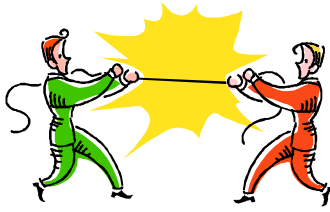


Controversial Social Issues



Springville High School Research Pathfinder

TASK DEFINITION:

Social issues tend to be provocative or controversial and invite further discussion and exploration. This research paper provides an opportunity for you to further investigate a social problem or issue that is controversial, as well as interesting to you. You will research both sides of the issue or problem, analyze and synthesize the information, then take a side which you will defend in your research paper, supporting your opinion with the information you've researched.

You will use MLA format for in-text documentation and for your works cited page.

BACKGROUND SOURCES: This is where you start your research

These sources will give you an overview of your topic, a list of authorities in the field and their works, and provide you with the keywords you will need to research your topic.

GENERAL ENCYCLOPEDIAS – NOT included in your works cited as they are general knowledge, not research

Americana **Ref 031 AME**
Encyclopedia Britannica **Ref 031 BRI**
World Book **Ref 031 WOR**
[World Book Online Reference Center](#)

SPECIALIZED ENCYCLOPEDIAS

Civil Rights in America **Ref 323.0973 SIG**
Criminal Justice **Ref 345.73 CRI**
Death Penalty **Ref 364.66 MIT**
Encyclopedia of American Civil rights and Liberties **Ref 342.7308 ENC**
Encyclopedia of Crime and Justice **Ref 364.03 ENC**
Encyclopedia of Privacy **Ref 323.44 ENC**
Encyclopedia of Science Technology and Ethics **Ref 503.22 ENC**
Violence in America **Ref 303.6 VIO**
Women's Rights on Trial **Ref 346.7301 FRO**

MASS MARKET PUBLICATIONS

Daily Newspapers – **SHS magazine reading area**
Salt Lake Tribune Provo Daily Herald
Deseret News Springville Herald
[Deseret New Archives](#)
[Salt Lake Tribune](#) – Daily online version
News magazines – **SHS magazine reading area**
[EBSCO MasterFILE Premier](#) – Magazine and newspaper articles

[EBSCO MAS Ultra School Edition](#) – Magazine articles
[EBSCO Newspaper Source](#) – Newspaper articles

RESEARCH SOURCES: Now you're ready to start your research.

BOOKS: to access the **ONLINE CATALOG** – type in the URL - lib.nebo.edu

Using the online catalog - do an EVERYTHING [keyword] search for your topic to find non-fiction books in the circulating collection.

Browse the 300's in the non-fiction book section of the library - check for your topic in the index and the table of contents.

DATABASES: indexes full text newspapers, magazines and journals

Using the SHS Library web page, search the following online databases. These databases are available from home. See Mrs. Rabner for usernames and passwords.

[SIRS Knowledge Source](#) - Leading Issues - collections of SIRS articles on hot topics.

[CQ Researcher](#) - Lengthy articles on the most current and controversial topics of the day, include pro/con, chronologies, and comprehensive overviews.

[EBSCO Academic Search Premier](#) - Magazine and newspaper articles.

WEB SITES:

- *About.com* - <http://crime.about.com/> - issues on crime and punishment
- *CNN In-Depth Specials* <http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/>
- *Documents in the News* <http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/docnewsnew.html>
- *Electronic Policy Network: idea Central* <http://www.movingideas.org/>
- *Frontline Issues* <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/>
- *Google Social Issues* <http://directory.google.com/Top/Society/Issues/>
- *Headline Spot* <http://headlinespot.com>
- *Hot Topics: Terrorist Attacks on the U.S., September 11, 2001*
<http://www.evergreen.edu/user/library/govdocs/hotopics/index.html>
- *Human Rights Watch* <http://www.hrw.org/>
- *Public Agenda online* <http://www.publicagenda.org/> - An nonpartisan, nonprofit public opinion research and citizen education organization
- *Internet Public Library – Social Issues and Social Welfare* - The relationship and responsibilities of societies, especially political entities, to their members.
<http://www.ipl.org/div/subject/browse/soc80.00.00/>
- *International Affairs Resources* <http://www.etown.edu/vl/>
- *Jurist Legal News and Research* <http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/>
- *Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory ELSI Project* - Science-based issues
<http://www.lbl.gov/Education/ELSI/ELSI.html>
- *MagPortal.com* <http://www.magportal.com/c/soc/> - Free magazine index
- *Michigan Electronic Library Social Issues* <http://web.mel.org/viewtopic.jsp?id=55>
- *National Issues.com* <http://nationalissues.com/>
- *OneWorld.net* <http://www.oneworld.net/> - Bring together the latest news and views from over 1,600 organizations promoting human rights awareness and fighting poverty worldwide
- *Open Directory: Issues* <http://dmoz.org/Society/Issues/>
- *Politics1.com: Directory of Political Debates and Issues* <http://www.politics1.com/issues.htm>
- *Polling Report* <http://www.pollingreport.com/issues.htm>
- *Public Education Network* <http://www.penpress.org/>
- *Social Issues* <http://www.multnomah.lib.or.us/lib/homework/sochc.html>
- *Social Issues Resource Center* <http://www.sirc.org/>
- *United States Department of Health & Human Services – Reports of the surgeon General* -
<http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/library/reports.htm>