Social Issues

Reference encyclopedias where you can find information on social issues

- Encyclopedia of Bilingual Education REF LC 3707 .E52
- Encyclopedia of Global Religion REF BL 80.3 .E52
- Encyclopedia of Human Rights REF JC 571 .E672
- Encyclopedia of Privacy REF JC 596.2 .U5 E53
- Encyclopedia of the Modern World REF D 205 .O94
- Environmental Encyclopedia REF GE 10 .E38
- International Encyclopedia of Peace REF JZ 5533 .O95
- International Encyclopedia of Political Science REF JA 61.158
- International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences REF H 40 .A2 I5
- Religions of the World REF BL 80.3 .R45
- Slavery in the U.S. REF E 441 .S635

Opposing Viewpoints Series can be found on Row 14 in the reference area, 1st floor.
A copy can also be found in the circulating area on the 2nd floor.

Opposing Viewpoints books offer a variety of controversial topics, such as abortion, gun control, green energy, poverty etc. This series is very popular and provides great information for students. The books are intended to assist patrons in better understanding the topic by providing several sides to an issue. For example, the topic abortion will have articles supporting and opposing the issue of abortion.

Sample Topics

- Arab-Israeli Conflict
- Arms Trade Artificial Intelligence
- Assisted Suicide
- Civil Rights
- Cloning
- Coal
- Concealed Weapons
- Same-Sex Marriage
- School Funding
- School Reform
- School Uniforms

Online Catalog and Database Search Tips

Here is an example of how to do a keyword search using our online catalog or online database.

Example topic: “Are teen parents most likely to drop out of school?”

*When searching such a topic input keywords into the catalog or database search boxes. Use different keywords to get different results.

Example keyword search: teenage pregnancy AND education teenagers AND parenting education AND adolescent
Databases where you can find information on social issues
Follow these steps:

1. Go to the www.epcc.edu/library
2. Click on Online Databases
3. Click on either the Controversial or General tab
4. Click on desired database

*List of databases recommended for social issues

*Controversial Issues                      *General Interest
Opposing Viewpoints                        Academic One File
CQ Researcher                              Academic Search Complete
SIRS Researcher                            Topic Search

*For off campus access click on “Off-campus Access”

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Social Issues Series

These books are located throughout the library in both reference and circulation.
To search for the following titles follow the steps below.

1. Go to www.epcc.edu/library
2. Click on Classic Catalog
3. Click on the title tab
4. Type in the series you are looking for, example: “Opposing Viewpoints” or “Current Controversies”

List of Series at the Library
Opposing Viewpoints
Reference shelf
Current Controversies
At Issue