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Public Policy

Resources for Public Policy Paper Red Jacket High School Library

Print Resources:

These series are available in our library:

- Information Plus
- Opposing Viewpoints
- At Issue
- Current Controversies
- Taking Sides (reference)

All deal with controversial social issues and can be looked up by the series name.

You can also use OPAC to look up your subject. The library does have individual books on most of your topics. Interlibrary loan from another school is possible, but keep in mind it takes about a week to get the books.

Online Databases:

How to find them: Go to the school Website: www.redjacket.org Click on Academic Links and scroll down to Mrs. Liebentritt. Go to High School Databases on the left side of my page.

Proquest

There is a user name and password required

Make sure to click on "my products" and when it opens "SIRS Knowledge Source."
Many leading issues are listed already. You only need to click on them to see an overview of the topic or see it divided into Pro & Con. All full text articles. You can also type in a search term. BEWARE: MLA citation does not seem to be up to date in this database.

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**No User name needed if accessing from school
User name and password needed for home access**

This gives you access to a wide variety of full text periodical and journal articles. Be sure to sort by date for most up to date results.

Internet Sites:

[Almanac of Policy Issues](http://www.policyalmanac.org/) < <http://www.policyalmanac.org/> >

Click on a heading to go to an overview plus a list of issues you can click on for an article. Each section also contains links (many to government sites) to other sites and articles on that topic. (Ignore the sponsored links which often lead to preparation programs for civil service exams and the like.)

[Pros and Cons of Controversial Issues](http://www.procon.org/) <http://www.procon.org/>

This excellent site is run as a public service to educate citizens about controversial issues without bias. It presents both sides of many issues. A scroll to the bottom of the page will reveal a link to how to cite the Site.

[The PEW Charitable Trusts](http://www.pewtrusts.org/) <http://www.pewtrusts.org/>

Another Site offered as a public service to citizens:

"Informing the public. The Pew Research Center, a Washington-based subsidiary, is home to most of our information initiatives. It uses impartial, fact-based public-opinion polling and other research tools to track

important issues and trends.”

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

This is a public library Site created just for students researching public policy and controversial issues.

Provides links to actual legislation as well as other useful Sites.

Jean & Alexander Heard Library, Vanderbilt University

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<http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/romans/pubpol.html>

This .edu Site from Vanderbilt University provides a giant list of public policy issues, each one leading to links to educational and government Sites.

Open Directory Project <http://www.dmoz.org/Society/Issues/>

This is a Web directory of Sites that gives links to some great information. Be sure you note where that information is coming from!

Santa Ana College Library

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

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This has a nice list of controversial issues, each sorted into Pro, Con & Neutral information categories.

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Twin Lakes School Corporation Library

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

Another list of issues with links and a nice reminder to know who your information is coming from.

Hoover Digest <http://www.hoover.org/publications/digest/63873667.html>

"The quarterly Hoover Digest presents informative pieces on a wide range of **public policy** issues. Published by the Hoover Institution, a **public policy** research center at Stanford University, the Digest consists of short articles and opinion pieces written by the Institution's scholars." Topics include the war on terror, international relations, politics, economics, and more. Archive of complete issues goes back to 1998. Searchable, or browsable by issue. (LII)

You can also try Infoplease <<http://www.infoplease.com>> but be prepared to wade through a lot of results to find what you are actually looking for.

Good Luck!

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