

# ***Social Issues***

## **[Issues and Controversies](#)**

A database of reliable information on a huge number of topics

## **[Grolier Online](#)**

Encyclopedias with basic information on a multitude of topics. Note the Weblinks that will lead you to excellent websites for further information.

[To access from home](#) The username and password can be acquired from library staff.

## **[Pros and Cons of Controversial Issues](#)**

"A nonpartisan, nonprofit, 501(c)(3) public benefit corporation whose purpose is to inform the public about controversial issues using facts, news, and hundreds of diverse opinions in a pro-con format." Typically gives the history of the controversy, a summary, the top 10 opinions and laws if applicable.

## **[Balanced politics](#)**

Find a chart detailing the pros and cons of specific issues followed by an explanation of each point of view.

## **[Debatatabase](#)**

"Debatatabase is the world's most useful resource for student debaters. Inside you will find arguments for and against hundreds of debating Topics, written by expert debaters, judges and coaches. Also included are background summaries, links to websites of interest and recommended books, example motions and user comments. "

## **[Public Agenda](#)**

Issue analysis and context in a non-partisan manner. Each topic is divided into 2 subsections, understanding and public opinion.

## **[Social Issues](#)**

Find a listing of topics here with links presenting pro and con arguments for each topic as well as general information.

## **[Debates, Polls, Books and Forums](#)**

Locate information for debating. Search by category or keyword.

## **[Debate Central](#)**

## **[Homework Center: Social Issues](#)**

From the Multnomah County Library is this a great site featuring lists of websites by topic and subdivided by emphasis.

## **[National Center for Policy Analysis](#)**

Analysis, debate and in-depth research from around the world. Especially note the ["Both Sides"](#) section with pro/con discussions.

## **[SpeakOut.com](#)**

Using the tabs at the top, find Issues and locate a one-page description of the background, points of view, history and facts.

[click here for more]

## **[National Issues.Com](#)**

Great starting point for overview articles and summaries with pro/con emphasis.

## **[Documents in the News](#)**

Primary sources gathered for analysis on many issues, such as Arab-Israeli Conflict 2001, California Energy Crisis, Clinton Pardons and more.

## **[Justice Talking](#)**

Justice Talking and the New York Times Learning Network have teamed up to bring you JusticeLearning.org, a free website for students and teachers that tackles the tough provocative legal issues debated in the courts, in congress and in our classrooms.

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