

Issues & Controversies

Your go-to source to prepare for debate, discussion, research papers, and persuasive writing

Issues & Controversies is a multimedia solution that helps students understand contemporary issues, assess different perspectives, distinguish fact from opinion, reach their own conclusions, and build critical thinking and writing skills. It features balanced pro/con articles and primary sources for current events, civics instruction, and class discussion.

Why it's great

Builds critical thinking

It presents balanced, original pro/con perspectives to help students evaluate arguments and reach their own informed opinions.

Strengthens research skills

The primary sources, court case summaries, debate videos, editorial cartoons, infographics, and citations teach students how to locate, analyze, and reference credible information.

Supports analytical writing

It guides students in developing evidence-based arguments for debates, essays, and discussion.



Packed with hot-button issues and strong content, this resource helps students build informed opinions and craft thoughtful debates and papers. A standout choice for schools and colleges."

– *Library Journal*

Teaching and learning tools

Curriculum Planning Tools

Robust digital learning modules grounded in instructional design frameworks include comprehension assessments and certifications.

Topical Activities

Connect your course objectives and activities to current events. Our editorial team highlights key topics through curated centers, collection highlights, and featured resources.

Content Recommendations

Specific material related to the resource you are viewing is recommended for broader or deeper exploration.

Citation Tool

Move from information seeking to communicating by extracting the necessary resource citation for use in a variety of citation managers.

