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Free Web Sites

- [CQ Researcher Index](#)
The CQ Researcher is a magazine style publication available in the DCCC library in which the entire issue is devoted to a controversial topic each week, including a yes/no debate page. Use the online CQ Researcher index for the list of topics that CQ Researcher has covered since 1991.
- [National Library of Medicine: Social and family issues](#)
- [Google Directory: Social Issues](#)
- [Yahoo Directory: Social Issues and Causes](#)
- [National Public Radio: Talk of the Nation Discussion Topics](#)
(caution: use this list to generate topics only. Opinions on issues are not necessarily from experts in the field.)
- [ProCon.org - Pros & Cons of Controversial Issues](#)
Provides research on controversial issues in a straightforward, nonpartisan format.

Databases

(Contact DCCC librarian for passwords to databases.)

- **OPPOSING VIEWPOINTS**
Login to the list of DCCC databases by clicking [here](#). Select the Opposing Viewpoints database. View important issues from an alphabetical list of current controversial topics that links directly to the magazine/newspaper articles and other resources.
- **ISSUES & CONTROVERSIES**
Login to the list of DCCC databases by clicking [here](#). Select the Issues & Controversies database. Click on "Need a Research Topic?" This link provides an alphabetical list of current controversial topics with links to magazine and newspaper articles.
- **NEWSBANK DATABASE / "HOT TOPICS"**
Login to the list of DCCC databases by clicking [here](#). Select the Newsbank database. See "Hot Topics" for an alphabetical list of current controversial topics which links directly to the newspaper articles.

Other Library Resources

[Library Resources for the Argumentative/Persuasive Paper](#)
In PDF format.

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