

STARTING POINTS FOR CURRENT ISSUES & HOT TOPICS Fall 2007

Topic Ideas & Argument Overviews

Get Topic Ideas From these Book Series...

- 1) Current Controversies
- 2) At Issue
- 3) Opposing Viewpoints
- 4) Contemporary World Issues
- 5) Contemporary Issues Companion

Coverage Information

Each issue, per series, outlines a single controversial topic or current issue in the news. Some of these series provide topical coverage via argumentative essays (with varying viewpoints) others provide topical overviews with resource lists for additional information.

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Scholarly & Magazine Articles

Academic Search Complete*

General database of over 2,600 magazines, journals, and newspaper articles (including New York Times and Wall Street Journal) in a wide variety of subject areas.

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A multi-disciplinary database providing the complete content from six of Wilson's full-text databases: Education Full Text, General Science Full Text, Humanities Full Text, Readers' Guide Full Text, Social Sciences Full Text, and Wilson Business Full Text. Includes scholarly articles, popular articles and some news coverage.

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- § General
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Hot Topics (Reports & Documents)

CQ Researcher

Full text coverage of controversial issues of the day. Issues include an overview & history of the topic, pro/con argumentative papers for comparison, recommended additional sources.

CSA Discovery Guides

Coverage of various topics within the arts & humanities, biomedical, technology, environmental, and social sciences. Each overview includes key citations taken from CSA's databases, relevant websites, a glossary of terms, and information source.

CQ Public Affairs (Hot Topics)

Click on “Hot Topics” to see a list of current issues (e.g., capital punishment, human rights, etc.). Entries provide a summary of the topic, basic concepts, processes, events, & figures.

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Newspaper & News Magazine Articles

LexisNexis Academic

Sources include U.S. & international newspapers, magazines, newsletters & journals; wire service reports; transcripts of tv & radio news broadcasts; reviews; sports news; & student newspapers.

Global NewsBank

Provides access to international newspapers, broadcasts, wire services, magazines, and government documents. See the “Hot Topics” & “Special Reports” sections on NewsBank's homepage for pre-selected stories of controversial topics

eLibrary

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