



Persuasive Topics



Many useful sites for controversial topics may be blocked by Internet filtering software. Ask your library staff for assistance if you have this problem. Once you select a topic, you may also want to use library books to strengthen your argument.

[Argumentative Essay Topics](#). This site offers many topic choices. Click on the topic, a thesis statement is provided and web sites discussing both sides of the issue.

[Public Agenda Online](#). Contains current issues from abortion to social security. Each issue includes background, public opinion and links to resources and sources.

[Public Policy Issues and Groups](#). Contains current issues from cloning to youth suicide. Each issues links to internet sites that provide more information.

[You Debate](#) provides the currently debated issues, as well as a directory of broad categories such as health, religion and politics. Search by keyword. You are a couple of clicks away from the actual information. TIP: Search using "pro issues" or "con issues" to find arguments.

[Controversial Issues](#) -- many topics from Santa Ana College

[Controversial Issues](#) -- list from Penn State

[Controversial Issue Starter Links](#) -- from Baltimore Public Schools

[Pros and Cons of Controversial Issues](#) --Facts, news, and thousands of diverse pro and con opinions on controversial topics.

[Hot Topics](#) -- from University of Louisville

[Topics](#) All about important events, trends and subjects by year-- from CNN

[Research Guide on Paper Topics](#) -- from University Library at California State University, Long Beach

Bibliography Sites

MLA Style

[Citation Machine](#)

[Citing Sources](#) -- from Oregon School Library Information System

[KnightCite](#) -- from Calvin College

[MLA Style Guide](#) -- from Capital Community Technical College, Hartford, CT.

[Noodle Tools Quick Cite](#) -- from NoodleTools, Inc.

[Soquel High School's Citation Guide](#)

[Using Modern Language Association \(MLA\) Format](#) -- From Purdue Univ.