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Your Assignment

You have been asked to write an essay exploring the pros and cons of some controversial issue in which you are particularly interested and then take your own position on that issue. There are a number of resources that might help you think about the issue you want to pick:

- CQ Researcher**
This Research Database has been particularly designed for students. It covers selected issues and provides opposing views on each one. The articles are lengthy and substantial. Recent issues covered include the legalization of Marijuana, how to deal with Afghanistan, student rights, and the climate and energy. Articles include an extensive bibliography. Look to the bottom of the article for "how to cite" information.
- Santa Monica College Research Tops**
This is a great college web site. In addition to providing topic ideas, it identifies resources. Just keep in mind that you are searching their catalog and not ours. You need to get back to the Hekman Library site to find what we have.
- ProCon.Org**
This handy site covers about 25 issues that are pretty hot right now, like lowering the drinking age and legalizing medical marijuana. It provides an extensive list of pros and cons. However, you will need to do quite a bit more research. This would just get you started.
- Reference Shelf Series**
This is a print series of short booklets on a variety of controversial issues. The most recent title is:
U.S. national debate topic 2009-2010 : Social services for the poor
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