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Selecting Your Research Topic (General Information)

Need a few suggestions for your research paper based on current events/topics? Take a look at some of these to get you started. Remember that your topic should not be too broad or too narrow. A good resource to use when starting your research is an encyclopedia. Encyclopedias will give you a broad overview of the topic and also provide you with additional keywords you may use when searching for additional information.

Animal testing, Assisted suicide, Attention Deficit Disorder, Binge drinking, Body image, Censorship, Child abuse, Cloning, College Athletes,

Date rape, Death penalty, Drunk driving, Eating disorders, Feminism, Gangs, Gay marriage, Global warming, Gun control, Health care reform,

Holocaust, Human rights, Hybrid vehicles, Identity theft, Islam, Marijuana, Media bias, Organized crime, Pornography and art, Rap music,

Reality television, Slavery, Steroids, Terrorism, Tattoos (Body Art), Video games.

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- [Best Information on the Net \(St. Ambrose University Library\)](#)
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- [Frontline](#)
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- [Global Issues- Social, Political, Economic and Environmental Issues That Affect Us All](#)
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