



A Selection of Resources on the Web Dealing With Controversial Issues

50-State Rundown on Gay Marriage Laws

<http://www.stateline.org/live/ViewPage.action?siteNodeId=136&languageId=1&contentId=15576>

Provides "a 50-state roundup of current law and proposals to change state marriage laws. ... state constitutional amendments, changes to state law and non-binding resolutions."

ACT-UP Oral History Project <http://www.actuporalhistory.org/>

"A collection of interviews with surviving members of the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power, New York." Features interview transcripts, videos, tributes, forums, and more. Each text transcript is accompanied by a separate index.

Additives Found in American Cigarettes <http://www.iprc.indiana.edu/druginfo/additives.html>

A 1998 document that lists "599 ingredients [that] have been identified in tobacco industry documents as being added to tobacco in the manufacturing of cigarettes by the five major American cigarette manufacturing companies. While some of these chemicals, such as sugars, vanilla extract, prune juice, and vinegar, are generally recognized as safe when used in food products, all produce numerous additional chemical compounds when burned."

Alcohol Problems and Solutions <http://www2.potsdam.edu/alcohol-info/>

Presents information about problems associated with alcohol consumption. Topics include alcohol facts and myths, links to state laws, advertising, youth issues (including minimum drinking ages throughout the world), drinking and driving, and health. Also includes a glossary covering beer, wine, and distilled spirits. Searchable.

Altered Oceans <http://www.latimes.com/news/local/oceans/la-oceans-series,0,7842752.sp...>

Examines threats to ocean life from pollutants from industry, agriculture, and other sources. Covers development of toxic algae (harmful algal blooms), health effects to marine life and humans, plastic debris and wildlife, and related topics. Includes articles, photos, videos, and graphics. From the Los Angeles Times.

Attitudes About Homosexuality & Gay Marriage

http://www.aei.org/docLib/20050121_HOMOSEXUALITY.pdf

A study, updated in December 2004, that presents a compilation of polling data back to the 1970s about the acceptance of homosexuality and gay marriage in the United States. Includes links to related material. From the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research.

Battle Over Same-Sex Marriage <http://www.sfgate.com/samesexmarriage/>

Offers current and archived news articles, commentary, a photo gallery, related links, and more. The focus is on California, but the site includes same-sex marriage news from other states. From the San Francisco Chronicle.

bewaterwise.com <http://www.bewaterwise.com/>

Provides information and tips about wise water use, especially with respect to landscaping. Includes a watering calculator and watering index to help set automatic sprinklers, a searchable or browsable gardening guide featuring images of gardens and information about native and heritage plants, and a list of local plant retailers. From a group of Southern California water agencies.

California Climate Change Portal <http://www.climatechange.ca.gov>

"Combines information [from state government agencies and commissions] on the impacts of climate change on California and the state's policies relating to global warming" Provides background information, policy

papers, reports, legislation, and other materials on California strategy related to global warming, greenhouse gas emissions, and climate change in the state. Maintained by the California Energy Commission.

California Office of Privacy Protection <http://www.privacy.ca.gov>

Contains fact sheets, announcements, and links to other publications on privacy issues. Some of the topics include identity theft, phishing, spyware, financial privacy, privacy policies, health information privacy, and credit reports. Provides text of state privacy laws and pending and recently enacted California legislation.

California Solutions for Global Warming <http://www.solutionsforglobalwarming.com/>

Features background about a package of bills signed into law in September 2006 designed "to reduce California's emissions of carbon dioxide and other heat-trapping pollution," reports about global warming and clean energy solutions, links to news, and more. In English and Spanish.

Capital Punishment: All Points of View on the Death Penalty <http://www.religioustolerance.org/execute.htm>

"Deals with the execution of criminals found guilty of having committed serious crimes." Features data, a description of methods, material about the status of the death penalty worldwide, and links to related sites.

Celebrate Your Freedom to Read: Explore Banned Books <http://books.google.com/googlebooks/banned/>

Lists 42 books that have been challenged or banned in the U.S. Includes links to catalog records for the books and to citations for books about the banned books for titles such as "To Kill a Mockingbird," "Lolita," "The Great Gatsby," "1984," "Catcher in the Rye," "Satanic Verses," and "The Color Purple." From Google Book Search.

***Central Intelligence Agency (CIA): The War on Terrorism** <http://www.cia.gov/terrorism>

Information on Terrorist CBRN (chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear attacks) includes various forms of the four different sources. Also includes Terrorism FAQs and related links. Several statements and remarks of the former director of the CIA on aspects of terrorism are also included.

Child Labor Research Initiative (CLRI) <http://www.childlaborlaws.org/>

A collection of research and educational resources on child labor that features a database of legislation from around the world (searchable by country or topic) and annotated links to web resources.

Climate Group <http://www.theclimategroup.org>

"Features interviews with international business and government leaders, case studies about actions being taken by governmental and corporate actors "to minimize their carbon footprints," and suggestions for individuals for reducing emissions (with links to related sites). Also includes links to news stories, online publications, and more.

Commentary Today <http://www.commentarytoday.com>

"Devoted to presenting the most diverse and comprehensive collection of opinions and commentary from America's leading columnists. ... Every day this site is updated with the most recent articles" from dozens of political columnists. Browsable by political viewpoint ("on the left" and "on the right"). Also includes discussion boards relating to the articles.

Commercial Closet <http://www.commercialcloset.org/>

Examples from decades of commercials and advertising "that reflect society's changing view of the gay community with marketers' best and worst efforts from around the world." Includes images, stills, video clips, transcripts, commentary, and an online feature article section, "The Report."

Condoms: History, Testing, Effectiveness & Availability <http://www.avert.org/condoms.htm>

A timeline of the development of condoms from ancient Egyptian use of "a linen sheath for protection against disease" through the 1800s, when "condom manufacturing was revolutionised by the discovery of rubber vulcanisation by Goodyear (founder of the tyre company) and Hancock," and the present day. Also includes a link to information about the female condom. From Avert, "an international HIV and AIDS charity based in the UK."

DEA: Drug Information <http://www.dea.gov/concern/concern.htm>

Fast facts and news about illegal drugs and drugs that are abused in the U.S. From the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

Death Penalty Information Center (DPIC) <http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org/>

Includes a database of all executions since 1976, searchable by name, year, age, race, gender, location, method of execution, and special factors. Also provides reports on issues such as innocence, juveniles, mental illness, and costs, as well as facts about death row, sentencing, data for individual states, and the history of the death penalty. Portions of the site also available in Spanish.

Dietary Supplements: Ephedrine Alkaloids <http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/ds-ephed.html>

Official U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) information regarding the regulation of dietary supplements containing ephedrine alkaloids (commonly known as ephedra). Includes questions and answers about the FDA's 2004 decision to ban the sale of the supplements, the text of proposed and final regulations related to ephedra, and related transcripts and documents.

Drowsy Driving <http://www.aaafoundation.org/projects/index.cfm?button=drowsy>

Provides information about drowsy driving and "falling asleep at the wheel," including danger signals, a drowsy driving quiz, audio clips, and input from drivers who have been in crashes related to drowsy driving. From the AAA (American Automobile Association) Foundation for Traffic Safety.

Drug Policy Alliance: Marijuana: The Facts <http://www.drugpolicy.org/marijuana/>

Features an overview of and legal challenges to medical marijuana laws in the U.S. (including California's Proposition 215), highlights from the book "Marijuana Myths, Marijuana Facts, and related information. From a group that "is working hard state by state to educate lawmakers about marijuana and to make cannabis available for medicinal purposes for seriously ill people."

Ecolex: A Gateway to Environmental Law <http://www.ecolex.org/>

A searchable, global database on environmental law. Includes bibliographic information for treaties, national legislation, court decisions, and literature from international journals and monographs. Links are made to full text if available. Also in French and Spanish. From the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, the World Conservation Union (IUCN), and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

Electronic Surveillance Laws <http://www.ncsl.org/programs/lis/CIP/surveillance.htm>

Summary of state and federal laws for electronic surveillance, which "involves the traditional laws on wiretapping -- any interception of a telephone transmission by accessing the telephone signal itself -- and eavesdropping -- listening in on conversations without the consent of the parties." Features a chart showing state laws, and descriptions of the Wire and Electronic Communications Interception and Interception of Oral Communications Act, USA PATRIOT Act, and other federal laws.

End-of-Life Choices: Feeding Tubes and Ventilators

http://www.caregiver.org/caregiver/jsp/content_node.jsp?nodeid=399

A fact sheet that discusses two common decisions facing families of chronically ill people: using feeding tubes when the person cannot swallow, and ventilators when the person cannot breathe on his or her own. Topics include artificial hydration and nutrition, and pneumonia and ventilators. Provides a link to a fact sheet on "Holding On and Letting Go," and related resources.

***Energy Information Administration** <http://www.eia.doe.gov/>

Covers petroleum, natural gas, electricity, coal, nuclear, and renewable and alternative fuels. Provides forecasts and analyses; state and U.S. historical data overview; information on households, buildings, and industry; and environmental data. Includes both U.S. and international data.

Equal Marriage for Same Sex Couples <http://www.samesexmarriage.ca/>

Information about the "issue of full and equal marriage for gays and lesbians" primarily in Canada. Documents a Canadian couple seeking legal recognition of their right, as a same-sex couple, to marry. Includes news and law summaries, information about registered domestic partnerships (RDPs), a Canadian marriage timeline, and links to news, media coverage, information on court decisions, and more.

Failure of Initiative: The Final Report of the Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina <http://katrina.house.gov>

This February 2006 report is based on a House investigation that included statements from individuals such as the governors of Louisiana and Mississippi, the mayor of New Orleans, Michael Chertoff (secretary of the Department of Homeland Security), members of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and New Orleans citizens and evacuees. From a committee of the House of Representatives.

Fast Food and Animal Rights: McDonald's New Farm

<http://www.americanradioworks.org/features/mcdonalds/>

A companion to an American RadioWorks program that features transcripts and audio clips, slideshows on the egg and cattle industries, examples of slaughterhouse inspection results, and a McDonald's hen inspection form. "Over the past two years, ... McDonald's -- has taken the lead in the campaign for animal welfare."

FDA's Decision Regarding Plan B: Questions and Answers

<http://www.fda.gov/cder/drug/infopage/planB/planBQandA.htm>

Questions and answers about the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's May 2004 decision not to make Plan B emergency contraception pills available over the counter. Discusses how the form of birth control works, and how the FDA made its decision.

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome <http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/fas/>

Presents basic information about FAS, fact sheets on alcohol use and pregnancy, and details of the FAS education and prevention activities of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Gaming: Selected Internet Resources http://library.nevada.edu/subjects/gaming_internet.html

A directory of general resources on gambling plus links to national, state, and local commissions, boards, and lotteries; Indian gaming; organizations, including some that address gambling addiction; historical and legal sites; corporations that operate casinos or manufacture gaming equipment; academic and scholarly sites; and periodicals.

Global Warming Facts & Our Future <http://www.koshland-science-museum.org/exhibitgcc/>

An exhibit "to help us make informed decisions and to help answer some important questions" about global warming. Topics explored include the greenhouse effect, the carbon cycle, causes of climate change (such as ocean circulation, volcanic eruptions, and human activity), historical climate change, and more. Includes

activities, related links, and reading suggestions. From the Marian Koshland Science Museum of the National Academy of Sciences.

Health Consequences of Smoking: A Report of the Surgeon General

<http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/library/smokingconsequences/>

Full text of the May 2004 report from U.S. Surgeon General Richard H. Carmona on smoking and health, which reveals "for the first time that smoking causes diseases in nearly every organ of the body. ... [It] finds that cigarette smoking is conclusively linked to diseases such as leukemia, cataracts, pneumonia and cancers of the cervix, kidney, pancreas and stomach." Includes links to related government resources on smoking.

History of Social Security <http://www.ssa.gov/history/>

"We present here both the institutional history of the Social Security Administration and the history of the Social Security program itself." Features presidential statements, a historical chronology of social insurance, audio clips of Lyndon Johnson's and John F. Kennedy's telephone conversations, oral histories, speech transcripts, legislative history, video clips, puzzles and quizzes, and other documents and research materials. From the Social Security Administration (SSA). Note: some of the audio files do not play.

Hot Topic: Medical Marijuana in California

<http://www.igs.berkeley.edu/library/htMedicalMarijuana2003.html>

Background information and links to resources about the use of marijuana for medical purposes under federal law and under California's "Proposition 215, the Compassionate Use Act, ... [which legalized] marijuana for medical use." Includes links to organizations and reports.

Identity Theft Resource Center <http://www.idtheftcenter.org/>

A "nonprofit organization dedicated to developing and implementing a comprehensive program against identity theft -- by supporting victims, broadening public awareness, disseminating information about this crime and decreasing the potential victim population" provides links to resources for victims, information about scams and consumer alerts, prevention tips, and statistics. Some material available in Spanish.

In Depth: Israel and the Palestinians

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/in_depth/middle_east/2001/israel_and_the_palestinians/default.stm

Compilation of articles and opinion pieces that look at "the struggle between the Israelis and the Palestinians ... [which has been] one of the most enduring and explosive of all the world's conflicts." Includes a timeline, maps, background about leaders and key documents, and details about the Hamas victory in the January 2006 election. From the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC).

Inconvenient Truth: Take Action <http://www.climatecrisis.net/takeaction/>

A companion to the 2006 documentary about global warming. Features suggestions for individuals to reduce harmful emissions at home and traveling and to advocate for changes locally, nationally, and internationally. Also includes an interactive tool to calculate your personal impact, 10 simple tips to reduce your impact, and links to related materials. Also includes links to details about the documentary.

Indian Gaming in California <http://www.igs.berkeley.edu/library/htIndianGaming.htm>

Provides an overview of "Indian gambling on tribal land [which] has become a significant political issue in California." Discusses legislation and cases related to sovereignty, Native Americans and taxation, tribal gaming. Also has a section on California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and Indian gaming. Includes related books, articles, and Web sites.

****Institute for Counter-Terrorism*** <http://www.instituteforcounterterrorism.org/>

Contains many different areas. "Research and Publications" provides access to research articles, publications (books), and recommended sources on terrorism. "Articles" and "News and Commentaries" provide information on current issues involving terrorism. "Spotlight" highlights a particular topic. Prior Spotlight articles can be located by typing "spotlight" into the search bar on the homepage. Other links include "News" (current news on terrorism-related items), "Featured Publication," and "ICT in the Media" (articles, interviews, etc. involving ICT).

Intelligent Designs on Evolution <http://americanradioworks.publicradio.org/features/intelldesign/>

Companion to a 2006 documentary that looks at the concept of intelligent design, "which argues certain aspects of the natural world are so complex they must have been the work of a designer." Features articles on intelligent design in the classroom and religion in schools, interviews, audio and transcript of the program, and related links and readings on evolution and creationism. From American RadioWorks.

Interagency Council on Homelessness <http://www.ich.gov>

Provides information about the activities of federal, state, and local government agencies to eliminate homelessness. Includes state and local resources, reports on the activities of the council and federal agencies, and profiles of innovative programs concerned with housing, health care, and other services for the homeless population.

Internet Resources on Aging <http://www.aarp.org/internetresources/>

"Browse or search AARP's database ... and find more than 500 of the best sites for people over 50." Topics include genealogy, computers and technology, Medicare and Social Security information, classic 1950s TV shows, chat rooms, statistics, research, and other areas of interest.

****Jurist Legal Intelligence: Terrorism Law and Policy*** <http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/terrorism.htm>

One-stop shopping for sources on a variety of terrorism topics is available here. Among the topics on this site are Terrorism and Terrorists, Counterterrorism Policy, Civil Liberties, and Bioterrorism: Legal Issues. The topics contain links to articles and other sites. The Civil Liberties section contains information on Hearings and Testimony, Civil Liberties Groups, and the U.S. government.

Keep America Safe and Free <http://www.aclu.org/safeandfree/>

"Tracks the American Civil Liberties Union's fight to stop the war on terrorism's growing infringement on our civil liberties." Includes a "Tool Kit," fact sheets on the Patriot Act and topics such as surveillance and detention, press releases, tips for organizing a house party to familiarize your community with civil liberties issues, related news, postcards, e-cards, and much more.

Marijuana Myths & Facts: The Truth Behind 10 Popular Misconceptions

http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/publications/marijuana_myths_facts/

Information from the U.S. government about marijuana use. Topics include "Myth #2: Marijuana is not addictive," "Myth #5: Marijuana is used to treat cancer and other diseases," and "Myth #9: There's not much parents can do to stop their kids from experimenting with marijuana." Also includes a glossary and a bibliography. From the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP).

MedlinePlus: Child Abuse <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/childabuse.html>

A compilation of links to information about child abuse and neglect. Topics include diagnosis, treatment, prevention, research, organizations, law and policy, and statistics. Some material available in Spanish. From the National Library of Medicine (NLM) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Mercury in Fish: Your Questions Answered <http://www.foodstandards.gov.uk/multimedia/faq/mercuryfish/>

Questions and answers about elevated mercury levels found in certain large predatory fish such as shark, marlin,

swordfish, and tuna. Discusses the risks to pregnant and breast-feeding women. From the British Food Standards Agency.

Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE) <http://www.epa.gov/mtbe/>

Resources on MTBE, a chemical compound that is "almost exclusively used as a fuel additive in motor gasoline." Features documents on the use of MTBE in gasoline, effects of MTBE on the water supply, research and testing of potential health and environmental risks, preventing MTBE leaks from underground storage tanks, and cleanup and treatment actions. Includes local contacts for information about MTBE in drinking water. From the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Mifeprex (Mifepristone) Information <http://www.fda.gov/cder/drug/infopage/mifepristone/>

Background information about the drug mifepristone ("trade name Mifeprex, also known as RU-486"), which was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in 2000 "for the termination of early pregnancy, defined as 49 days or less." Provides guidelines for use, label information, official documents, and other consumer information. Also includes details about the FDA's November 2004 statement about "safety changes to the Danco Laboratories, LLC's labeling of mifepristone." From the FDA.

MIPT Terrorism Knowledge Base <http://www.tkb.org/>

Covers "research and analysis on global terrorist incidents, terrorism-related court cases, and terrorist groups and leaders. ... The database features interactive maps, biographies on key terrorist personalities," and creates "charts and graphs and tables that analyze RAND data on terrorist incidents or legal data on the prosecution of terrorists."

National Association for Single Sex Public Education (NASSPE) <http://www.singlesexschools.org/>

Presents information supporting this organization's advocacy of single gender education, including discussions of sex differences in the brain and how children learn and the benefits of one-sex schools for girls and boys. Also includes a list of single sex public schools in the United States and links to related information.

National Immigration Law Center (NILC) <http://www.nilc.org>

Provides issue briefs, articles, and other material about "immigration, public benefits, and employment laws affecting immigrants and refugees" as well as analysis of pending immigration reform legislation, which includes topics such as guest workers, driver's licenses, and border controls. Other features include links to related federal and California sites and information for Hurricane Katrina survivors. From an organization "dedicated to protecting and promoting the rights of low income immigrants and their family members."

National Indian Gaming Association <http://www.indiangaming.org>

Features a history of Indian gaming, Indian gaming facts, an overview of current legislative issues, and documents related to Indian gaming. Searchable.

National Sex Offender Public Registry <http://www.nsopr.gov>

A search tool allowing a user to submit a single national query to obtain information about sex offenders through a number of search options" combined with state(s), including name, ZIP code, and location. Searches include more than 20 states and Washington, D.C.

Native American Mascots: An Examination http://www.tolerance.org/news/article_tol.jsp?id=168

A 2001 article discussing Native American mascots for sports teams. Topics include what a mascot is, "The Stereotype of the Noble Savage," and "The Stereotype of the Demonic Indian." Also includes links to related sites.

Nature and Scope of the Problem of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Catholic Priests and Deacons in the United States <http://www.usccb.org/nrb/johnjaystudy/>

February 2004 report includes sections on the prevalence of abuse of youth under 18 by Catholic priests and deacons, information about the accused priests and deacons and about the incidents and allegations, and the response from the diocese and religious communities.

Patterns of Global Terrorism <http://www.mipt.org/Patterns-of-Global-Terrorism.asp>

"A Congressionally-mandated report from the U.S. Department of State intended to provide a full and complete record for those countries and groups involved in international terrorism. This publication is updated annually by the Office of the Coordinator for Counterterrorism. " The National Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism (MIPT) provides reports for 1985 to 2003. Note: in 2005, this report became Country Reports on Terrorism, fulfilling the mandate but without the statistical section.

****People with a History: An Outline Guide to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans* History (LGBT)***

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/pwh>

Provides links to general LGBT history pages, collections of textual material, museums and archives, and lesbian-specific sites.

Pledge of Allegiance Resources <http://pewforum.org/religion-schools/pledge/>

Background information and supporting documents for the U.S. Supreme Court case on the constitutionality of a public school district policy that requires teachers to lead willing students in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, which includes the words 'under God.'" Provides links to the briefs and related articles and editorials.

Portals to the World: Terrorism <http://www.loc.gov/rr/international/hispanic/terrorism/terrorism.html>

Selected Internet resources on terrorism, organized by such topics as bioterrorism, law, Osama bin Laden, Mullah Omar, and Al Qaeda. Each category provides a list of annotated links.

Preserving Life & Liberty <http://www.lifeandliberty.gov>

Information from the U.S. Department of Justice about the USA PATRIOT Act. Includes an overview of the act, recent testimony, a section "dispelling some of the major myths" about the act and its enforcement, the Senate and House of Representatives votes, congressional statements, and the text of the act. Also includes information about its reauthorization in 2005.

Primer: Three Strikes: The Impact After More Than a Decade

http://www.lao.ca.gov/2005/3_Strikes/3_strikes_102005.htm

An October 2005 report looking at the "Three Strikes and You're Out" California state criminal sentencing law passed in 1994. Provides background information, data, and impacts of the law, From the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO), a "nonpartisan office which provides fiscal and policy information and advice to the [California] Legislature."

Privacy Lost <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/15157222/>

Collection of stories from October 2006 examining "the steady erosion of Americans' privacy, whether people are concerned and what impact other new technologies might have on your right to be left alone." Topics include technology (such as email and wireless video recorders), smart driver's licenses, comparison between U.S. and European laws, and celebrities and aggressive paparazzi. From MSNBC.

Public Agenda Issue Guides: Immigration

http://www.publicagenda.org/issues/frontdoor.cfm?issue_type=immigratio...

Public opinion and arguments for and against different aspects of U.S. immigration policy. Features public views about immigration (from opinion polls), discussion guides with discussions of perspectives, government

immigration statistics, a "behind the headlines" feature, descriptions of agencies and organizations concerned with immigration, and related resources.

***Purdue Extension: Terrorism and Children** <http://www.ces.purdue.edu/terrorism/>

Articles and multimedia (audio and video) sources for helping children cope with the stress and threats of terrorism are provided, as well as strategies for parents and teachers to assist children..

Same-Sex Marriage Debate http://www.boston.com/news/specials/gay_marriage/

News stories and editorials on the debate, with an emphasis on same-sex marriage in Massachusetts. Includes video clips, interactive features, photos, the text of speeches and judicial documents, and blogs.

Smokefree Lists & Maps <http://www.no-smoke.org/lists.html>

Contains "lists of U.S municipalities and states with 100% smokefree laws." Also includes data on topics such as the percentage of U.S. population protected by smoke-free laws and smoking law status in major U.S. travel destinations.

Soft Drinks and Health <http://cspinet.org/sodapop>

Information from the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI) linking increased consumption of soft drinks by children to obesity. Also includes discussions of osteoporosis, tooth decay, heart disease, and other possible health outcomes from excessive soft drink consumption. Features the report "Liquid Candy: How Soft Drinks are Harming Americans' Health."

Soft Drinks and Obesity <http://www.nsd.org/softdrinks/CSDHealth/Nutrition/Nutritionindex.html>

Provides press releases and research findings that suggest that soft drink consumption is not linked to child obesity. From the National Soft Drink Association, the trade association for America's nonalcoholic beverage industry.

Special Coverage: War on Terrorism <http://news.findlaw.com/legalnews/us/terrorism/>

Terrorism resources, including a news section that brings together the latest headlines on terrorism, Al Qaeda, detentions at Guantanamo Bay, the latest threat conditions, and more. Also commentary, legal cases, documents (including the report of the 9-11 Commission and related testimony), and discussion boards. Includes resolutions from Congress, NATO, and other organizations.

Special Report: Gay Rights <http://www.guardian.co.uk/gayrights/>

Collection of news stories and opinion pieces on gay rights in the United Kingdom. Also covers news in France, Spain, and elsewhere in Europe.

Terrorism: Questions and Answers <http://cfrterrorism.org/home/>

Information on terrorism, terrorist groups, weapons of mass destruction, and homeland security presented in Q&A format.

Thunder in the Foothills: The State of Indian Gaming <http://www.rgj.com/extra/indiangaming.php>

Compilation of stories and analysis about the rise of Indian gaming in California and its impact on Nevada's gambling industry. Features a link to a series of stories from 2000 about the passage of a California Indian gaming referendum.

UC Atlas of Global Inequality <http://ucatlas.ucsc.edu/>

"Explores the interaction between global integration (globalization) and inequality, and provides maps, graphics and data." Includes a database and "maps examining some aspects of material inequality, life and death, global

connectedness ... economic globalization." and health. Users may select decades back to the 1960s and indicators. Also includes a glossary and bibliography. Searchable.

***University of Michigan Documents Center: America's War Against Terrorism**

<http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/usterror.html>

Covers terrorism issues, including September 11, 2001, terrorism suspects and prosecution, counterterrorism, previous attacks, background research, and related web pages. Each section contains links to topical information.

U.S. Census Bureau Facts for Features: Dialing for Dollars

<http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/2003/cb03-ff14SE.html>

Facts and statistics about the telemarketing industry, such as number of telemarketing establishments, annual payroll for employees in the industry, and sales numbers. Includes facts about telephone usage in U.S. households. From the U.S. Census Bureau.

***U.S. Department of State: Counterterrorism Office** <http://www.state.gov/s/ct/>

Discusses U.S. policies for dealing with terrorism and the kidnapping of American citizens through terrorist actions. Links provide information on various terrorism-oriented topics. "Related Sites" links to additional sources geared toward the fight against terrorist activities..

U.S. Food and Drug Administration: Breast Implants <http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/breastimplants/>

Material for consumers related to both approved breast implants and investigational (under study for safety and effectiveness) breast implants. Includes a FAQ, background on platinum in silicone breast implants, silicone gel implant approvals, photos of complications, and related material.

USDA/FDA Foodborne Illness Education Information Center <http://www.nal.usda.gov/foodborne/>

"Provides information about foodborne illness prevention. " Features searchable databases of citations to training and educational materials, stories from educators, a discussion group, and selected Web links. From the Food Safety and Inspection Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

What to Wear to School: The Great Debate Over Dress Codes and School Uniforms

<http://www.greatschools.net/cgi-bin/showarticle/ga/361>

Discusses the pros and cons of school uniforms, and uniforms versus dress codes. Also includes links to related articles about clothing shopping for back to school, and to related sites.

What's Up With the Weather? <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/warming/>

Examines "the science and politics of ... global warming." Topics include fossil fuel consumption, the role ice cores play in the global environment, and predictions for "what would happen to the world's coastlines if the West Antarctic Ice Sheet melted." Includes a teacher's guide and a FAQ.

Wildlands: Arctic National Wildlife Refuge <http://www.sierraclub.org/wildlands/arctic/>

Provides an overview of issues facing Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, which has been targeted for oil drilling. Presents a number of arguments against drilling for oil and recommendations for action. Includes a slideshow. From the Sierra Club.

World Drug Report http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/world_drug_report.html

A publication about worldwide illegal drug production, trafficking, and use. Includes data and analysis on opium, heroin, cocaine, cannabis, amphetamine-type stimulants, and other drugs. The 2006 report features a special section on cannabis, "by far the most widely produced, trafficked and used drug in the world." Includes

archived reports from past years. Some material available in additional languages. From the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

World Health Organization: Female Genital Mutilation

http://www.who.int/topics/female_genital_mutilation/en/

Material about female genital mutilation (FGM), "often referred to as 'female circumcision'." Includes a fact sheet, reports, and other publications. From the World Health Organization (WHO).

Your Child: Television <http://www.med.umich.edu/llibr/yourchild/tv.htm>

An article that considers the effects of watching TV on children's health and family life. Topics include how TV affects brain development, TV violence, TV's influence on children's attitudes toward themselves and others, and the relationship between watching television and obesity, alcohol use, and smoking. Includes links to related sites.

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