



Schenectady County Community College
Begley Library and Instructional Technology Center

HOW TO FIND INFORMATION ON CURRENT EVENTS AND CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES

I. FIND ARTICLES

Select these links from the library's homepage:

Find Articles

Databases by Subject

Current Events/Controversial Issues

Some great databases to search are:

Opposing Viewpoints (Gale)
Academic Search Premier (EBSCO)
CQ Researcher

TOPICSearch (EBSCO)
Lexis Nexis Academic
MasterFILE Premier (EBSCO)

II. FIND BOOKS

Some books that the library has on current events and controversial issues are listed below. The list is sorted by topic and includes the call numbers and locations where you may find the books.

AIDS Disease

AIDS (Opposing Viewpoints)
AIDS and the Ecology of Poverty

RA644.A25 A35 (1st floor)
RA643.8 .S75 2006 (1st floor)

Abortion

The Abortion Controversy
Who Decides: The Abortion Rights of Teens
Problems of Death (Opposing Viewpoints)
Abortion (Opposing Viewpoints)

HQ767.15 .A274 (2nd floor)
KF9315 .E36 (2nd floor)
HQ1073.5 .U6 P76 (2nd floor)
HQ767.15 .A23 (2nd floor)

Adoption

Adoption (Social Issues Firsthand)
Adoption (Opposing Viewpoints)
Issues in Adoption (Current Controversies)
Nobody's Children: Abuse and Neglect ... and the Adoption Alternative

HV875 .A316 (2nd floor)
HV875 .A3185 (2nd floor)
HV875.55 .I87 (2nd floor)
HV741 .B315 (2nd floor)

Affirmative Action (See also **Discrimination**)

Affirmative Action is Dead: Long Live Affirmative Action

HF5549.5.A34 C76 (2nd floor)

Alcohol & Substance Abuse (See also **Anabolic Steroids**)

<i>Alcohol (Introducing Issues w/ Opposing Viewpoints)</i>	HV5292 .A379 (2nd floor)
<i>Alcohol (Opposing Viewpoints)</i>	HV5066 .A39 (2nd floor)
<i>Does Advertising Promote Substance Abuse (At Issue)</i>	HV5135 .D54 (2nd floor)
<i>Teen Addiction (Contemporary Issues Companion)</i>	HV4999.Y68 T452 (2nd floor)
<i>Teens at Risk (Opposing Viewpoints)</i>	HV1431 .T44 2003 (2nd floor)
<i>Teen Drug Abuse (Opposing Viewpoints)</i>	HV5824.Y68 T439 (2nd floor)
<i>Drug Abuse (Opposing Viewpoints)</i>	HV5801 .D7236 (2nd floor)
<i>War on Drugs (Opposing Viewpoints)</i>	HV5825 .W381285 (2nd floor)
<i>Alcohol (Opposing Viewpoints)</i>	HV5035 .A459 (2nd floor)
<i>Marijuana (Opposing Viewpoints)</i>	HV5822.M3 M266 (2nd floor)
<i>Legalizing Marijuana</i>	HV5822.M3 G47 (2nd floor)
<i>Legalizing Drugs (At Issue)</i>	HV5825 .L4394 (2nd floor)
<i>Drug Legalization (Current Controversies)</i>	HV5825 .D77663 (2nd floor)
<i>Prescription Drugs (At Issue)</i>	RM301.15 .P734 (1st floor)
<i>Are Americans Overmedicated? (At Issue)</i>	RM301.17 .A74 (1st floor)

Alternative Energy/Conserving the Environment (See also **Global Warming**)

<i>Will the World Run Out of Fresh Water? (At Issue)</i>	TD348 .W54 (1st floor)
<i>Alternative Energy Sources (Current Controversies)</i>	TJ808 .A48 (1st floor)
<i>Energy Alternatives (Opposing Viewpoints)</i>	TJ808.2 .E628 (1st floor)
<i>Conserving the Environment (Opposing Viewpoints)</i>	TD170.3 .C66 (1st floor)
<i>Humanity's Future (Opposing Viewpoints)</i>	T14.5 .H865 (1st floor)
<i>Oil (Opposing Viewpoints)</i>	HD9565 .O55 (2nd floor)
<i>America in the Twenty-First Century (Opposing Viewpoints)</i>	HC110.E5 A645 (2nd floor)
<i>Cars in America (Opposing Viewpoints)</i>	TL23 .C3655 (1st floor)
<i>Garbage and Recycling (Opposing Viewpoints)</i>	TD791 .G37 (1st floor)
<i>The Long Emergency : Surviving the End of Oil, Climate Change, and Other Converging Catastrophes</i>	TP355 .K86 (1st floor)

American Politics & Government (See **Politics & Government**)

American Society

<i>Is the American Dream a Myth? (At Issue)</i>	HN59.2 .I79 (2nd floor)
<i>Are America's Wealthy too Powerful? (At Issue)</i>	HC110.W4 A73 (2nd floor)
<i>Is American Society Too Materialistic? (At Issue)</i>	HC110.C6 I79 (2nd floor)
<i>Are Chain Stores Ruining America? (At Issue)</i>	HF5468 .A74 (2nd floor)
<i>America in the Twenty-First Century (Opposing Viewpoints)</i>	HC110.E5 A645 (2nd floor)

Anabolic Steroids

<i>Steroids (At Issue)</i>	RC1230 .S73 (1st floor)
<i>Dunks, Doubles, Doping: How Steroids are Killing</i>	RC1230 .J46 (1st floor)

Animal Experimentation

<i>Animal Experimentation (Opposing Viewpoints)</i>	HV4915 .A635 (2nd floor)
<i>Without a Tear: Our Tragic Relationship with Animals</i>	HV4708 .B47 (2nd floor)

Biological Warfare (Includes **Weapons of Mass Destruction**)

<i>Biological Warfare (Opposing Viewpoints)</i>	UG447.8 .B5653 (1st floor)
<i>Weapons of Mass Destruction (Current Controversies)</i>	U793 .W426 (1st floor)
<i>Humanity's Future (Opposing Viewpoints)</i>	T14.5 .H865 (1st floor)
<i>Weapons of Mass Destruction (Opposing Viewpoints)</i>	U793 .W43277 (1st floor)

Biomedical Ethics

Biomedical Ethics (Opposing Viewpoints)
Biomedical Ethics (Opposing Viewpoints)

R724 .B492 (1st floor)
R724 .B4912 (1st floor)

Capital Punishment

The Top Ten Death Penalty Myths
The Death Penalty (Opposing Viewpoints)
Problems of Death (Opposing Viewpoints)
Dead Wrong: ... the Victims of Capital Punishment

HV8699.U5 G47 (2nd floor)
HV8694 .D3814 (2nd floor)
HQ1073.5 .U6 P76 (2nd floor)
HV8699.U5 S48 (2nd floor)

Child Abuse (See also **Child Labor**)

Child Abuse (Contemporary Issues Companion)
Child Abuse (Opposing Viewpoints)
Child Sexual Abuse (At Issue)
Perversion of Power: Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Church

HV6626.52 .C54 (2nd floor)
HV6626.52 .C55 (2nd floor)
HV6570.2 .C55 (2nd floor)
BX1912.9 .F74 (2nd floor)

Child Labor

Child Labor and Sweatshops (At Issue)
Child Labor and Human Rights: Making Children Matter

HD6231 .C455 (2nd floor)
HD6231 .C454 (2nd floor)

Cloning (See also **Stem Cells**)

Cloning (Opposing Viewpoints)
God and the Embryo: Religious Voices on Stem Cells and Cloning

QH442.2 .C5644 (1st floor)
QH442.2 .G63 (1st floor)

Cosmetic Surgery

Cosmetic Surgery (At Issue)
Flesh Wounds: The Culture of Cosmetic Surgery

HM636 .C68 (2nd floor)
RD119 .B58 (1st floor)

Cults

Are Cults a Serious Threat? (At Issue)
Cults (Contemporary Issues Companion)

BP603 .A74 (2nd floor)
BP603 .C84 (2nd floor)

Culture Wars

Culture Wars
All Shook Up: How Rock 'N Roll Changed America
The Discourse of Character Education: Culture Wars in the Classroom
Whose America?: Culture Wars in the Public Schools
Culture Wars (Opposing Viewpoints)

HN59.2 .C85 (2nd floor)
ML3534 .A465 (2nd floor)
LC311 .S549 (2nd floor)
LC191.4 .Z56 (2nd floor)
HN59.2 .C85 (2nd floor)

Death Penalty (See **Capital Punishment**)

Diets

Can Diets be Harmful?

RM222.2 .C2754 (1st floor)

Discrimination (See also **Hate Crimes/Affirmative Action**)

Discrimination (Opposing Viewpoints)
Racial Discrimination (Issues on Trial)
Racial Profiling (At Issue)
Profiles in Injustice: Why Racial Profiling Cannot Work
The Economic Emergence of Women
Cult of Power: Sex Discrimination in Corporate America

JC599.U5 D57 (2nd floor)
KF4755.A7 R35 (2nd floor)
HV7936.R3 R325 (2nd floor)
HV8141 .H298 (2nd floor)
HQ1426 .B429 (2nd floor)
HQ1426 .B845 (2nd floor)

Divorce

Divorce (Contemporary Issues Companion)
Divorce: Causes and Consequences

HQ814 .D583 (2nd floor)
HQ814 .C55 (2nd floor)

Domestic Violence (See [Violence](#))

Draft, Military

Military Draft (History of Issues)
U.S. Military Service

UB323 .M536 (1st floor)
UB323 .W358 (1st floor)

Eating Disorders (Includes [Body Image](#))

Eating Disorders (Perspectives on Diseases and Disorders)
Eating Disorders (Opposing Viewpoints)
Anorexia (At Issue)
The Cult of Thinness
*Locker Room Diaries: The Naked Truth about Women,
Body Image, and Re-Imagining the "Perfect" Body*
The Truth about Eating Disorders
The Body Myth: Adult Women and the Pressure to be Perfect

RC552.E18 E28211312 (1st floor)
RC552.E18 E2821133 (1st floor)
RC552.A5 A5472 (1st floor)
BF697.5.B63 H47 (2nd floor)
HQ1206 .G723 (2nd floor)
RC552.E18 T78 (1st floor)
RC552 .E18 M32 (1st floor)

Endangered Species

Endangered Species (Opposing Viewpoints)

QQH75 .E665 (1st floor)

Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide (See also [Suicide](#))

Physician-Assisted Suicide (At Issue)
Euthanasia (Opposing Viewpoints)
Unplugged: Reclaiming Our Right to Die in America
Euthanasia, Choice and Death (Contemporary Ethical Debates)
Aiming to Kill: The Ethics of Suicide and Euthanasia
*Life and Death Decisions: Psychological and Ethical
Considerations in End-of-Life Care*

R726 .P4924 (1st floor)
R726 .E5822 (1st floor)
R726 .C637 (1st floor)
R726 .T85 (1st floor)
R726 .B47 (1st floor)
R726.8. K565 (1st floor)

Gambling

Governing Fortune: Casino Gambling in America
Gambling: Who Wins ? Who Loses?
Gambling: Examining Pop Culture
Gambling: What's at Stake

HV6711 .M67 (2nd floor)
GV1301 .G33 (2nd floor)
HV6715 .G285 (2nd floor)
HV6715 .E92 (2nd floor)

Gang Violence (See [Violence](#))

Genetic Engineering

*The Matrix: Charting an Ethics of Inheritable
Genetic Modification*
Genetic Engineering (Opposing Viewpoints)
Genetic Engineering
Engineering the Farm: Ethical and Social Aspects
*Eat Your Genes: How Genetically Modified Food is
Entering Our Diet*
*Genetically Modified Foods: Debating Biotechnology
Science, Seeds and Cyborgs*

QH438.7 .C665 (1st floor)
QH442 .G4432 (1st floor)
QH442. H49 (1st floor)
S494.5.G44 E54 (1st floor)
TP248.65.F66 N67 (1st floor)
TP248.65.F66 G458 (1st floor)
TP248.6 .B695 (1st floor)

Global Warming (See also **Alternative Energy**)

Is Global Warming a Threat? (At Issue)

Global Resources

Global Warming (Opposing Viewpoints)

An Inconvenient Truth: The Planetary Emergency of

Global Warming and What We Can Do about It

Kicking the Carbon Habit: Global Warming and the

Case for Renewable and Nuclear Energy

QC981.8.G56 I775 (1st floor)

HC85 .G58 (2nd floor)

QC981.8.G56 G574 (1st floor)

QC981.8. G56 G67 (1st floor)

TJ808 .S87 (1st floor)

Guns

Gun Violence (Opposing Viewpoints)

The Global Gun Epidemic

Gun Control and Gun Rights

Gun Control

HV7436 .G875 (2nd floor)

HV7435 .C85 (2nd floor)

HV7436 .C76 (2nd floor)

KF3942.H3 G86 (2nd floor)

Hate Crimes

Hate Crimes (Current Controversies)

Hate Groups (Opposing Viewpoints)

Hate Crimes

HV6773.5 H38 (2nd floor)

HV6773.52 .H37 (2nd floor)

HV6773.52 .S768 (2nd floor)

Healthcare

Healthcare (Current Controversies)

Poor Families in America's Health Care Crisis

Uninsured in America

Medicine (Opposing Viewpoints)

RA777 .H384 (1st floor)

RA418.5.P6 A58 (1st floor)

RA413.7.U53 S47 (1st floor)

R130.5 .M43 (1st floor)

Homelessness

The Homeless

HV4505 .H654 (2nd floor)

Homosexuality (See also **Same Sex Marriage**)

Gays and Lesbians (Contemporary Issues Companion)

Homosexuality (Current Controversies)

Homosexuality (Opposing Viewpoints)

HQ76.3.U5 G3945 (2nd floor)

HQ76.25 .H6739 (2nd floor)

HQ76.3.U5 H6443 (2nd floor)

Human Rights (See also **Child Labor/Prostitution and Trafficking**)

Human Rights Worldwide

Human Rights

When Welfare Disappears: the Case for Economic Human Rights

JC571 .K23 (2nd floor)

JC571 .C596 (2nd floor)

HV91 .N443 (2nd floor)

Hunger

World Hunger

World Hunger

HD9000.5 .W656 (2nd floor)

HC79.F3 W65 (2nd floor)

Illegal Immigration

Illegal Immigration (Opposing Viewpoints)

What Rights Should Illegal Immigrants Have? (At Issue)

JV6483 .I52 (2nd floor)

KF4819 .W53 (2nd floor)

Interracial Relationships

Interracial America (Opposing Viewpoints)

Interracial Relationships

E184.A1 I593 (2nd floor)

HQ801.8 .I68 (2nd floor)

Iraq/Iran (See **Politics & Government**)

Juvenile Crime (See **Violence**)

Media Violence (See *Violence*)

National Security (See *Terrorism*)

Natural Disasters

How Should the World Respond to Natural Disasters (At Issue) GB5030 .H69 (2nd floor)
Hurricane Katrina (At Issue) HV551.4.G85 H36 (2nd floor)
The Edge of Disaster: Rebuilding a Resilient Nation HV551.3 .F62 (2nd floor)
The Next Catastrophe: Reducing our Vulnerabilities to Natural, Industrial, and Terrorist Disasters HV551.3 .P45 (2nd floor)

Obesity

Obesity (Perspectives on Diseases) RC628 .O218 (1st floor)
Obesity (Opposing Viewpoints) RC628 .O289 (1st floor)
Fat Politics: The Real Story Behind America's Obesity Epidemic RA645.O23 O45 (1st floor)
Teen Obesity RJ399.C6 F53 (1st floor)

Police Brutality

Police Brutality (Opposing Viewpoints) HV8141 .P565 (2nd floor)

Pornography

Online Pornography (Opposing Viewpoints) HQ471 .O55 (2nd floor)
Youth, Pornography and the Internet HQ799.2.I5 Y68 (2nd floor)
Defending Pornography HQ472.U6 S87 (2nd floor)

Politics and Government

Media Power in Politics HN90.M3 M43 (2nd floor)
CIA (At Issue) JK468.I6 C23 (2nd floor)
America's Global Influence (Opposing Viewpoints) JZ1480 .A98 (2nd floor)
What Limits Should be Placed on Presidential Powers KF5053 .W43 (2nd floor)
Is the Political Divide Harming America HN90.P57 I8 (2nd floor)
Does Outsourcing Harm America? HD2365 .D64 (2nd floor)
Can Democracy Succeed in the Middle East? JQ1758.A91 C36 (2nd floor)
Are American Elections Fair? JK1976 .A83 (2nd floor)
The Presidential Election Process JK521 .P69 (2nd floor)
Can Democracy Succeed in the Middle East JQ1758.A91 C36 (2nd floor)
The Middle East (Opposing Viewpoints) HM1121 .M53 (2nd floor)
Iraq (Opposing Viewpoints) DS79.76 .I726 (2nd floor)
Iran (Opposing Viewpoints) DS318.9 .I725 (2nd floor)

Poverty

Poverty (Opposing Viewpoints) HC110.P6 P63 (2nd floor)
The White Man's Burden : Why the West's Efforts to Aid the Rest Have Done So Much Ill and So Little Good HC59.7 .E22 (2nd floor)
One Nation, Underprivileged: Why American Poverty Affects Us All HV91 .R363 (2nd floor)
Ordinary Poverty: a Little Food and Cold Storage HC110.P6 D54 (2nd floor)
The End of Poverty: Economic Possibilities for Our Time HC59.72.P6 S225 (2nd floor)

Pregnancy, Teenage (See also *Sex*)

Teenage Pregnancy and Parenting (Current Controversies Series) HQ759.4 .T43162 (2nd floor)

Prisons

America's Prisons (Opposing Viewpoints)
How Should Prisons Treat Inmates? (At Issue)
Alternatives to Prisons (At Issue)

HV9471 .A486 (2nd floor)
HV9471 .H68 (2nd floor)
HV9304 .A647 (2nd floor)

Privacy

Privacy Lost: How Technology is Endangering Your Privacy
Private Character in the Public Eye (At Issue)
Privacy (Opposing Viewpoints)
Are Privacy Rights Being Violated
The War on Privacy (At Issue)

JC596 .H64 (2nd floor)
JA79 .P783 (2nd floor)
JC596.2. U5 P75 (2nd floor)
KF1262 .A97 (2nd floor)
K3263 .K56 (2nd floor)

Prostitution and Trafficking

Prostitution (Contemporary Issues Companion)
Prostitution and Sex Trafficking (Opposing Viewpoints)
Trafficking and the Global Sex Industry

HQ111 .P6992 (2nd floor)
HQ115 .P76 (2nd floor)
HQ281 .T64 (2nd floor)

Racial Profiling (See **Discrimination**)

Religion

Do Religious Groups in America Experience Discrimination
How Does Religion Influence Politics (At Issue)
World Religion (Opposing Viewpoints)
Religion and Education (At Issue)

BL640 .D6 (2nd floor)
BR115.P7 H595 (2nd floor)
BL25 .W67 (2nd floor)
LC111 .R39 (2nd floor)

Reproductive Technologies

Reproductive Technologies
Reproductive Technology
Reproductive Issues in America

RG133.5 .R475 (1st floor)
RG133.5 .R469 (1st floor)
RG133.5 .M47 (1st floor)

Same Sex Marriage

Same-Sex Marriage
What is Marriage For?
Same-Sex Marriage: The Moral and Legal Debate
Gay Marriage and Democracy: Equality for All

HQ1033 .P47 (2nd floor)
HQ734 .G716 (2nd floor)
HQ76.3.U5 S33 (2nd floor)
HQ1034.U5 S58 (2nd floor)

School Violence (See **Violence**)

Sex (See also **Abortion/Pregnancy**, **Teenage**)

Teenage Sexuality (Opposing Viewpoints)
Teen Sex (At Issue)
Sex (Opposing Viewpoints)

HQ27 .T422 (2nd floor)
HQ27 .T387 (2nd floor)
HQ18.U5 S45 (2nd floor)

Sexually Transmitted Diseases

Sexually Transmitted Diseases

RA644.V4 S36794 (1st floor)

Stem Cells (See also **Cloning**)

Stem Cells (Opposing Viewpoints)
Human Embryo Experimentation (At Issue)
The Stem Cell Controversy: Debating the Issues
God and the Embryo: Religious Voices on Stem Cells and Cloning
Stem Cell Now

QH588.S83 S7448 (1st floor)
QH588.S83 H83 (1st floor)
QH587 .S723 (1st floor)

QH442.2 .G63 (1st floor)
QH588 .S83 S35 (1st floor)

Suicide (See also **Euthanasia**)

Suicide (Current Controversies)

Suicide (Opposing Viewpoints)

Problems of Death (Opposing Viewpoints)

Aiming to Kill: The Ethics of Suicide and Euthanasia

HV6545 .S8316 (2nd floor)

HV6545 .S814 (2nd floor)

HQ1073.5 .U6 P76 (2nd floor)

R726 .B47 (1st floor)

Technology & Society

Technology and Society (Opposing Viewpoints)

The Wireless Society (At Issue)

Privacy Lost: How Technology is Endangering Your Privacy

24/7: How Cell Phones and the Internet Change the

Way We Live, Work, and Play

The Wireless Society (At Issue)

T14.5 .T441678 (1st floor)

TK5105.78 .W6655 (1st floor)

JC596 .H64 (2nd floor)

HE9713 .H365 (2nd floor)

TK5105.78 .W6655 (1st floor)

Teen Sex (See **Sex/Pregnancy, Teenage**)

Terrorism & National Security

National Security (Opposing Viewpoints)

National Security (Opposing Viewpoints)

Terrorism (Opposing Viewpoints)

Rogue Nations (Opposing Viewpoints)

The CIA

Mass-Mediated Terrorism: The Central Role of the Media in Terrorism and Counterterrorism

UA927 .N38 (1st floor)

UA234 .N2476 (1st floor)

HV6431 .T4569 (2nd floor)

JZ5588 .R64 (2nd floor)

JK468.I6 C23 (2nd floor)

PN4784.T45 N35 (2nd floor)

Violence

Violence (Opposing Viewpoints)

How Can Gang Violence be Prevented (At Issue)

Gangs (Opposing Viewpoints)

Violence Against Women (Current Controversies floor)

Family Violence (Social Issues Firsthand)

How Can Domestic Violence be Prevented?

Battered Women

Youth Violence

School Crime and Juvenile Justice

Violence in America's Schools

Juvenile Crime (Opposing Viewpoints)

Handbook of Children, Culture, and Violence

Children Exposed to Violence

Murder is no Accident: Understanding and Preventing

Youth Violence in America

20 Questions About Youth & the Media

Is Media Violence a Problem?

Violent Video Game Effects

Media Violence

Media and Violence: Gendering the Debates

Violence in the Media and its Influence on Criminal Defense

Mass-Mediated Terrorism: The Central Role

of the Media in Terrorism and Counterterrorism

Fans, Bloggers, and Gamers: Exploring Participatory Culture

HM1116 .V52 (2nd floor)

HV6439.U5 H678 (2nd floor)

HV6349.U5 G364 (2nd floor)

HV6250.4.W65 V52233 (2nd floor)

HV6626.2 F357 (2nd floor)

HV6626.2 .H69 (2nd floor)

HV6626.2 .B275 (2nd floor)

HV9104 .Y687 (2nd floor)

LB3013.3 .L38 (2nd floor)

LB3013.32 .T46 (2nd floor)

HV9104 .J834 (2nd floor)

HQ784.V55 H34 (2nd floor)

HV6626.5 .C558 (2nd floor)

HQ799.2.V56 P76 (2nd floor)

HQ799.2.M35 A17 (2nd floor)

HQ784.M3 I8 (2nd floor)

HQ784 .V53 A53 (2nd floor)

P96.V5 M428 (2nd floor)

P96.V5 B69 (2nd floor)

P96.V5 C66 (2nd floor)

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Weapons of Mass Destruction (See **Biological Warfare**)

Youth Violence (See **Violence**)

III. HOW TO WRITE AN ARGUMENTATIVE PAPER: HELPFUL WEBSITES

http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/general/gl_argpers.html

http://www.dartmouth.edu/~writing/materials/student/ac_paper/logic.shtml

<http://www.powa.org/my/modules.php?name=Content&pa=showpage&pid=9>

<http://www.nutsandboltsguide.com/arguments.htm>

<http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/>

<http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/composition/argument.htm>

<http://www.rscclcc.tn.us/owl&writingcenter/OWL/Argument.html>