

CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES

Links for controversial topic paper

Key materials & information

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RESOURCES:

<http://www.mel.org/SPT--BrowseResourcesDatabases.php?ParentId=617> This web site allows your to search scholarly databases including ERIC, WILSONSELECT, ArticleFirst, etc.

1. [Procon.org](http://www.procon.org/) <http://www.procon.org/>

This web site does an excellent job of presenting a non-partisan point-of-view of several controversial topics including: the Iraq War, euthanasia, medical Marijuana, etc. This site presents the information clearly and in an organized format.

2. [Twin Lakes School](http://www.twinlakes.k12.in.us/info/library/connection/contro.htm) <http://www.twinlakes.k12.in.us/info/library/connection/contro.htm>

Contains over 20 controversial topics and valuable links to learn more about each topic. Each separate issue contains around 5 links to web sites where students can learn more about the topic.

3. [Balanced Politics](http://www.balancedpolitics.org/index.htm) <http://www.balancedpolitics.org/index.htm>

Site contains over 28 current controversial issues, briefly describes the pros and cons of each issue then elaborates in-depth on each issue. As a non-partisan site, a user should get a fair and balanced look at both sides of any issue they are researching.



4. [Public Agenda](http://www.publicagenda.org/issues/issuehome.cfm) <http://www.publicagenda.org/issues/issuehome.cfm>

Breaks down each controversial issue by facts, discussion guides (including pros and cons) as well as sources and resources. Very easy to navigate and find relevant information.

5. [Santa Ana College](http://www.sac.edu/students/library/nealley/websites/controversial.htm) <http://www.sac.edu/students/library/nealley/websites/controversial.htm>

This site offers an immense amount of links for over 50 controversial issues. The links for each issue or broken down by whether the link is a pro or con for that particular topic.

6. **Multnomah County Library** <http://www.multcolib.org/homework/sochc.html>

Offers many links on topics ranging from animal rights to flag burning and everything in between. Once a topic is clicked, it is broken down into categories consisting of Megasites, support, oppose and legislation (generally past Supreme Court decisions).

7. **University of San Diego** <http://ethics.sandiego.edu/index.asp>



Under *Applied Ethics* this site offers numerous topics such as abortion, animal rights and euthanasia. After clicking on a particular topic, the user is directed to links such as video and PowerPoint resources, court decisions and web sites related to that topic.

8. **St. Ambrose University** <http://library.sau.edu/bestinfo/Hot/hotindex.htm>

Hot paper topics including death penalty, censorship, gender issues, etc. Clicking on a topic will direct the user to a page containing

several links related to the topic.

9. **Yahoo** http://dir.yahoo.com/Society_and_Culture/issues_and_causes/

Site ranks links to particular topics by popularity or alphabetical if chosen. Breaks down each topic by categories that include opposing and supporting links. For example death penalty has 6 categories: death row, execution methods, juvenile death penalty, opposing views, support views and web directories.

10. **Baltimore County Public Library** <http://www.bcpl.net/~sullivan/modules/stand/intro/issues.html>

Divides controversial topics by category such as: educational issues, science and health issues, legal and political issues, animal issues and media issues. Each particular topic contains several links with a few links dedicated to both sides.

Image links:

Controversial Issues Map: <http://www.muslimtents.com/missionislam/islam/eonissug/eonissughd.JPG>

Law Balance: <http://wzathgrwatchservice.com/images/balance.gif>

Hot topics: http://www.adultelothdiaper.com/images/nexternal/community/hot_issues.jpg

