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## 6th Grade Current Issues

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### News Sources

- [SIRS Discoverer Database](#)  
Magazine and newspaper articles. You can organize these by date, with the most recent first. If you use the 'subject tree' subjects, SIRS will automatically show you the articles with the most recent one first.
- [ProQuest](#)  
Magazine and newspaper articles. You may sort your results so the most recent articles appear first. You may search the whole database, or just the "news and issues" database. You will need a subject to search.
- [New York Times](#)  
For full access and to email articles, you will need our username and password.
- [Wall Street Journal](#)  
National newspaper.
- [Seattle Times](#)
- [Washington \(D.C.\) Post](#)
- [National Public Radio](#)  
Includes podcasts and text stories.
- [CNN \(Cable News Network\)](#)

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### Government Sites and Information

- [U.S. Government Online Database](#)  
This link will take you to a list of our Facts on File Databases, from which you can choose the government database. Off-campus access will require a username and password.
- [Thomas Database from the Library of Congress](#)  
Federal legislative information, including information about current bills and resolutions.
- [Washington State Government](#)  
Information about our state government.
- [Ben's Guide to Government for Kids](#)  
Information about the U.S. Government written at an understandable level. The links to subject-specific government sites for kids might be really helpful.
- [State Governments](#)  
Links to the pages for all the state governments.
- [Congress.org](#)  
"Congress.org is a publication of the CQ-Roll Call Group, the largest news organization on Capitol Hill. It offers one-stop shopping for citizens who want to learn about the issues of the day and express their views." Includes a way to search for current bills.

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### Other Organization Sites

- [American Civil Liberties Union](#)  
This organization works to protect the rights of individuals. See their list of Trending Issues, and of Trending Topics for ideas and information.
- [Mom's Rising](#)  
This is an organization that was created by stay-at-home Moms. They are interested in issues that have to do with keeping kids safe, getting good health care, and education as well as other issues. They have a grass roots organization and work to address their issues by promoting legislation.
- [Institute for Research on Poverty](#)  
Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP) is a center for interdisciplinary research into the causes and consequences of poverty and social inequality in the United States and is based at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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### Opposition & Support

- [Popvox](#)  
This site aggregates support and opposition to current bills in Congress. It lists endorsing and opposing organizations, and offers comments from both sides. It also offers a subject list of current bills.
- [OpenCongress](#)  
"OpenCongress combines official government data with news and blog coverage, social networking, and participation tools to give you the real story behind what's happening in Congress." Full information about bills, including text, groups opposing/ supporting, related blog and news stories. Searchable. Also offers ways to contact members of Congress.
- [Congress.org: Issues and Action](#)  
Lists of issues and related organizations, as well as calls to action on various issues from various organizations. Searchable by broad issue.
- [Pros and Cons of Controversial Issues](#)  
Pros and Cons is an organization that provides information, about both sides of controversial issues. They have collected information about 44 different issues and the case pro and con for each of them.
- [GovTrack.us: Bills and Resolutions](#)  
Bills and resolutions, searchable by subject and keyword.

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### Citations

- [NoodleTools](#)  
New resource for creating your citations, notes and bibliographies. You will need to create a Noodle Tools account on campus with your individual log-in and password. If you have difficulties using the program-ask the librarians for assistance.

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