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Reference and Book Resources

Library resources can help you:

- Develop your resolution
- Understand specialized vocabulary
- Provide information on organizations related to your resolution
- Provide background on scholarship related to your resolution

Contemporary World Issues Series

This series covers a variety of current issues and includes resources, timelines and legislation. Search the library catalog using a KEYWORD search to identify and locate individual titles.

Example: "contemporary world issues" (phrase in quotes) AND your topic (no quotes necessary).

Note: Some of the books in this series are in the reference area, non-circulating, and some are available for check-out.

Opposing Viewpoints Series

This **circulating** series is similar to Contemporary World Issues. Each book tackles both sides of a specific issue. Search the library catalog (Keyword Search) to identify and locate individual titles.

Example: "opposing viewpoints" (in quotes!) AND *your topic* (no need for quotation marks).

Two particularly helpful book sets in the Reference Area (non-circulating):

Encyclopedia of applied ethics - Ruth Chadwick

Call Number: Haggard 2 -Reference BJ63 .E446 1998

This is an invaluable resource to explore the broad concepts of particular issues. Each entry includes vocabulary, summaries of multiple perspectives and a bibliography.

Encyclopedia of associations

This is a directory of organizations, associations and institutions in the United States and internationally. The directory includes contact information, budget, membership information, publications, and a description of activities and policies.

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- [Access World News: United States](#) ⓘ
Access World News provides extensive coverage at local, state, regional, national and international levels. This fully searchable Web-based resource features the vast majority of U.S. newspapers by circulation, along with almost one thousand local and regional titles, the majority of which are unavailable elsewhere. Access World News offers over a thousand international news sources from scores of countries on six continents, translated into English when written in other languages.
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- [Ethnic Newswatch and ENW: a History](#) ⓘ
Ethnic NewsWatch is an interdisciplinary, bilingual (English and Spanish) and comprehensive full text database of the newspapers, magazines and journals of the ethnic, minority and native press. Designed to provide the "other side of the story," ENW titles offer additional viewpoints from those proffered by the mainstream press. Coverage begins in 1990. Included is Ethnic NewsWatch: a History, with retrospective coverage from 1960-1989. 2 Simultaneous Users.
- [PAIS \(Public Affairs Information Service\)](#) ⓘ
PAIS contains over 400,000 citations and abstracts of journal articles, books, book chapters, conference proceedings, government documents, and statistical directories. Site License.
- [EBSCO \(All Databases\)](#) ⓘ
EBSCO (All Databases) is a combination of Academic Search Complete (a scholarly, multi-disciplinary database, with more than 10,000 journals, with more than 5,500 full-text periodicals, including more than 4,600 peer-reviewed journals) and Business Source Complete (a full-text index to journals in business, management, marketing, etc.)

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- [Google U.S. Government Search \(Google Uncle Sam\)](#)
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