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A good source for finding ideas for contemporary social, political & economic issues, includes background information about each issue. To get ideas for topics, select Browse By Date and then look at reports from the last several years to get some ideas.

[Issues & Controversies](#)

This database offers in-depth investigations of today's top issues. It provides an A-Z list of topics, a list of issues with pro and con arguments (this is a great feature) and a broad subject index. Give this database a look, if you need ideas for a topic or if you need information about that topic.

[ProCon.Org](#)

This is a great site to give you some ideas of current topics, how to put those topics into a research question and find some information about the topics.

[Public Agenda Online](#)

A great source for discovering and analyzing public opinion on a current topic. Each Guide contains an overview of the issue and background data including statistics from major public opinion polls in easy to understand graphs.

More Ideas for Topics

[Stateline.org](#)

Use this source to browse current news stories to generate research ideas. You can search this resource by individual state or on a national level.

[Open Democracy](#)

Look at the Themes section of this site - browse the different issues within each broad theme.

[Santa Ana College's Controversial Issues](#)





[St. Ambrose University's Hot Paper Topics](#)

These are two sites that list some current controversial or hot paper topic issues with links to websites that inform about these issues. These are other place to look for ideas for topics.

[American Rhetoric](#)

This sites has links to Top 100 Speeches, Movie Speeches, the Rhetoric of 9-11 and more.

[Representative American Speeches](#)

These volumes have important speeches from the late 1930s to the present. Reading some of the speeches or just reading the titles of them might give you ideas for a topic. You would have to come into the library and find the volumes, in order to browse them.

[99 Jumpstarts to research : topic guides for finding information on current issues](#)

This electronic book is a good source for getting ideas for a topic. Just select the preview option and look through the table of contents to get topic ideas.

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