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## Current & Controversial Issues

This guide is intended as a research tool to help you locate background information, books, articles, and internet/web links.

### Background Information Sources

Available in the library's reference area:

<b>Defending Same-Sex Marriage</b>	REF HQ1034.U5 D44 2007 v. 1-3
<b>The Media and Elections: A Handbook and Comparative Study</b>	REF P 95.82 .E85 M42 2004
<b>Dating and Sexuality in America</b>	REF HQ801.A3 T87 2003
<b>Psychology of Women</b>	REF HQ 1206.P747 2008
<b>Healthcare Reform in America</b>	REF RA 395.A3 K7593 2004
<b>Domestic Violence Sourcebook</b>	REF HV6626.2.D685 2004
<b>Encyclopedia of Juvenile Justice</b>	REF HV9104.E58 2003
<b>Racial Issues in Criminal Justice</b>	REF HV9950.R33 2003
<b>The Boundaries of Her Body</b>	REF KF478.R69 2004
<b>Marriage</b>	REF HQ 734 .M35 2009
<b>The War on Terrorism</b>	REF HV 6432 .W373 2005
<b>Handbook of Eating Disorders and Obesity</b>	REF RC552.E18 H362 2004
<b>Stem Cells</b>	REF QH 588 .S83 K45 2007
<b>Global Issues for Global Citizens</b>	REF HF 1359 .G5734 2006
<b>Choosing Children; Genes, Disability, and Design</b>	REF RJ 47.3 .G556 2007
<b>Has No Child Left Behind been Good for Education?</b>	REF LB 2806.22 .H37 2008
<b>Cloning; Opposing Viewpoints</b>	REF QH 442.2 .C5644 2006

### Books

Search the **library catalog** for books on your subject using words or word combinations such as:

- ▶ terrorism
- ▶ abortion
- ▶ sex education
- ▶ stem cell
- ▶ gay marriage
- ▶ capital punishment
- ▶ racism
- ▶ fundamentalism
- ▶ religion and politics
- ▶ medical marijuana
- ▶ gender equality
- ▶ genetic engineering

### Newspaper, Magazine, and Academic Journal Articles

- ▶ **CQ Researcher**: Provides articles of opposing opinions; use search terms similar to those above.
- ▶ **InfoTrac**: *General Reference Center or Expanded Academic* for newspaper & scholarly articles.
- ▶ **LexisNexis**: Supplies scholarly, magazine and newspaper articles from the past 10 years.
- ▶ **AccessScience**: Up-to-date science & technology information, see "Headline News" section.
- ▶ **CountryWatch**: See "Country Wire" section and select a country for late-breaking news.

### Internet Resources

Several internet resources have been selected below. Additional links are available from **Web Resources** page; also try some of the search terms included under "Books."

- ▶ **ProCon.org** <http://www.procon.org/>  
over 1,000 questions on controversial issues with over 7,500 pro, con, and not clearly pro or con statements •date and source information for all research cited .
- ▶ **Best Information on the Net** <http://library.sau.edu/bestinfo/Hot/hotindex.htm>  
Library guide offers an extensive list of websites pertaining to a broad range of topics.
- ▶ **Controversial Issues**  
<http://www.sac.edu/students/library/nealley/websites/controversial.htm>  
Links to websites on Controversial Issues Topics. Compiled by Santa Ana College Library

- ▶ **Supreme Court of the United States** <http://www.supremecourtus.gov/>  
*Website of the U.S. Supreme Court, see "Recent Decisions" for this year's rulings.*
- ▶ **The Hill** <http://www.hillnews.com/>  
*Non-partisan news organization that covers events in Congress.*
- ▶ **National Institute of Health** <http://www.nih.gov/>  
*Federal medical research group, see "Health Information" and "News & Events."*
- ▶ Look at **specific interest group** websites, for example:
  - ▶ **American Civil Liberties Union** <http://www.aclu.org/>
  - ▶ **Amnesty International** <http://www.amnesty.org/>
  - ▶ **National Organization for Women** <http://www.now.org/>
- ▶ **Professional research organizations** ("think tanks") also offer info on various social issues:
  - ▶ **The Brookings Institution** <http://www.brook.edu/>
  - ▶ **The Heritage Foundation** <http://www.heritage.org/>
  - ▶ **The Urban Institute** <http://www.urban.org/>

