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#### Recommended Databases:

[Key Databases to Research for Persuasive Papers, Pro/Con, Alternate Perspectives...](#)

If you are working from a SCF computer, try the Gale Power Search. Includes Academic Search Complete, Opposing Viewpoints and others.

**Opposing Viewpoints** is based on the respected print series, this is a virtual toolbox of major resources. Can also be used to find scholarly articles and identify authoritative websites.

**CQ Researcher** explores topics in depth. Use "Issue Tracker" to view chronological alphabetical lists of issues.

**Issues & Controversies** provides "Quick Access" to alphabetical list of topics or browse through clearly outlined Pro/Con topics. Humanities Full Text (Wilson) expands your research with cross-cultural and historical perspectives. Covers areas such as literary/social criticism, philosophy and religion/theology studies.

**Americas Newspapers** (NewsBank ) also contains editorial sections of America's newspapers. Also has "hot topics" and "special reports." Access Broadcast Transcripts (NewsBank) provides a rich source to trending topics, topical interviews and fantastic quotes on various topics.

**Social Sciences Full Text** (Wilson) draws from over 600 periodicals in the social sciences field covering mass media, public welfare, addiction studies, ethics and more.

#### Internet Sources

[Gallup's A-Z polled topics](#). Varying depth and details, but lays out what Americans are thinking about clearly. Also lists top 10 things on American's minds.

**Pro Con.org** is a nonpartisan, nonprofit, 501(c)(3) public charity whose **mission** is "*Promoting education and informed citizenship by presenting controversial issues in a simple, nonpartisan pro-con format.*" [Read 10 concise pro/con statements on selected topics.](#)

[Public Agenda](#) attempts to bridge the differences in how leaders see issues and how the public defines them. They list basic and current issues.

[NCSL](#) is a bipartisan organization provides research, technical assistance and opportunities for policymakers to exchange ideas on the most pressing state issues. Use "Search" box or go to tab "State & Federal Issues" for a drop down box. Select "Issue Areas: A-Z."

[Room for Debate](#) is a New York Times based news, analysis and editorial blog. Great place to find new and trending topics.

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