

## Controversial Issues Research Guide

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Use this research guide as a starting point for finding books, articles, and Internet sites on controversial issues.

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### Recommended Web Sites

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

Links to current and reliable Web site documents on current issues. Maintained by the University of Michigan Library.

#### [Hot Paper Topics](#)

Links to reliable Web sites on "hot" research issues. Maintained by the St. Ambrose University Library.

#### [Liber8 - Current Issues](#)

Monthly newsletters from the St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank Library, covering current economic issues. Reliable and understandable explanations, along with recommended online sources are this site's strength.

#### [ProCon.org](#)

A nonpartisan, nonprofit, 501(c)(3) public charity whose **mission** is "*Promoting education, critical thinking, and informed citizenship by presenting controversial issues in a simple, nonpartisan primarily pro-con format.*"

#### [Public Agenda](#)

Provides research suggestions and documentation to support decision making. Public Agenda is also a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization.

### Evaluating Sources (especially Internet sources)

Questions to ask when establishing a source's reliability :

- Who is the author of the information? Do they know what they are talking about?
- Are they affiliated with a respected news source?
- Is there a date indicating when the information was written or last updated?
- Is the date of the information appropriate for your topic?
- Is the information written in an objective or subjective (biased) manner?

