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All links are intended merely as **additional** resources to serious research on your topic. You should also research the basic elements of your topic as well as pro and con arguments. Some links may offer very specific references to the arguments related to your topic, others will require you to do some digging. Many are "informed" viewpoints that essentially offer someone's **opinion**- so proceed with care! Many sites contain links related to further study and information about your topic.

FOR ALL TOPICS:

The first place to go, especially for National and International topic choices, is the CVU Library online databases found by clicking the database tab here:

<http://libraryatcvu.weebly.com/research-databases.html>

These yield many great sources of information- Opposing Viewpoints works well for the debates in particular. Please see your librarian and/or teacher for more assistance in using these great resources!

A note on Wikipedia:

Wikipedia.com can be a great resource for background information on almost every topic- however- be careful! These entries are written by anonymous authors and can be slanted, biased, or inaccurate in places. Therefore, I did not provide any direct links to Wikipedia entries- however, I do recommend taking a look at what Wikipedia has to offer due to its often well-organized presentation of background data. The best parts of a Wikipedia entry can be often found in the bibliography of an entry.

National Topics

Should euthanasia be legalized throughout the USA?

PRO:

<http://www.euthanasia.cc/>

<http://www.americanhumanist.org/about/euthanasia.html>

<http://euthanasia.procon.org/>

<http://www.deathwithdignity.org/>

CON:

<http://www.starcourse.org/euthanasia.htm>

<http://www.euthanasia.com/argumentsagainsteuthanasia.html>

<http://euthanasia.procon.org/>

<http://www.lifeissues.org/euthanasia/euthbrochure.htm>

<http://www.buzzle.com/articles/reasons-against-euthanasia.html>

Should marijuana be decriminalized for medicinal purposes?

PRO:

<http://medicalmarijuanaprocon.org/>

<http://www.mpp.org/>

<http://www.drugpolicy.org/marijuana/medical/>

<http://www.drugwarfacts.org/cms/node/54>

<http://www.medicalmj.org/>

CON:

<http://medicalmarijuanaprocon.org/>

<http://www.usdoj.gov/dea/ongoing/marijuana.html>

<http://query.nytimes.com/gst/fullpage.html?res=9805E3DF133FF935A15757C0A9609C8B63>

<http://www.safeaccessnow.org/article.php?id=3792>

<http://www.justice.gov/dea/demand/speakout/04so.htm>

Should the Supreme Court overturn Roe v. Wade?

PRO:

<http://www.operationoutcry.org/>

<http://www.nrlc.org/>

<http://www.leaderu.com/focus/30yearsroevwade.html>
<http://www.buzzle.com/articles/antiabortion-arguments-reasons-against-abortion.html>

CON:

<http://www.prochoiceamerica.org/>
<http://www.saveroe.com/>
<http://www.prochoice.org/>
<http://www.moderateindependent.com/v2i4prolife.htm>
http://civilliberty.about.com/od/abortion/qt/roe_wade_whatif.htm

Should marriage be defined constitutionally as a union between a man and a woman?

PRO:

<http://www.allianceformarriage.org/>
<http://protectmarriage.com/>
<http://www.bpnews.net/bpnews.asp?ID=19343>
<http://www.nosamesexmarriage.com/marriage/entry.php>
<http://www.nogaymarriage.com/>

CON:

<http://www.marriagefairness.org/index.php>
<http://www.lewrockwell.com/paul/paul207.html>
<http://www.bidstrup.com/marriage.htm>
http://www.cato.org/pub_display.php?pub_id=6379
http://www.democraticunderground.com/discuss/duboard.php?az=view_all&address=104x2355223

Should the parents of minors be notified when their daughters seek abortions?

PRO:

http://www.religioustolerance.org/abo_pare.htm
http://www.idebate.org/debatabase/topic_details.php?topicID=188
http://www.youdebate.com/DEBATES/ABORTION_PARENTAL_CONSENT.HTM
<http://www.yeson4.net/>
http://parental-rights.suite101.com/article.cfm/parental_consult_and_notification

CON:

http://www.religioustolerance.org/abo_pare.htm
http://www.idebate.org/debatabase/topic_details.php?topicID=188
http://www.youdebate.com/DEBATES/ABORTION_PARENTAL_CONSENT.HTM
http://parental-rights.suite101.com/article.cfm/parental_consult_and_notification
<http://www.helium.com/knowledge/31110-the-case-against-parental-notification-for-underage-abortion>

Should the Alaskan Wildlife Refuge be opened for oil drilling?

PRO:

<http://www.anwr.org/topten.htm>
<http://www.heritage.org/Research/PoliticalPhilosophy/EM432.cfm>
http://www.balancedpolitics.org/anwr_drilling.htm
<http://www.buzzle.com/articles/effects-of-oil-drilling-in-alaska.html>
<http://juneauempire.com/anwr/oilandgas.shtml>

CON:

<http://www.savearcticrefuge.org/>
<http://www.mrdc.org/land/wilderness/arctic.asp>
http://www.defenders.org/newsroom/defenders_magazine/fall_2002/biodiversity_offshore_oil_peril.php?ht
http://www.balancedpolitics.org/anwr_drilling.htm
<http://www.buzzle.com/articles/effects-of-oil-drilling-in-alaska.html>
<http://newsblaze.com/story/20091117095738zzzz.nb/topstory.html>

Should intelligent design be taught in public schools?

PRO:

<http://www.intelligentdesignnetwork.org/>
http://www.religioustolerance.org/ev_noway.htm

<http://www.ideacenter.org/>
<http://www.intelligentdesign.org/>

CON:

<http://www.natcenscienced.org/>
<http://www.talkorigins.org/origins/faqs-creationists.html>
http://www.religioustolerance.org/ev_noway.htm
<http://theory-of-evolution.net/>
<http://www.usnews.com/articles/opinion/2009/02/02/intelligent-design-is-not-science-and-should-not-take-the-place-of-evolution-in-the-classroom.html>

Should the government tax soda?

PRO:

<http://health.usnews.com/articles/health/healthday/2009/09/16/soda-tax-wins-health-experts-support.html>
<http://business.theatlantic.com/2009/11/three-reasons-to-support-a-soda-tax.php>
http://dontmesswithtaxes.typepad.com/NEJournalMed_091609_Sugar_Beverge_Tax.pdf
<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=113634715>

CON:

<http://fanaticcook.blogspot.com/2009/09/argument-against-soda-taxes.html>
<http://www.azcentral.com/business/consumer/articles/2009/10/27/20091027sodatax.html>
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/steven-r-gundry/dont-tax-soda-tax-fat-sod_b_342729.html
<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748703298004574455464120581696.html>

Should assault weapons be banned?

PRO

http://wiki.idebate.org/en/index.php/Debate:Gun_control,_assault_weapons_ban_in_the_United_States
<http://www.vpc.org/studies/awadebat.htm>
<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/09106/963283-454.stm>
<http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=4954851n>
<http://www.newsweek.com/id/191037>
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/11/12/AR2009111211331.html>

CON

http://geekpolitics.com/assault_weapons_ban_is_baloney/
http://wiki.idebate.org/en/index.php/Debate:Gun_control,_assault_weapons_ban_in_the_United_States
http://www.guncite.com/gun_control_gcassaul.html
<http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=4954851n>
http://www.nytimes.com/2005/04/24/world/americas/24iht-gun.html?_r=1
<http://www.nraila.org/Issues/FactSheets/Read.aspx?id=158&issue=019>

Should the driving age be raised?

PRO

http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2008-09-09-teen-drivers_N.htm
http://www.boston.com/news/globe/editorial_opinion/editorials/articles/2006/03/28/raise_the_driving_age/
<http://www.iihs.org/news/rss/pr090908.html>
<http://www.azcentral.com/news/articles/2008/09/08/20080908driving-age0908-ON.html>
<http://teacher.scholastic.com/scholasticnews/indepth/upfront/debate/index.asp?article=d0508>
http://www.cdc.gov/Motorvehiclesafety/Teen_Drivers/index.html

CON

http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2006/03/28/opposition_builds_to_raising_minimum_driving_age/
<http://teacher.scholastic.com/scholasticnews/indepth/upfront/debate/index.asp?article=d0508>
<http://media.www.bryantarchway.com/media/storage/paper1215/news/2008/09/19/Opinion/Dont-Raise.The.Driving.Age-3440007.shtml#3>
<http://www.heraldonline.com/105/story/815230.html>

International Topics

Should the US launch a preemptive strike against Iran's nuclear facilities?

PRO:

<http://rawstory.com/2009/10/attack-iran-before-israel/>
http://www.azbiz.com/articles/2009/11/27/opinion/columnists/lionel_waxman/doc4b0d6fde5f970445413494.txt
<http://chinaconfidential.blogspot.com/2008/08/attack-iran-now-before-it-is-too-late.html>
<http://www.jpost.com/servlet/Satellite?cid=1189411516007&pagename=JPost%2FJPArticle%2FShowFull>
http://www.boston.com/news/world/articles/2007/06/11/lieberman_says_strike_on_iran_is_an_option/
<http://www.prisonplanet.com/articles/august2004/190804amendlaw.htm>
http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/comment/columnists/gerard_baker/article720640.ece
<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-clinton1-2008dec01,0,3988657.story>

CON:

<http://hoosierinva.blogspot.com/2009/11/risks-to-us-interests-should-israel.html>
<http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=8861>
http://www.salon.com/news/feature/2009/04/14/israel_iran/index.html
<http://www.ndtv.com/convergence/ndtv/story.aspx?id=NEWEN20080074614&ch=11/29/2008%2010:45:00%20PM>
<http://www.antiwar.com/bandow/?articleid=13827>
<http://www.alternet.org/waroniraq/68844/>
<http://www.afterdowningstreet.org/iran>
<http://stopwaroniran.org/>

Should the US send more troops into Afghanistan?

PRO

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-afghanistan-nato24-2009oct24,0,3409109.story>
<http://www.csmonitor.com/2009/0219/p01s01-usfp.html>
<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/25/us/politics/25policy.html?hp=&adxml=1&adxnmlx=1259096423-iXd7zpb/OcmTx/BmpPjX7Q>
<http://www.cnn.com/2009/POLITICS/10/11/mccain.afghanistan/index.html>

CON

http://www.news-record.com/content/2009/11/25/article/rosemary_roberts_troop_buildup_in_afghanistan_no
<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/09/08/world/asia/08terror.html>
<http://www.pa2010.com/2009/11/specter-signals-opposition-to-afghanistan-troop-buildup/>
<http://news.id.msn.com/regional/article.aspx?cp-documentid=3701601>

Should the United Nations ban the use and manufacture of all nuclear weapons?

PRO

<http://www.icanw.org/>
<http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/president-obama-nuclear-disarmament-united-nations-iran-remains/story?id=8659381>
http://www.un.org/disarmament/HomePage/HR/docs/2003/2003Nov08_Vancouver.pdf
<http://www.fcni.org/action/2009/lam0406.htm>
<http://www.web.net/~cnanw/b1.htm>
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/7774584.stm>

CON

<http://www.nytimes.com/1995/02/18/opinion/18iht-edclark.html>
<http://www.newsweek.com/id/214248/page/2>
http://www.brookings.edu/opinions/2007/0813terrorism_daalder.aspx
<http://www.carnegieendowment.org/events/?fa=eventDetail&id=1202>

Should the US sign a global deal aimed at slashing greenhouse gas emissions and ease the impact of climate change before the 2012 expiration of the Kyoto Protocol?

PRO

<http://www.usnews.com/articles/opinion/2009/04/06/the-united-states-should-sign-a-binding-treaty-on-greenhouse-gas-emissions-says-fred-krupp.html>
<http://www.latimes.com/news/nation-and-world/la-na-obama-climate26-2009nov26,0,6587075.story>
<http://www.pntonline.com/opinion/global-19145-treaty-major.html>
<http://www.eponline.com/Articles/2009/11/06/IPI-Survey-Economists-Agree-Climate-Change-Puts-Economy-at-Risk.aspx>

CON

<http://www.heritage.org/Research/Energyandenvironment/sr0071.cfm>
<http://www.pntonline.com/opinion/global-19145-treaty-major.html>
<http://iowaindependent.com/17119/grassley-u-s-should-wait-for-international-treaty-to-address-climate-change>
<http://ictsd.org/i/trade-and-sustainable-development-agenda/49577/>

Local Issue Topics

Should Vermont adopt the death penalty as a form of punishment?

PRO:

<http://www.clarkprosecutor.org/html/links/dplinks.htm#pro>

<http://www.jfa.net/>

<http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org/>

http://www.boston.com/news/local/vermont/articles/2008/07/06/vt_prosecutors_may_seek_death_penalty_in_abduction/

<http://www.wcax.com/Global/story.asp?S=9275396&nav=4QcS>

http://www.northcountrygazette.org/2009/08/26/vermont_death/

CON:

<http://www.nodp.org/vt/>

<http://vadp.blogspot.com/>

<http://www.clarkprosecutor.org/html/links/dplinks.htm#best>

<http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org/>

<http://www.uvm.edu/~vlrs/doc/deathpenalty.htm>

Should the Vermont legislature enact stricter gun control laws?

PRO:

<http://goldismoney.info/forums/archive/index.php/t-347002.html>

<http://www.gunlaws.com/links/linksvt.htm> (general information)

<http://www.vermontguardian.com/local/122006/Guns.shtml>

<http://www.bradycampaign.org/>

CON:

http://www.gunownersalliance.com/ccw_verm.htm

<http://www.gunownersofvermont.org/>

<http://www.nra.org/>

<http://www.gunlaws.com/links/linksvt.htm> (general information)

<http://www.gunowners.org/vtcarry.htm>

Should gray wolves be reintroduced into Vermont?

PRO:

<http://www.restore.org/Wildlife/CREW.html>

<http://www.uvm.edu/~vlrs/doc/wolves.htm> (both sides)

<http://www.actionbioscience.org/biodiversity/johnson.html> (both sides)

<http://www.jyi.org/features/ft.php?id=441>

http://www.salon.com/news/feature/2008/05/27/killing_wolves/index.html

<http://74.125.93.132/search?>

[q=cache:ZquMP478n2kJ:www.uvm.edu/~jmorris/Wolves/WolfReintroduction.ppt+wolf+restoration+vermont&cd=14&hl=en&ct=clnk&gl=us](http://www.uvm.edu/~jmorris/Wolves/WolfReintroduction.ppt+wolf+restoration+vermont&cd=14&hl=en&ct=clnk&gl=us)

CON:

<http://www.uvm.edu/~vlrs/doc/wolves.htm> (both sides)

<http://www.actionbioscience.org/biodiversity/johnson.html> (both sides)

<http://www.aws.vcn.com/fact.html>

<http://74.125.93.132/search?>

[q=cache:ZquMP478n2kJ:www.uvm.edu/~jmorris/Wolves/WolfReintroduction.ppt+wolf+restoration+vermont&cd=14&hl=en&ct=clnk&gl=us](http://www.uvm.edu/~jmorris/Wolves/WolfReintroduction.ppt+wolf+restoration+vermont&cd=14&hl=en&ct=clnk&gl=us)