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### Information on Social Issues

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#### How to Find Books

**Reference Books** - These specialized reference books provide background material on a topic and are often a good place to start your research.

- Aging (Ref HQ 1061 .A42453 2000 Vols.1&2)
- Current Issues (Ref HN 59.2 .C87 2003 Vols.1-4)
- Dictionary of Social Sciences (Ref H 41 .D53 2002; and City Ref H 41 .D53 2002)
- Encyclopedia of Capital Punishment in the U.S. (City Ref HV 8694.P35 2001)
- Encyclopedia of Children, Adolescents, and the Media (Ref HQ1073 .M33)
- Encyclopedia of Criminology (City Ref HV 6017 .E5295 2005 Vols.1-3)
- Encyclopedia of Criminology & Deviant Behavior (Ref HV 6017 .E53 2001 Vols.1-3)
- Encyclopedia of Drugs, Alcohol, & Addictive Behavior (Ref HV 5804 .E53 2001 Vols.1-4)
- Encyclopedia of Family Life (Ref HQ 5343.E53 1999 Vols.1-4; and City Ref HQ 5343.E53 1999 Vols.1-4)
- Encyclopedia of Homelessness (City Ref HV4493 .E53 2004)
- Encyclopedia of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender History in America (Ref HQ76.3 .U5 E53 2004 Vols.1-3)
- Encyclopedia of Social Issues (Ref HN 57 .E59 1997 Vols.1-6)
- Encyclopedia of Social Theory (City Ref HM 425 .E53 2006)
- Encyclopedia of Sociology (Ref HM 17 .E5 2000 Vols.1-5)
- Encyclopedia of Terrorism (Ref HV 6431 .C65 2002)
- The Gay & Lesbian Atlas (Ref HQ76.3 .U5 G355 2004;and City Ref HQ76.3 .U5 G355 2004)
- Macmillan Encyclopedia of Death & Dying (Ref HQ1073 .M33; and City Ref HQ1073 .M33)
- Parenthood in America: An Encyclopedia (Ref HQ 755.8 .P3783 2000)
- Poverty in the United States (City Ref HC 110.P6 .P598 2004 Vols.1&2)
- Social Issues in America: An Encyclopedia (Ref HN 57 .S624 2006; and City Ref HN 57 .S624 2006)
- The Social Science Encyclopedia (Ref H 41 .S63 1996)
- Encyclopedia of World Terrorism (Ref HV6431 .E53; and City Ref HV6431 .E53)
- Greenwood Encyclopedia of Women's Issues Worldwide - Check the [MCC Library Catalog](#) for call numbers since they vary for each volume in the set available at the LVG Library (Brighton campus).
- Women's Issues (Ref HQ 1115 .W6425 1997, and City Ref HQ 1115 .W6425 1997)
- World of Criminal Justice (Ref HV 7411 .W67 2002; and City Ref HV 7411 .W67 2002)

## To Locate Other Books

Use the MCC Library Catalog to find books on specific subjects such as:

Abortion	Aging	AIDS
Alcoholism	Biological Warfare	Capital Punishment
Child Abuse	Crime	Drug Legalization
Euthanasia	Global Warming	Homelessness
Human Cloning	Illegal Immigration	Media Violence
Same-Sex Marriage	Single Parents	Terrorism

## To Access the MCC Library Catalog

- Go to <http://www.monroecc.edu/go/library>
- Click "Find Books and Media at the MCC Libraries"
- Type your words in the "Search Term(s)" box, then press the "Go" button

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## Other Print Sources of Information

The Library has in its collection a number of books and reports on various social and controversial issues that are published as part of a series. The "Opposing Viewpoints Series" is one example of a series publication. Other examples of series publications held in our collection are included below.

The [MCC Library Catalog](#) can help you locate these items in our collection. Once connected to the catalog, choose the "Basic Keyword Search" option, enter one of the following titles listed below, and select "Series" from the "Field to Search" drop down menu. A list of books on a wide range of topics will appear in the results list. Write down the [call number](#) of the book you are interested in so you can locate it in the library collection.

**Basic Keyword Search:**  
(looks for word(s) anywhere)

Type word or phrase:

Field to search

Words adjacent?  No  Yes

- **At Issue** – Books in this series provide in-depth discussions and a wide range of viewpoints on issues such as gay marriage, media bias, reality TV, racism, reproductive technology, affirmative action.
- **Current Controversies** – This series covers today's most current national and international issues, and includes essays that initially appeared in periodicals, books, government documents, and public and private organizational publications.
- **Contemporary World Issues** – This series explores the critical challenges facing America and the world in the 21st century.
- **CQ Researcher** – Published weekly, this resource provides in-depth, non-biased reports on a wide range on social, economic, political, and environmental issues. CQ Researcher is also available as an online database. See the "How to Find Articles" section below for information on how to access this database from the Library website.
- **Opposing Viewpoints** – Each book in this series explores a specific issue presenting expert pro/con opinions in essay format on such topics as abortion, the death penalty, and censorship. Opposing Viewpoints is also available as an online database. See the "How to Find Articles" section below for information on how to access this database from the Library website.
- **Social Issues Firsthand** – "This series contains a collection of narratives written by individuals with first-hand experience in the topic being discussed - either as a participant, witness or as an involved professional."

- **Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Controversial Issues** - Each book in this series presents opposing viewpoints of controversial issues grouped under broad subject categories.

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## How to Find Articles

The MCC Libraries subscribe to a number of different electronic databases you can use to search for articles on your particular topic.

Some databases are full-text and therefore have entire articles from certain magazines, journals, and newspapers available online for you to print directly from the computer.

Library databases to search to locate articles on your topic include:

- Academic Search Premier \*
- CQ Researcher
- Criminal Justice Periodical Index (CJPI) \*
- Custom Newspapers
- GBLT Life with Full Text (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender issues)
- JSTOR Electronic Journals
- OmniFile Full Text Select \*
- Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center \*
- Rochester Democrat & Chronicle

\* See additional help guide available on the [Library website](#).

## To Access MCC Libraries Article Databases

- Go to <http://www.monroecc.edu/go/library>
- Click "Find Articles and Online Databases" and select a database
- If off-campus, click "Access from Home" and follow directions to log-in to EZproxy

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## Select Websites

The following websites serve as portals to information on controversial topics:

- Backgrounder - CFR <http://www.cfr.org/issue/>
- Frontline <http://pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/>
- The Gallup Organization <http://www.gallup.com>
- International Affairs <http://www.internationalaffairs.com>
- National Center for Policy Analysis <http://www.ncpa.org>
- National Issues <http://www.nationalissues.com>
- Polling Report <http://www.pollingreport.com>
- ProCon.org <http://www.procon.org>
- Public Agenda Online <http://www.publicagenda.org>
- SpeakOut.com <http://www.speakout.com/index.html>

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## Need Additional Help with Your Research?

Librarians are always available to assist you at both the Brighton and Damon City

Campus libraries.

If you need in-depth help in locating materials for your project, you may want to consider signing up for an **Individual Research Consultation**. These sessions last from 15 to 30 minutes and give students the opportunity to work one-on-one with a librarian. Appointments are scheduled Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Forms to request an appointment are available at both libraries and also online at: <http://www.monroecc.edu/depts/library/IndResConsultForm.htm>

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