVIANCE](#) page of links for IDST 2370

[The 'Dirty War' in Chechnya: Forced Disappearances, Torture and Summary Executions](#)

[Diseases, The Global Threat of New and Reemerging](#) a Rand report: the top tries to sell you the report but further down the page you can download for free the various parts of the report in PDF format

[Doctors, Questionable](#) list of physicians disciplined by state and federal agencies

[DOMESTIC VIOLENCE](#) page of links

[Donde Esta la Justicia? A Call to Action on Behalf of Latino and Latina Youth in the U.S. Justice System](#) study shows that Latinos are over-represented in the Justice System, and that they often receive harsher treatment than similarly incarcerated young whites

[DRUG WAR/LEGALIZATION](#) page of links

[Eaters of the World, Unite](#) Jim Hightower article about where the food industry is going - "Out of each dollar you spend on groceries, only 19 cents goes to the farmer, with corporate middlemen grabbing the rest"

[The Economy](#) Public Agenda - great source, lots of information

[Education](#) Public Agenda - great source, lots of information

Education, see [NATIONAL ISSUES.com](#)

report released in July 2001 by the United States Commission on Civil Rights

[Environmental Health](#) CDC site covers air quality, bioterrorism, cancer, carbon monoxide, chemical agents, chemical weapons, COP, earthquakes, and much more

[The Environment issue](#) Public Agenda - great source, lots of information

[ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES](#) page of links

[Espy, Secretary of Agriculture Alphonso Michael](#) investigated and found guilty of taking bribes - this is the final report of the court

[ETHICS](#)

[Ethics in the Professions](#) --Illinois Institute of Technology

[Ethics Updates](#)

[Ethnic Conflict - INCORE](#) "a global centre for the study and resolution of conflict"

[Euthanasia - Ethics Updates](#)

[The Family](#) Public Agenda - great source, lots of information

[Family Poverty - Hardships in America: The Real Story of Working Families](#)

[Fascism Anyone?](#) defines the fourteen key characteristics of fascism

[Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the All-American Meal](#) excerpts from the book by Eric Schlosser

[The Federal Budget](#) Public Agenda - great source, lots of information

[Feudalism... alias American Capitalism](#) online "book presents overwhelming evidence that masquerading behind a democratic facade, an economic elite comprising less than 1% of the population is quietly and cunningly ruling America"

[First Amendment Center](#) covers key First Amendment issues and topics

[Florida Vote](#) "Black Votes Affected Most" from Washington Post

[Florida Vote](#) "Examining the Florida Vote" from NY Times

[Florida Vote](#) NORC Florida Ballots Project

[FLUORIDE & FLUORINATION](#) page of links

Foreign Policy, see [NATIONAL ISSUES.com](#)

[Freedom of Religion or Belief](#) country-by-country analysis: also available in French

[Gender Issues](#) Hot Paper Topics

[Gender & Sexism - Ethics Updates](#)

[George Bush: The Unauthorized Biography](#) "...as the Gulf crisis and the war unfolded... [Bush's] enraged public outbursts constituted real psychotic episodes, indicative of a deranged mental state"... the book refers to Bush as an "American Caligula"

[George W. Bush's War on Women](#) article from Planned Parenthood - "we admit to being baffled by George W. Bush's seemingly single-minded determination to strip women of reproductive rights and access to the panoply of reproductive health services - not just abortion but even family planning and real sex education"

[Global Issues That Affect Everyone](#) poverty, globalization, arms control, the Middle East, the war on terror, human rights, women's rights, racism, genetic engineering, biodiversity, much more

[GLOBAL WARMING](#) page of links

[GLOBALIZATION \(economic\)](#) page of links

[Government Documents in the News](#)

[Grand Jury Abuse](#) excerpts from book by M. Parenti

[Green Party of Texas](#) source for alternative news

[GUN CONTROL \(issue\)](#) page of links

[Hackers Frontline](#) "report on the exploits of hackers and how they have highlighted the internet's insecurities"

[HATE](#) page of links

[Health Care Public Agenda](#) - great source, lots of information

[Health Care Reform](#) Hot Paper Topics

[Hemp Clothing](#)

[Hoaxes, Museum of](#) from pre-1700 to today

[Holocaust Denial On Trial](#) David Irving v. Penguin Books; the research behind the trial

[Homeless - National Coalition for the Homeless](#) news, information, legislation

[Hot Paper Topics](#)

[How to Keep Your New Years Resolution](#) notes for success

[HUMAN RIGHTS](#) page of links

[Human Rights](#) Hot Paper Topics

[Identity Theft](#) a few tips and thoughts

[IMMIGRATION](#) page of links

[Independent Media Center](#) "a collective of independent media organizations and hundreds of journalists offering grassroots, non-corporate coverage"

[Inequality.org](#) info on the divide in income, "the great unmentionable"

[International Religious Freedom](#) report by U.S. Dept of State

[Internet Issues](#) Hot Paper Topics

[Internet Speech](#) an issue guide from Public Agenda

[Internet Speech - "Filters Face Free-Speech Test"](#) 4/20/01 article on San Francisco librarians refusing to censor the Internet

[Issues 2002](#) All the major issues in political campaigns are discussed in some detail, pro and con

[Justice for the Poor](#) excerpts from book by M. Parenti

[Justice Learning](#) "issue-based approach for engaging high school students in informed political discourse... to teach students about reasoned debate and the often-conflicting values inherent in our democracy" - sections on affirmative action, civil liberties in war, death penalty, drug war, energy, environment, gun control, juvenile justice, and religion in schools

[LABOR](#) page of links

[Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your American History Textbook Got Wrong](#) excerpts from the book by James Loewen

[Lisl Auman is in Prison for the Rest of Her Life](#) she was in police custody at the time of the crime, yet she was sentenced to life

[Lobbying Kids](#) "Now comes the revelation that the children of leading sitting legislators are also being paid hundreds of thousands of dollars by private interests to get dad to quietly pass legislation for their clients"

[Male Bashing on TV](#) article - "Warning for our male readers: The following article contains big words and complex sentences. It might be a good idea to have a woman nearby to explain it to you"

[Male Rape in U.S. Prisons](#) this Human Rights Watch report charges that indifference and even feigned ignorance on the part of prison authorities are responsible for the widespread existence of male prisoner-on-prisoner violence in US prisons

[Manipulation of the Media](#) chapt. 3 of the online book, [Feudalism... alias](#)

[American Capitalism...](#) "The shocking truth is that the ownership of newspapers and TV stations has already been consolidated to such a staggering degree that unmanipulated news coverage has practically ceased to exist"

[MARIJUANA](#) page of links

[MEDIA, THE](#) page of links

"[The Media is the Mess](#)" failure to report adequately on election 2000 underscores the media's bias -- "The will of the American voters was overturned in large part because the Bush campaign and its conservative media allies succeeded in portraying Gore as the interloper and Bush as the rightful claimant of the presidency"

[Media Issues](#) Hot Paper Topics

[Medical Research Issues](#) lots of information

[Medicare](#) an issue guide from Public Agenda

[Medicine and Madison Avenue](#) "explores the complex relationships between modern medicine and modern advertising"

[The Men Who Sold the Moon](#) story discusses first corporation given permission to visit the Moon

[Mideast Web for Coexistence](#) network of Arabs, Jews and others who want to see peace in the Middle East

[Military Facts](#) excerpt from book by M. Parenti

[MOST Clearing House on Religious Rights](#) national and international documents on religious rights and religious diversity

[Myth that the U.S. is the best place to live](#) excerpt from book by M. Parenti

[National Issues](#) a non-partisan, issue-oriented research web site that provides

to individuals, voters and students who are interested in truly understanding the major issues facing our nation today

[National Lawyers Guild](#) "an association dedicated to the need for basic change in the structure of our political and economic system. We seek to unite the lawyers, law students, legal workers and jailhouse lawyers of America in an organization that shall function as an effective political and social force in the service of the people, to the end that human rights shall be more sacred than property interests"

[National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws \(NORML\)](#) includes a guide to state marijuana laws

[No Gun Ri Review, Report of the](#) from the U.S. Army study

[No War Collective](#) an activist site for groups organizing against war

[NONVIOLENCE](#) -page of links

[NRA, Stop the](#) "The NRA wants to put AK-47s, Uzis and other illegal assault weapons back on our streets..."

[NUCLEAR ISSUES](#) page of links

[Pentagon to pay millions for Scots' robot soldiers](#) article by Neil Mackay in the Sunday Herald (Glasgow)

[The Pentagon's Spies](#) declassified spy documents and history

[The Petition Site](#) create or sign a petition; many causes represented, much information on issues

[Plagiarism](#) Hot Paper Topics

[PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE](#) links and quotes

[Police Brutality and Accountability - "Shielded from Justice"](#) report from Human Rights Watch; detailed accounts of brutality cases - organized by city

[Policy Library](#) research and discussion relating to social, economic, and political issues; international in scope

[Politics 1 - Debates & Issues](#)

[Politics and Science](#) Investigating the Bush administration's promotion of ideology over science.

[Poverty - Livelihoods CONNECT](#) [teaches] creating sustainable livelihoods to eliminate poverty

[Poverty and Welfare](#)

[Prisons - "Emerging Issues on Privatized Prisons"](#) fulltext monograph

[PRISONS](#) page of links

[Prisons, The Real Price](#) "Since 1980, the inmate population has more than quadrupled to two million -- an unprecedented explosion that is incurring unprecedented costs to all Americans" - site includes incarceration atlas and articles from Mother Jones magazine

[ProCon.org](#) covers many issues, including the death penalty, euthenasia, felon voting, illegal immigration, medical marijuana, and voting machines.

[Public Opinion Poll Database](#)

[Queer Theory](#) portal to gender studies on the Web

[Quiet Censorship in Hollywood](#) McCarthy-like atmosphere pervades tinsel town after 9/11

[Racial Profiling Data Collection Systems, A Resource Guide on](#) a monograph on the problem... also available in [PDF format](#) with tables and illustrations

[Racism](#) Public Agenda Issue Guide - lots of information

[Racism - Ethics Updates](#)

[Railroad Use of Remote Controls](#) instead of engineers - replacing live people and eliminating jobs

[Recidivism of Prisoners Released in 1994](#) reveals that released prisoners with the highest rearrest rates were robbers, burglars, larcenists, and motor vehicle thieves

[Repression of Political Dissidence](#) excerpts from book

[Reproductive Rights](#) new developments

[Reproductive Technologies - Ethics Updates](#)

[Republican Politics Then and Now](#) by Bill Moyers, who says that Republicans are now dominated by extremists

[Right to Die/Euthanasia](#) an issue guide from Public Agenda

[Safeguarding the Vote](#) computer voting is filled with possibilities for fraud

[Saul Alinsky](#) excerpts from book by Harry Boyte

[Scared at School: Sexual Violence Against Girls in South African Schools](#) Human Rights Watch report

[School and State, Alliance for the Separation of](#) favors ending government involvement in education

[Science, Ethical, Legal, and Social Issues in](#)

[Scientific and Medical Aspects of Human Reproductive Cloning](#) NAP report concludes that cloning, as it is currently practiced, should be cloned

[Secondhand effects of student alcohol use reported by neighbors of colleges](#) a study by Harvard shows that neighbors of colleges are 135 percent more likely to suffer from public disturbances due to alcohol use of students

[Sex Education Gets Sacked](#)

[Sexual Harassment Resources](#) numerous links, documents, court decisions

[Sexual Orientation - Ethics Updates](#)

["The Sexual Victimization of College Women"](#) a research report -- "About 3 percent of college women experience a completed and/or attempted rape during a typical college year, according to a new report released today by the Justice Department's National Institute of Justice (NIJ) and Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS)"

[Shame on the AFMA](#) reverse domain name hijacking and free speech

[Slavery - Release of 2002 Trafficking in Persons Report](#)

[Smoking - Tobacco, Stop Global](#) "In 1999, the U.S. and the rest of the world, began to negotiate a tobacco control treaty. Called the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC), it establishes an international standard for tobacco control. The majority of the world's nations are committed to a strong FCTC that prioritizes public health over profits. The only exceptions are the U.S., Japan, and

Germany."

[Social Criticism Review](#) leftist-friendly articles and studies on many issues

[Social Security](#) an issue guide from Public Agenda

Social Security, see [NATIONAL ISSUES.com](#)

[Sontag, Susan - political commentary by her on Sept. 11](#)

[The Stem Cell Debate](#) a CNN special report

[Stem Cell Registry, NIH Human Embryonic](#)

[Stem Cells](#) International Journal of Cell Differentiation and Proliferation

[Stop the Pledge!](#) anti-pledge site complains that it was written by a socialist and closely resembles the Nazi pledge

[Students Against Testing](#) campaign to stop standardized testing

[Survivors First](#) Is your priest a convicted child molester? Check this database to find out

[Taxation - Americans For Fair Taxation](#) "National polls show that more than two thirds of Americans say they want fundamental tax reform. For nearly 100 years, we have carried the burden of an oppressive and counterproductive tax system that has punished work and achievement, savings and investment. The current tax code has been grossly manipulated to reward elite political interests; it hurts the average American"

Taxes, see [NATIONAL ISSUES.com](#)

[Taxpayer Watchdog News Releases](#) from CAGW - Citizens Against Government Waste

[TERRORISM](#) page of links

[TERRORISM - SEPTEMBER 11 ATTACK](#) page of links

[Texas Freedom Network](#) "a mainstream voice to counter the religious right"

[Texas Toll \[Road\] Party](#) against toll roads

[Texas Toll Roads](#)

[Texas Watch](#) advocacy group taking a stand against special interest lobbyists - the insurance industry promised that if Texans passed tort reform, doctors' malpractice insurance rates would be reduced 16%; Texans voted for tort reform but instead of decreasing rates they are now asking for huge increases in the rates

[Tobacco Control: State Highlights](#) "summarizes information regarding the health and economic burden of tobacco use for each state" - full report can be downloaded or data looked up on a state by state basis

[Tobacco, Stop Global](#) "In 1999, the U.S. and the rest of the world, began to negotiate a tobacco control treaty. Called the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC), it establishes an international standard for tobacco control. The majority of the world's nations are committed to a strong FCTC that prioritizes public health over profits. The only exceptions are the U.S., Japan, and Germany."

[Tom Paine.com/mon sense](#) "seeks to enrich the national debate on controversial public issues by featuring the ideas, opinions, and analyses too often overlooked by the mainstream media"

[Torture Trade, Stopping the](#)

[A Toxic Cover-up?](#) 60 Minutes special on a toxic coal slurry spill in Appalachia which was 25 times the size of the Exxon Valdez disaster in Alaska

[Treasure Hunters, Countering the Deceptions of](#) article by Jerome Hall

[UNICEF Innocenti Report Card](#) comprehensive report on child injury deaths around the world

[Uganda in Eastern DRC: Fueling Political and Ethnic Strife](#) Human Rights Watch report

[Urban Mobility Report, 2001](#) a study of the transportation system in 68 urban areas; one finding is that the last time "rush hour" lasted only an hour Richard Nixon was president

[U.S. Crime Statistics](#)

[U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Fact Sheets](#) many subjects covered including aging, asthma, bioterrorism, Diabetes, disabilities, genetic testing, infant mortality, lead poisoning, mad cow disease, nursing homes, violence against women and much more

[U.S. Imperialism](#) excerpt from book by M. Parenti

[U.S. Imperialism](#) more excerpts from book by M. Parenti

[U.S. Political Prisoners](#) excerpts from book

[U.S. Patriot Act](#) "The Day Democracy Was Put on Hold" - article - "Search warrants, Miranda rights, attorney/client protection, all rights we fought for and have been amended to our Constitution have become null and void within the 342 pages of The U.S. Patriot Act"

[U.S. War Crimes](#) excerpts from an article by John Ross

[Veterans - National Gulf War Resource Center](#) details how the veterans have been mistreated by the military, denying them healthcare benefits

[Veterans - Project SHAD: American Servicemen Used As Guinea Pigs](#) chemical and biological warfare test program conducted during the 1960s, used on our own people

[Violence Against Women In Times of War](#) "Once again, the mainstream media was flooded with violent and militant notions of conflict resolution"

[Violence Against Women, Toolkit to End](#) "concrete guidance to communities, policy leaders, and individuals"

[VOTE.com](#) new issues several times a week to read about and vote on

[Wal-Mart's Female Trouble](#) sex discrimination rampant at Wal-Mart

[Wal-Mart - Thanks for Shopping at Wal-Mart--NOT](#) "If Jesus were alive today, he would be protesting Wal-Mart" - horrendous labor practices

[War as Business](#) excerpt from book by M. Parenti

[Washington, DC](#) Explore DC covers the famous buildings and people of DC

[Water - Cadillac Desert: The American West and Its Disappearing Water](#) excerpts from the book by Mark Reisner

"Welcome to Feedback Universe" an emerging metaphor - "The watchword for the 21st century is 'Give up control.'"  
[Welfare for the Rich](#) excerpt from book by M. Parenti  
[Welfare Public Agenda Issue Guide](#) - lots of information  
[Welfare Reform, Feminist Views](#) white paper  
[What Really Happened](#) "the history the government hopes you DON'T learn" - lots of alternative news and articles -- good source of paper topics  
[Who Owns America](#) excerpt from book by M. Parenti  
[Women, Minorities and the Disabled in the Sciences](#)  
[WOMEN'S ISSUES & STUDIES](#) --page of links  
[Workplace Surveillance Project](#) "The Extent of Systematic Monitoring of Employee E-Mail and Internet Use" -- a full text report  
[World Hunger](#)  
[Youth Violence: A Report of the Surgeon General](#) January, 2001 - "identifies 27 specific intervention programs that have shown themselves to be statistically successful as well as debunking several common myths about youth violence" (Scout Report)  
[Youth Violence Prevention Resource Center, National](#)

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From [Vote.com](#):

Log on to <http://www.vote.com/category/10883144/> to tell state leaders if Texas should legalize marijuana for medical use. Would this help sick and injured people relieve pain and suffering, or would it just be an excuse to make "pot" more accessible?

From [Corporate Watch](#)

PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY  
Silence = Death: AIDS, Africa and Pharmaceuticals  
<http://www.corpwatch.org/feature/misc/aids01.html>

25 million Africans are living with AIDS. Northern pharmaceutical companies have the drugs to treat the disease and governments have the ability to offer them cheaply. Yet they are turning a blind eye to this global pandemic. After talking with AIDS orphans in Zimbabwe and HIV+ pregnant women in Rwanda, Stephen Lewis, says "I want someone to explain to me why it isn't called murder." The former Deputy Director of UNICEF puts a human face on one of the greatest tragedies of our time.

From [Corporate Watch](#)

BHOPAL  
Survivors Target Dow Chemical in India  
<http://www.corpwatch.org/bhopal/dowchem.html>

Three-hundred survivors of the December 1984 Union Carbide disaster in Bhopal protested at the Bombay office of Dow Chemical International this week demanding that Dow take on the outstanding liabilities left behind by the Union Carbide Corporation (which Dow now owns) in Bhopal. Together with environmental and labor groups, they launched a new National Campaign for Justice in Bhopal, targeting Dow.

From [Corporate Watch](#)

IN THE NEWS  
<http://www.corpwatch.org/headlines>

- \* South Africa: Bush Policy Threatens AIDS Prevention Among Youth
- \* Mexico: Rocks, Tear Gas at Cancun Protest
- \* USA: Mom vs. Mastercard
- \* Canada: Quebec Set to Crackdown on FTAA Protests
- \* Canada: Government Fights NAFTA Ruling in Court
- \* Tanzania: World Bank/IMF Refuse to Cancel Africa's Debt
- \* USA: Supreme Court Sides with American Airlines Over Union
- \* USA: Bostonians Outraged at Corporate Subway Sponsorship Plan

From [Corporate Watch](#)

TAKE ACTION  
  
Protest Environmental Award Honoring Shell!  
<http://www.corpwatch.org/action/2001/006.html>

Please send comments to: [Jeanne Martinez](#)