



# Controversial Topics

## GETTING STARTED

<p><u><i>Congressional Digest</i></u> Per JK1 C65 Congressional Digest Inc. Each issue of this periodical features an issue debated in Congress. Use the cumulative index located in each volume to locate a topic. 1921-present. Also available online through <i>Academic Search Premier</i>.*</p>
<p><u><i>Contemporary World Issues series</i></u> Do a title search in the Library Catalog: Contemporary World Issues There are over 30 titles in this series exploring contemporary topics.</p>
<p><u><i>CQ Researcher</i></u> * 1991-present This publication explores a single "hot issue" in depth every week with objectivity and balance. Includes a pro-con feature, opinion polls, and other hard data.</p>
<p><u><i>Encyclopedia of Applied Ethics</i></u> REF BJ63 .E44, v.1-4 This encyclopedia takes numerous topics and examines the ethical issues surrounding them.</p>
<p><u><i>Encyclopedia of Bioethics</i></u> REF QH 332 .E52 2004, v.1-15 This source primarily deals with ethical issues in the health sciences.</p>

\*These online resources are available on campus and remotely with an SSO ID & password. Access via the Libraries' home page, under Databases.

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## STATISTICS/PUBLIC OPINION POLLS

<p><u><i>Gallup Poll Online</i></u> <a href="http://www.gallup.com">http://www.gallup.com</a> Gallup has been the leader in the measurement &amp; analysis of attitudes &amp; opinions. Some articles are free. (Gallup Poll on Demand full text is a paid subscription and UMSL does not subscribe.)</p>
<p><u><i>Harris Poll</i></u> <a href="http://www.harrisinteractive.com/harris_poll">http://www.harrisinteractive.com/harris_poll</a> Search or browse by date the Harris Poll Library from the right sidebar.</p>
<p><u><i>LexisNexis™ Academic</i></u> * Click on Reference from the left sidebar; then choose Polls &amp; Surveys link. Results default to the previous six months. You may want to expand the coverage.</p>
<p><u><i>Polling the Nations</i></u> * Comprehensive collection of public opinion from U.S. &amp; over 80 countries. Full text of questions &amp; responses covering a broad range of topics. Includes a glossary and history of polling. 1981-present.</p>
<p><u><i>PollingReport.com</i></u> <a href="http://www.pollingreport.com">http://www.pollingreport.com</a> An independent, nonpartisan resource on trends in American public opinion.</p>
<p><u><i>Social Statistics Briefing Room</i></u> <a href="http://www.whitehouse.gov/fsbr/ssbr.html">http://www.whitehouse.gov/fsbr/ssbr.html</a></p>
<p><u><i>Statistical Resources on the Web</i></u> <a href="http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/stats.html">http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/stats.html</a> Indexes a wide variety of topics/categories. Provided by University of Michigan's Documents Center.</p>
<p><u><i>Worldwide Political Sciences Abstracts</i></u> * SEARCH TIP: From the Advanced Search screen, type in your topic or issue in the first box, and poll* in the box beneath it. Or put survey*. These will include poll, polls, polling, and surveys. Click on search.</p>

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## SELECTED INTERNET SITES

<p><u><i>Ethics Updates</i></u>  <a href="http://ethics.sandiego.edu">http://ethics.sandiego.edu</a>            Provides updates on current popular &amp; professional literature on ethics. Maintained by Lawrence Hinman, University of San Diego</p>
<p><u><i>Google Society—Issues</i></u>  <a href="http://directory.google.com/Top/Society/Issues/">http://directory.google.com/Top/Society/Issues/</a>            Links to Internet sites about current issues and controversial topics</p>
<p><u><i>Hot Paper Topics</i></u>  <a href="http://library.sau.edu/bestinfo/Hot/hotindex.htm">http://library.sau.edu/bestinfo/Hot/hotindex.htm</a>            Excellent links to objective information on controversial issues. Index is maintained by St. Ambrose University.</p>
<p><u><i>Issues and Causes</i></u>  <a href="http://dir.yahoo.com/Society_and_Culture/Issues_and_Causes/">http://dir.yahoo.com/Society_and_Culture/Issues_and_Causes/</a>            Links to Internet sites about current issues and controversial topics</p>
<p><u><i>Pew Research Center for the People and the Press</i></u>  <a href="http://people-press.org/">http://people-press.org/</a>            An independent opinion research group that studies attitudes toward the press, politics and public policy</p>
<p><u><i>Procon.org</i></u>  <a href="http://www.procon.org">http://www.procon.org</a>            Provides pro/con positions on many controversial issues</p>
<p><u><i>Public Agenda Online</i></u>  <a href="http://www.publicagenda.org">http://www.publicagenda.org</a>            Digest of news, research, legislation, and public opinions on issues.</p>
<p><u><i>The Washington Post Data Directory</i></u>  <a href="http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/politics/polls/datadir.htm">http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/politics/polls/datadir.htm</a>            Guide to public opinion published on the Internet by nonpartisan organizations.</p>

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## INDEXES & ABSTRACTS

<p><u><i>Academic OneFile*</i></u>            Cross-disciplinary. Full text for many articles.            SEARCH TIP: Click on Advanced Search. Type in your search terms, then scroll down to the box By Document Type and select Editorial from the drop-down box.</p>
<p><u><i>Academic Search Premier *</i></u>            Cross-disciplinary. Full text for many articles.            SEARCH TIP: Click on Advanced Search. Type in your search terms, then scroll down to the box Document Type and select Editorials from the drop-down box. Hit &lt;enter&gt; or scroll back up to the top of the page and click on Search.</p>
<p><u><i>Contemporary Women's Issues</i></u>            Abstracts. Available in the Libraries only.</p>
<p><u><i>LexisNexis™ Academic</i></u> Tip: If you are looking for an editorial in a newspaper such as the New York Times, you may find the following search example helpful to make sure you only get editorials only. Iraq should be replaced with whatever search topic you are searching:             Iraq and section(editorial) and not section(letters or op-ed) and not "to the editor"</p>
<p><u><i>PAIS International</i></u>            Abstracts. Primarily useful for U.S., U.K., and French opinion polls.</p>
<p><u><i>Sociological Abstracts *</i></u>            Abstracts. Index to a wide array of topics.</p>

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