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**When to Use Issues and Controversies**

- You are doing a speech or paper on a controversial or current topic.
- You are looking for statistics or graphs to incorporate into your research.
- You see something in the news and want a comprehensive explanation of all aspects of the issue.
- You are looking for ideas for a research paper or speech.

**Searching Issues and Controversies**

Once you have connected to the library’s web page click on the link for *Find Articles*, scroll down the page until you see the *Current Events, History, Pro/Con Discussions* subheading and then click on the link for *Issues and Controversies*.

Type your search term in the *Search* box and click on the *Go* button to run your search.

Your search results will be displayed and listed with the most relevant records first.

Click on the record title to view the featured article on that topic or, click on a tab to see other types of information about your search topic.

If you wish to see an alphabetical listing of all topics covered in this database click on the *ACCESS ALL TOPICS* link from the Issues and Controversies homepage (near the right side of the screen above the special features area).
Subject Index

A list of all Issues and Controversies arranged by subject area can be found in the Subject Index box near the left hand side of the Issues and Controversies homepage.

Need a Research Topic?

If you are looking for ideas for a paper or speech, take a look at the Need a Research Topic list at the bottom of the Issues and Controversies homepage. These suggestions are issues currently in the news or often debated topics.

Special Features

This database also includes a variety of special features for researchers. The special features are located on bottom left of the Issues and Controversies homepage. Below is an explanation of some of the most helpful:

- **By the Numbers** – Click on this line for statistical information about current topics arranged alphabetically by subject.

- **Groups to Contact** – This is a list of organizations and their contact information that may be able to provide you with more information on a topic.

- **Newspaper Editorials** - To see selected newspaper editorials and cartoons, click on the Newspaper Editorials line and you be taken to a subject list of the editorials.

- **Source Documents** – Issues and Controversies offers historical documents (such as landmark Supreme Court decisions or the Declaration of Independence) for viewing. Click on this link to see a listing of documents arranged by title or date.

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