



# Controversial Issues

A Pollak Library Research Guide

## Online Resources

## Print Resources

### Online Resources ▲

- CQ Researcher [CSUF]
- Opposing Viewpoints [CSUF]
- ProOrg.com [Free]
- Multnomah County Library Homework Center [Free]
- Public Agenda [Free]
- GrassCatcher [Free]
  
- Journal Articles (databases): [CSUF]
  - Opposing Viewpoints [CSUF]
  - CQ Researcher [CSUF]
  - Academic Search Premier [CSUF]

### Print Resources ▲

- **CQ Researcher (1991-2002)**  
**REFERENCE H35 .E35**  
*Note:* Our print subscription stopped in 2002. For recent issues, see online version.  
*Sample topics:* air pollution, civil liberties, Latinos' future, gay marriage, homeland security, SUV's, NASA's future, abortion, home schooling.
- **Opposing Viewpoints Series**  
Search Library Catalog by title: [opposing viewpoints series \(numbered\)](#)  
*Tip:* While viewing results, click on 'Limit/sort' and then 'Sort Results by Year.'  
*Recent titles:* race relations, euthanasia, poverty, hate groups.
- **Issues for Debate in American Public Policy: Selections from the CQ Researcher**  
*Contents:* Education. Home schooling debate -- Charter schools -- Health care. Covering the uninsured -- Medical malpractice -- Social policy. Affirmative action -- Retirement security -- Living-wage movement -- Environment. SUV debate -- Reforming the Army Corps of Engineers -- Civil liberties, civil rights and justice. Civil liberties in wartime -- Cyber-crimes -- Abortion debates -- The economy. Stimulating the economy -- Accountants under fire -- Foreign policy. North Korean crisis -- New defense priorities.
- **Issues for Debate in American Public Policy**  
*Contents:* Education: Rising college costs ; Combating plagiarism -- Health care: Medicare reform ; Drug company ethics -- Social policy: Affirmative action ; Gay marriage ; Race in America ; Abortion debates -- Environment: SUV debate ; Air pollution conflict -- Civil liberties, civil rights and justice: Civil liberties debates ; School desegregation -- Business and the economy: Media ownership ; Exporting jobs -- Foreign policy: Democracy in the Arab world ; Nuclear proliferation and terrorism.
- **Contemporary World Issues**  
Search Library Catalog by Title: contemporary world issues  
*Recent titles:* AIDS, Biodiversity, Capital Punishment, Cults, Endangered Species, Euthanasia, Families, Gangs, Genetic Engineering, Gun Control, Hate Crimes, Homelessness, Media & Politics, Nuclear Weapons and Nonproliferation, Police Misconduct, Reproductive Issues, Recycling, Religion in Schools, Single Parents, Welfare Reform, Women and Equality in the Workplace, World Population.
- **Science in Dispute (2002-present)**

*Informative essays, both pro and con, on the major theories, ethical questions of science from all disciplines. Each volume covers approximately 30 issues organized in seven general categories: medicine, life science, physical science, astronomy and space exploration, Earth science, mathematics and computer science, and engineering. Each topic is introduced with a general overview. Cumulative subject index.*

#### ■ [Taking Sides](#)

Search the Library Catalog by Title: taking sides

*Tip: While viewing results, click on 'Limit/sort' and then 'Sort Results by Year.'* Recent titles: *Education, childhood, marketing, politics.*

#### ■ [Congressional Digest](#)

This journal is available full text in the database Academic Search Premier and also in print. An independent, nongovernmental journal featuring controversies in Congress. Each issue is devoted to a controversial topic before Congress such as importing prescription drugs, media ownership, government surveillance, disarming Iraq. Provides background information and pros and cons by 4 to 10 Congressional "debaters."

#### ■ [Gallup Poll](#)

#### ■ [Gallup Poll Tuesday Briefing](#)

#### ■ [Public Opinion Quarterly](#)

#### ■ [History in Dispute](#)

Contents in 21 volumes: v. 1. The Cold War. v. 2. American social and political movements, 1945-2000. v. 3. American social and political movements, 1900-1945. v. 4. World War II. v. 5. World War II. v. 6. The Cold War. -- v. 7. Water and the environment since 1945: Global perspectives. -- v. 8-9. World War I. -- v. 10. The Crusades, 1095-1291. -- v. 11. The Holocaust, 1933-1945. -- v. 12. The American Revolution, 1763-1789. -- v. 13. Slavery in the Western Hemisphere, circa 1500-1888. -- v. 14. The Middle East since 1945. -- v. 15. The Middle East since 1945. -- v. 16. Twentieth-century European social and political movements.. -- v. 17. Twentieth-century European social and political movements. -- v. 18. The Spanish Civil War. -- v. 19. The Red scare after 1945. -- v. 20. Classical antiquity and classical studies.-- v. 21. Revolutionary Russia, 1890-1930.

[Sourcebooks](#) (published by Omnigraphics)

*These books offer a broad overview of a topic with in-depth coverage of subtopics, statistics, laws and legislation, a glossary, and a bibliography.*

- [The Columbia sourcebook of Muslims in the United States](#)
- [Eating disorders sourcebook](#): basic consumer health information about anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, binge eating, compulsive exercise, female athlete triad, and other eating disorders
- [Sexually transmitted diseases sourcebook](#) : basic consumer health information about chlamydial infections, gonorrhea, hepatitis, herpes, HIV/AIDS, human papillomavirus, pubic lice, scabies, syphilis, trichomoniasis, vaginal infections, and other sexually transmitted diseases
- [Diet and nutrition sourcebook](#) : basic consumer health information about dietary guidelines and the food guidance system, recommended daily nutrient intakes, serving proportions, weight control, vitamins and supplements, nutrition issues for different life stages and lifestyles, and the needs of people with specific medical concerns
- [Mental health disorders sourcebook](#): basic consumer health information about mental and emotional health and mental illness, including facts about depression, bipolar disorder, and other mood disorders
- [The human genome sourcebook](#)
- [Environmental crime: a sourcebook](#)
- [Domestic violence sourcebook](#): basic consumer health information about the causes and consequences of abusive relationships, including physical violence, sexual assault, battery, stalking, and emotional abuse
- [Alzheimer's disease sourcebook](#): basic consumer health information about Alzheimer's disease, other dementias, and related disorders
- [Child abuse sourcebook](#): basic consumer health information about the physical, sexual, and emotional abuse of children, with additional facts about neglect, munchausen syndrome by proxy (MSBP), shaken baby syndrome, and controversial issues related to child abuse, such as withholding medical care, corporal punishment, and child maltreatment in youth sports, and featuring facts about child protective services, foster care, adoption, parenting challenges, and other abuse prevention efforts ; along with a glossary of related terms and resources for additional help and information
- [Drug abuse sourcebook](#): basic consumer health information about illicit substances of abuse and the misuse of prescription and over-the-counter medications
- [Juvenile justice sourcebook](#): past, present, and future
- [Smoking concerns sourcebook](#): basic consumer health information about nicotine addiction and smoking cessation

- Communications security sourcebook: basic information for general readers about cell phone and wireless communication security, telephone company security issues, telephone slamming and cramming, long distance telephone scams, telemarketing fraud and other nuisances, wiretapping and eavesdropping, and more: along with glossaries of related terms
- Learning disabilities sourcebook: basic consumer health information about learning disabilities, including dyslexia, developmental speech and language disabilities, non-verbal learning disorders, developmental arithmetic disorder, developmental writing disorder, and other conditions that impede learning such as attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, brain injury, hearing impairment, Klinefelter syndrome, dyspraxia, and Tourette syndrome, along with facts about educational issues and assistive technology, coping strategies, a glossary of related terms, and resources for further help and information
- Animals and the law: a sourcebook
- Disabilities sourcebook: basic consumer health information about physical and psychiatric disabilities

*For additional help, request assistance at the Reference Desk or go to [Ask A Librarian](#).*

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