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A Selective Webliography of Sources About Debating and for Locating Pro and Con Arguments and Documentation for a Wide Range of Controversial Issues
http://groups.google.com/group/netgold/browse_thread/thread/9cbece0f7041f0b5?hl=en

Debate
Wikipedia
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Debate>


Debate or debating is a formal method of interactive and representational argument. Debate is a broader form of argument than logical argument, which only examines consistency from axiom, and factual argument, which only examines what is or isn't the case or rhetoric which is a technique of persuasion. Though logical consistency, factual accuracy and some degree of emotional appeal to the audience are important elements of the art of persuasion, in debating, one side often prevails over the other side by presenting a superior "context" and/or framework of the issue, which is far more subtle and strategic.

In a formal debating contest, there are rules for people to discuss and decide on differences, within a framework defining how they will interact. Informal debate is a common occurrence, the quality and depth of a debate improves with knowledge and skill of its participants as debaters. Deliberative bodies such as parliaments, legislative assemblies, and meetings of all sorts engage in debates. The outcome of a debate may be decided by audience vote, by judges, or by some combination of the two. (Of course, this implies that facts are based on consensus, which is not factual.) Formal debates between candidates for elected office, such as the leaders debates and the U.S. presidential election debates, are common in democracies.

The major goal of the study of debate as a method or art is to develop one's ability to play from either position with equal ease.

Debates are sometime organized for purely competitive purposes, particularly at the US high-school level, but also in other English-speaking countries.

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http://www.law.temple.edu/servlet/RetrievePage?site=TempleLaw&page=Library_Information_Technology

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Faculty Credentialing
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 The "Wikipedia of Debates"
 Debatepedia is the Wikipedia of debates - an encyclopedia of pro and con arguments and quotes on critical issues. A project of the 501c3 non-profit International Debate Education Association (IDEA), Debatepedia utilizes the same wiki technology powering Wikipedia to centralize arguments and quotes found in editorials, op-eds, political statements, and books into comprehensive pro/con articles. This helps citizens and decision-makers better deliberate on the world's most important questions. Debatepedia is endorsed by the National Forensic League
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Social Issues
<http://www.multcolib.org/homework/sochc.html>

This web page has been created to meet the needs of Multnomah County
 middle and high school students researching current social issues from
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Topical Links

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Should Abortion Be Banned
(Except in Special Circumstances Like Saving the Mother's Life)?
<http://www.balancedpolitics.org/abortion.htm>

1000 Death Penalty Links
<http://www.clarkprosecutor.org/html/links/dplinks.htm>

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Setting up your web browser to connect through Temple's proxy server
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<http://www.temple.edu/registrar/codes.html>

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Campus Building Locations
Map Showing Temple Main Campus Building Locations
<http://www.temple.edu/ssm/downloads/bcodemap.pdf>

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Technology Profile and Milestones tell the story.
<http://www.temple.edu/cs/>

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Stem Cell Research - Pros and Cons
<http://www.experiment-resources.com/stem-cell-pros-and-cons.html>

In-Class Debates
<http://myweb.lmu.edu/tshanahan/nt-debates.html>

Debate Research Sites
<https://sites.google.com/site/debateresearchsites/>

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Crit Care. 2002; 6(3): 192-195.
Published online 2002 April 26. doi: 10.1186/cc1487 PMID: PMC137443
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Pro/con ethics debate: is nonheart-beating organ donation ethically acceptable?
Leslie Whetstine,1 Kerry Bowman,2 and Laura Hawryluck3
1PhD Student, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA
2Bioethicist, University of Toronto, Joint Centre for Bioethics, Ontario, Canada
3Assistant Professor, Critical Care Medicine, University Health Network, and Member, Joint Center for Bioethics, University of Toronto, Canada
Pub Med Central
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC137443/>

Lesson Planning with ProCon.org
<http://www.procon.org/view.resource.php?resourceID=1542>

Lesson Plan Ideas Using ProCon.org
15 National Teaching Standards Used by Incorporating ProCon.org Content into Lesson Plans
Benefits of Teaching Controversial Issues
How Schools Are Using ProCon.org

Survival Skills: Pro and Con Issues
Townsend Memorial Library
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
<http://libguides.umhb.edu/proandcon>

Guide to Finding Pro/Con Arguments
University Library
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
<http://www.library.illinois.edu/ugl/howdoi/procon.html>

Debate Research
Inglemoor High School
<http://www.nsd.org/education/components/scrapbook/default.php?sectiondetailid=74392>

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Sacramento State University Library
<http://library.csus.edu/guides/rogenmoserd/general/procon.html>

Opposing Viewpoints
California State University Library
<http://www.csulb.edu/library/subj/opposing/>

Larry Madaras, James M. SoRelle. Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Controversial Issues in American History, vol. 1: The Colonial Period to Reconstruction. Guilford: McGraw-Hill, 2003. xv + 399 pp. \$24.50 (paper), ISBN 978-0-07-285029-1.
Reviewed by T. Stephen Whitman (Department of History, Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Maryland)
Published on H-Survey (August, 2003)
H-Net
<http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=8013>

How do I find pro and con arguments?
Pro and Con Arguments
University of Colorado Boulder
http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/how/pro_con_arguments.htm

Pros and Cons/Opposing Viewpoints
Elihu Burritt Library
Central Connecticut State University
<http://libguides.ccsu.edu/procon>

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 Using The Pine Mail Program
 On Temple's Central Unix Systems
 Pine is a full-featured mail
 package available on Temple's
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<http://www.temple.edu/cs/unix/a14pine.html>

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 Pros and Cons, Debates
 Library Catalog Topics
<http://www.thrall.org/readyref/Issues.html>

Researching Pro and Con Issues
 California State University Library Los Angeles
<http://www.calstatela.edu/library/guides/procon.htm>

Paradise Valley Community College Library
 PVCC Database Collection
 (Pro/Con Issues & Hot Topics)
http://www.pvc.maricopa.edu/library/databases/pro_con.html

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Pros and Cons of Contemporary Issues
 The University of Arizona
 University Libraries
<http://www.library.arizona.edu/help/tutorials-guides/pros-and-cons-of-contemporary-issues>

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Death Penalty
 ProCon.org
<http://deathpenalty.procon.org/>

1,136 people were executed in the US from 1977 through 2008, primarily by means of lethal injection. Most death penalty cases involve the execution of murderers although capital punishment can also be applied for treason, espionage, and other crimes.

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Proponents of the death penalty say it is an important tool for preserving law and order, deters crime, and costs less than life imprisonment. They argue that retribution or "an eye for an eye" honors the victim, helps console grieving families, and ensures that the perpetrators of heinous crimes never have an opportunity to cause future tragedy.

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Opponents of capital punishment say it has no deterrent effect on crime, wrongly gives governments the power to take human life, and perpetuates social injustices by disproportionately targeting people of color (racist) and people who cannot afford good attorneys (classist). They say lifetime jail sentences are a more severe and less expensive punishment than death.

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Pros & Cons by Category
 CORE QUESTION Should the death penalty be allowed?

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What are the forms of execution in the United States?

Moral & Ethical Issues Is the death penalty immoral?

Should physicians participate in executions?

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Does a person's income level affect the likelihood of him/her receiving the death penalty?

Should a death penalty moratorium be implemented?

Should victims' opinions matter when considering the death penalty?

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