

RESEARCHING HOT TOPICS

Source Materials for Persuasive Essays and Speeches

Recommended web sites that cover many hot topics are:

PublicAgenda.org <http://www.publicagenda.org>
Documents in the News <http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/docnews.html>
Univ. of Washington <http://www.lib.washington.edu/mcnews/opposingviews/>
Speakout.com <http://www.speakout.com/>
Speech and Transcript Center <http://gwis2.circ.gwu.edu/~gprice/speech.htm>
Multnomah County (OR) Homework Center <http://www.multcolib.org/homework/sochc.html>
Deatabase <http://www.deatabase.org/>
Hot Topics Supersites <http://infodome.sdsu.edu/research/guides/hot/supersites.shtml>
Hot topics in the sciences <http://www.csa.com/csa/hottopics/hottopics-main.shtml>

The following materials are located on the Hot Topics shelf in the Reference Area.

CQ Researcher (Published by Congressional Quarterly)

Each weekly report covers a subject currently in the news, and provides an in-depth examination of the background, history and controversial aspects of the topic, with an extensive bibliography. Previous years are found on the Hot Topics shelf in the Reference Area. Current issues can be found in Periodicals. Indexed on the web at <http://library.cqpress.com>. (No password required; click on "CQR Index.")

The Reference Shelf reprints articles, documents and speeches about currently discussed topics and features an extensive bibliography. Titles include: China at a crossroads, Russia and Eastern Europe, Corporate Power in the US, Volunteerism, Power of the Press. Located on Hot Topics shelf in Reference Area.

Contemporary World Issues can be located by a keyword search on ALICE. Individual volumes are shelved by call number in the Reference Area.

Opposing Viewpoints (Partial list below.)

Abortion	Censorship	Euthanasia	Genetic Engineering
Aids	Civil Liberties	Family in America	Racism in America
America's Cities	Crime & Criminals	Health Care	Teenage Sexuality
Animal Rights	Death & Dying	The Homeless	Welfare State

Taking Sides (Partial list below; complete list at <http://www.dushkin.com/takingsides/ts-list.mhtml>)

American History	Crime & Criminality	Family & Personal	Mass Media & Society
Bioethical Issues	Drugs & Society	Relationships	Moral Issues
Business Ethics & Society	Economic Issues	Health & Society	Political Issues
Childhood & Society	Environmental Issues	Legal Issues	Social Issues

Annual Editions (Partial list below; complete list at <http://www.dushkin.com/annualeditions/index.mhtml>)

Reprints of articles published within the last year discussing currently debated issues. Each volume provides an annotated list of web sites providing additional information.

Aging
American Foreign Policy
American Public Policy
Business Ethics

Child Growth and
Development
Criminal Justice
Economics
Education

Environment
Global Issues
Health
International Business
Marriage and Family

Mass Media
Multicultural Education
Race and Ethnic Relations
Urban Society
Violence and Terrorism

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