

## Argumentative Writing & Controversial Issues

### Print Resources:

### Reference Books:

- CQ Researcher – Circulating H 35 .C672 (1996-2006)
- Issues and Controversies on File – Reference JK 1 .I77 (2008-2009), Circulating JK 1 .I77 (1995-2007)
- Social Issues in America: An Encyclopedia – Reference HN 57 .S624 2006 (7 volumes)

### Circulating Series:

Other Useful Books: The Library has several series of books which deal with both sides of controversial issues. These books can be located through the Library's online catalog.

Library Online Catalog: To access the catalog go to [CFCC Library's website](#), under Research Tools click on Library Catalog. Perform a general keyword search from the advanced search screen:

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**Author Keyword:**

**Subject Keyword:**

**Series Keyword:**

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### Series Titles:

- At Issue - Examples:
  - Should parents be allowed to choose the gender of their children? QP 279 .S56 2008
  - Should social networking web sites be banned? HQ 799.2 .I5 S56 2008
- Contemporary Issues - Examples:
  - Euthanasia. Circulating R 726 .E783 2007
  - Legalized gambling. Circulating HV 6715 .L43 2006
- Contemporary World Issues - Examples:
  - Consumer culture: a reference handbook. Circulating HC 79 .C6 G665 2004
  - Hate crimes: a reference handbook. Circulating HV 6773.52 .A47 2005
- Current Controversies - Examples:
  - Rap music and culture. Circulating ML 3918 .R37 R38 2008
  - Blogs. Circulating HM 851 .B595 2008
- Opposing Viewpoints - Examples:
  - Media violence. Circulating P 96 .V5 M426 2009
  - Resurgent diseases. Circulating RA 643 .R42 2009

## Electronic Resources:

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Covering the Leading Issues most studied and debated by students.
- SIRS® Government Reporter**  
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- SIRS® Renaissance**  
Current Perspectives on the Arts & Humanities
- SIRS® WebSelect**  
Editorially Selected Web Sites
- Spotlight on National Immunization Awareness Month**  
Examining issues and debates surrounding national and global immunization.

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- Child labor
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- Predatory lending
- Martial arts
- Human smuggling
- Racial profiling
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### CQ Researcher

To access CQ RESEARCHER go to [CFCC Library's website](#), under the Research Tools tab, click on the Articles & eResources link, and then choose CQ Researcher Online.

You can perform a Quick Search or browse by Pro/Con topics.

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Should suspected terrorists be given military or civil trials?  
By Kenneth Jost

President Obama is under fierce political attack for the administration's decision to try Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the alleged mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks, and Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, the so-called Christmas Day bomber, in civilian courts instead of military tribunals. Republican lawmakers argue the defendants in both cases should be treated as "enemy combatants" and tried in the . . .

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- Should suspected terrorists be tried in military tribunals?
- Should some Guantánamo detainees be held indefinitely without trial?

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