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Links to sites about current issues.

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The Brookings Institution is a nonpartisan organization that conducts research on public policy. The site contains analysis and commentary on many issues.

[CRS Reports](#)

"The Congressional Research Service is the public policy research arm of Congress." This University of North Texas Libraries site makes some of the CRS reports available to the general public.

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Links to Controversial Issues under "Applied Ethics".

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Timely news and facts from around the world on diseases such as HIV/AIDS, TB, and malaria as well as programs, funding, health workforce, demography & population, and income & the economy.

[Internet Public Library \(IPL\)](#)

Links to over 40 social issue/social welfare websites, most of which are associations for specific causes/issues. Also links to IPL sub-pages for animal rights, crime, disabilities, housing/poverty, human rights, hunger, literacy, philanthropy/social service, public safety, and social work.

[National Issues](#)

A non-partisan, issue-oriented research web site that provides information on the major issues facing our nation today.

[Social Issues](#)

A collection of websites on social issues compiled by Multnomah County Library.

[U.S. News & World Report](#)

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Pro-Con Websites

[ProCon.org](#)

ProCon.org is a non-profit education web site that pulls together excerpts of arguments on both sides of controversial issues. Overviews of issues, key questions, and links or references to the sources are included. Sources are rated for credibility.

[You Debate](#)

Source for pro and con debates on controversial issues.

Public Opinion Websites

[The Gallup Organization](#)

This web site includes the results of opinion polls conducted in the United States. Much of the information is free, but there is also a premium subscription area.

[The Polling Report](#)

An independent, nonpartisan resource on trends in American public opinion.

[Public Agenda](#)

Public Agenda provides unbiased and unparalleled research that bridges the gap between American leaders and what the public really thinks about issues ranging from education to foreign policy to immigration to religion and civility in American life.

Science & Technology Websites

[NewScientist.com](#)

For a wide-variety of scientific topics in the news, you can find articles and links to other resources

[Science in the Headlines](#)

From the National Academies. Check the ARCHIVES for back issues.

Statistics and Government Information Websites

[Fedstats](#)

Links to statistics from over 100 U.S. federal agencies.

[GPO Access](#)

Provides access to U.S. Government documents.

[Homeland Security](#)

Official site for the Department of Homeland Security.

[HotDocs:Government Documents in the News](#)

From Columbia University Libraries. "Full Text documents or reports on major governmental activities." A little out of date. The last entry is from a year ago.

[Public Policy Issues and Groups](#)

Covers many issues and included links for government sites, indexes and directories, interest-group and other political sites, news and media coverage, research centers and other educational sites, and statistics.

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