

Controversial Issues

LHS Books

[LHS Online Catalog](#)

Use the online catalog to find what is in the LHS library. There is also a large collection of *Opposing Viewpoints* books. Click on Resource Lists on left. Click on Public Lists on top right. Select Opposing Viewpoints.

Databases

If you access these databases from home, you'll need the passwords. Please ask the media specialists for these.

World Book Online

<http://www.worldbookonline.com/wb/Home>

Start with WBO to get an overview of the subject. You'll find general information, Back in Time, Special Reports, Behind the Headlines, Tables, Sounds, Historical Maps, Pictures, original films, and more.

Electric Library (E-Library)

<http://elibrary.bigchalk.com/libweb/elib/do/search>

E-Library accesses newspapers, magazines, pictures, and television and radio transcripts. (Selecting the *Topic* tab at the top allows you to browse subjects.

Find It Virginia

Student Edition

http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itw/infomark/487/60/3931505w17/purl=rc6_STO&dyn=2!sgstart?sw_aep=va_s_131_0090

Student Edition is a good way to find current newspaper and magazine articles. Selecting the *Subject Guide* and entering a topic (e.g., Cloning), allows you to browse related topics. This is helpful to narrow/broaden your topic.

Williamsburg Regional Library (WRL)

Opposing Viewpoints

http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/va0086_005?db=OVRC

This database requires a WRL library card. **At the prompt, enter your library card number.**

This comprehensive Gale database links to viewpoints, reference, statistics, magazines & newspapers, primary documents, and Web sites about controversial issues.

Web Sites

Pros and Cons of Controversial Issues

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

The mission of ProCon.org is “*promoting informed citizenship by presenting controversial issues in a simple, nonpartisan pro-con format.*” There are limited topics available here, but they are covered in depth.

Google

www.google.com

Wonder Wheel

After you search, click on the first result that says “Show Options.” Pick Wonder Wheel. This will make a graphic cluster of your topic and provide sub topics.

Clusty

<http://clusty.com/>

Clusty is a great new search engine. You can easily narrow it down by clusters (subjects) and domains.

Suggested Topics

Abortion	Family	Outsourcing
Adoption	Family relations	Patriot Act 2001
Affirmative action	Feminism	Political corruption
AIDS (Disease)	Gambling	Pollution
Alcoholism	Gangs	Population growth
Animal experimentation	Genetic engineering	Pornography
Animal rights	Genocide	Poverty
Assisted suicide	Global warming	Prisons
Athletes	Globalization	Race relations
Bioethics	Gun control	Racism
Biological weapons	Hate crimes	Rape
Birth control	Health care reform	Religion
Capital punishment	Health insurance	Renewable energy
Censorship	Homelessness	Right of privacy
Child abuse	Homosexuality	Same sex marriage
Church and state	Human rights	School violence
Civil rights	Illegal immigrants	Sex education
Cloning	Internet	Sexual behavior
Creationism	Iraq	Slavery reparations
Crime	Islamic fundamentalism	Smoking
Death	Juvenile drinking	Social security
Divorce	Juvenile drug abuse	Stem cells
Domestic violence	Juvenile offenders	Suicide
Drinking	Media violence	Teenage pregnancy
Drugs and athletes	Medical care	Teenage sexual behavior
Eating disorders	Medical ethics	Terrorism
Education	Mental disorders	United States foreign relations
Elderly	Mental health	Violence
Emigration and immigration	Middle East	War crimes
Employment	Minimum wage	Welfare reform
Endangered species	Narcotics legalization	Women
Environmentalism	National security	Women's rights
Euthanasia	Nuclear weapons	Working women
Evolution (Biology)	Nutrition	Youth
	Oceans	