

Controversial Issues

Below is a list of links to sites containing articles and information about various controversial issues. Use the list to generate ideas for now, but later it may serve as preliminary research. Note: most of these topics are rather broad—too large in scope for the paper you will be writing. You will probably have to research the topic and narrow it to one of the major points associated with it. Some topics will be designated “off limits” by the instructor (abortion, capital punishment, drinking age, and marijuana legalization to name a few overdone issues) for various reasons, and no two students will compose on the same issue. I suggest you select three or four possible topics that might interest you.

Twin Lakes School, Indiana.

<http://www.twinlakes.k12.in.us/info/library/connection/contro.htm>

Find Your Hope: medical research topics. This has a lengthy index that will require you to scroll or click through many pages, but there is much here.

http://www.findyourhope.com/Page1/Controversial_Topics/Topics.aspx

Pro-Con.org has quite a few articles and sites about a few issues. Note the PDF link at the bottom for how to use the site.

http://www.procon.org/?gclid=CJnxouidmIgCFsBWYAod_iwQWQ

University Library at Cal State Long Beach

http://www.csulb.edu/library/subj/Paper_Topics/hottopics/contropaptop.htm

Multnomah County Library

<http://www.multcolib.org/homework/sohc.html>

Santa Ana College: detailed pro-con oriented site.

<http://www.sac.edu/students/library/nealley/websites/controversial.htm>

Wikipedia’s list of controversial topics, many with additional links. It is quite long, but many of the topics are not useful for our purposes.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:List_of_controversial_issues

Palo Alto College Ozuna Learning Resources Center. This is a very lengthy site with many possibilities.

<http://www.accd.edu/PAC/LRC/issues.htm>