

**A SAMPLING OF BOOKS IN SERIES USEFUL FOR CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES RESEARCH AT
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At Issue

Representative writings reflecting contrasting positions are provided on such topics as Affirmative Action, Ethnic Conflict, Legalizing Drugs, and Policing the Police. An introduction provides an overview of the topic. Organizations to contact, a bibliography, and an index complete each volume

Contemporary Education Issues

Issues such as Elementary, Sex, and Multicultural Education; Alternative Schools; Student Rights; and Assessment are covered in depth. Overviews of the topic, chronologies, biographical sketches of important people, and information on legislation are supplemented by a variety of appendices, listings of organizations, bibliographies, a glossary of terms, and an index.

Contemporary Issues Companion

Selections such as personal accounts, case studies, and statistical articles reflect a wide variety of viewpoints on various aspects of such topics as Serial Killers, Battered Women, Cults, and War Crimes. A list of organizations to contact, a bibliography, and an index complete each volume.

Contemporary World Issues

Issues such as Wilderness Preservation, Animal Rights, The Religious Right, and Public Schooling in America are covered in depth. Overviews of the topic, chronologies, biographical sketches of important people within that area, notes, statistics, and information on legislation are supplemented by tables, charts, listings of organizations, bibliographies, a glossary of terms, and an index. Some titles are also available online by entering "netlibrary" in the **Author** field in the library's catalog.

Current Controversies

Various aspects of specific controversial issues are dealt with using articles, speeches, book chapters, and other sources. Both sides of each question are represented by multiple items. Violence in the Media, Sexual Harassment, Free Speech, and Illegal Immigration are among the topics covered. A bibliography, list of contact organizations, and index are also included.

Ideas in Conflict

Using a point/counterpoint method, this series discusses such issues as Doctor-Assisted Suicide, Militarizing Space, Workfare vs. Welfare, and Pornography and Sexual Violence. An overview, points to consider, material reflecting the views of each side of the issues, illustrations and editorial cartoons, boxed pertinent quotations, summary questions, and a bibliography are provided.

Information Plus

Tables, charts, graphs, and other illustrative material supplement a text that provides valuable background material, including statistics, on such topics as Minorities, Gun Control, AIDS, and Abortion. A list of important organizations and an index complete each volume.

Library in a Book

Topic overviews, glossaries, chronologies, bibliographies, lists of organizations, and pertinent documents (including maps, where needed) are provided for such subjects as Eating Disorders, The Arab-Israel Dispute, Censorship, and AIDS. An index completes each volume.

Opposing Viewpoints

Euthanasia, Gangs, Race Relations, and Adoption are among the topics covered through multiple samples of opinion on both sides. Introductions to the issues, questions to consider, pertinent quotations, illustrations (including editorial cartoons), bibliographies, organizations to contact, and an index provide additional information.

Primary Documents in American History and Contemporary Issues

Speeches, letters, congressional testimony, Supreme Court decisions, government reports, position papers, and news stories are among the materials provided on subjects such as The Right to Die Debate, Constitutional Debates on Freedom of Religion, Genetic Engineering, and U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Laws and Issues. A list of significant dates at the front and a bibliography and an index at the back complete every volume.

The Reference Shelf

"The books in this series contain reprints of articles, excerpts from books, and addresses on current issues and social trends ... devoted to a single subject and give background information and discussion from various points of view, concluding with a comprehensive bibliography." Topics include Women in the Military, Criminal Sentencing, Genetics and Society, and The Information Revolution.

Taking Sides

The subtitles tell it all: "Clashing Views on Controversial ... Issues." For each volume, an introduction is followed by material representing the "yes" and "no" points of view on the questions posed and a conclusion with a postscript containing additional observations. Some illustrations are included. Information on contributors and an index follow. Terrorism, Surrogate Motherhood, School Choice, and Children's Rights are among the issues debated. An index for the entire series is on the Index Table.

Other resources for controversial issues research are:

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Issues & Controversies on File (Available as part of FACTS.com online)

Individual issues are devoted to a single topic such as Women's Health, Patients' Rights, Evolution vs. Creationism, Gene Therapy Research, National ID Cards, and School Choice.

To find the topics covered in each series, go to the **Library's home page**, then into LIBRARY CATALOG. Enter the SERIES NAME under **Series Title**. Double click on the series. Sort the list by title.