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Scope: Social and political issues such as Welfare, Abortion, Gun control and Euthanasia. Often assigned as opinion papers or debate topics.

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- [The Churches Speak Series](#) REF HN35.C4. Each book represents a specific issue and contains official statements from religious bodies and ecumenical organizations on the topic. Examples: Abortion, Euthanasia, Homosexuality, Women's ordination.
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- [Opposing Viewpoints](#) (call numbers vary) Each title focuses on a different topic and explores the issues using expert opinions from contemporary and historical authors in a pro/con format. Contains bibliographies, list of relevant organizations, glossaries, and chronologies. Examples: Adoption, Censorship, Death penalty, Euthanasia, Gun Control. *Also available online, see below.*
- [Reference Shelf](#) (call numbers vary) Each book excerpts or reprints important articles on a contemporary social issue. Included are background information, discussions from various points of view, and a bibliography. Examples: Affirmative action, American education, Banking scandals, Censorship, English-Official Language, Suicide, United Nations.
- [Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Controversial Issues](#) (call numbers vary) Adjacent pro and con arguments excerpted from journal articles and books are written by experts and focus on diverse topics surrounding a broad issue area. Examples: Israel, Bioethical Issues, American History, Mass Media, Race and Ethnicity, Psychological Issues.

PERIODICAL AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

- [CQ Researcher](#) - (formerly Editorial Research Reports) Each issue focuses on a specific topic presenting alternative views and a bibliography.
- [Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center](#)- draws on print based Opposing Viewpoints by Greenhaven Press. Covers hot social issues such as terrorism, stem cell research, and gun control with topic overviews and pro/con articles. This is listed below under internet resources.
- [Issues and Controversies](#) (Facts on File)- offers articles on hot topics in business, politics, government, education, and popular culture.

Access to the subscription-based resources from off campus is available for TNCC faculty, staff, and registered students through the use of a proxy server. Click the link for instructions. [Remote Access](#)

INTERNET RESOURCES

- [Almanac of Policy Issues](#) - Neutral backgrounders on many controversial issues (death penalty, campaign finance reform, abortion, etc.), including links to news, articles,

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directories, and associations on either side of the issue.

- [Documents in the News: Current Events Research](#) - identifies issues about government making news headlines and web sources with additional information.
- [Public Agenda Online](#) - Public debates on hot topics offering various views, pro and con.
- Issues pages at [Speakout.com](#) showcases leading research, opinions and events shaping public policy on dozens of issues including education, technology and healthcare.
- [Hot Paper Topics](#) - Lists of research paper resources from St. Ambrose University.
- [Hot Topics Supersites](#) - a directory of resources for controversial topics of current interest, put together the by San Diego State University library.
- [ProCon.org](#) - a nonpartisan nonprofit that presents controversial issues in a straight forward pro-con format. Mission is to promote education, critical thinking, and informed citizenship.
- [Rand Corporation](#) – a nonprofit institution that addresses the challenges facing the public and private sectors around the world. Their website contains research and hot topics.

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