Do you want to learn how to read call number order, so you can find a book in the library stacks? Have a one-stop-shopping place to learn how to create citations in MLA, APA, or Chicago/Turabian style format for your bibliographies? Have all the library databases pertinent to your subject in one place? Have a good place to find credible websites?

Then try LibGuides!

**LibGuides (Subject Research Guides)** -
LibGuides are librarian created, subject-specific guides to high-quality research information. Library databases are grouped together according to subject, so databases relevant to your research needs are easier to locate. Relevant resources from the Web are also included. You can access the LibGuides from the “Library Guides” link on the SWCC Library web page, or they can be accessed from [http://sw.vccs.libguides.com](http://sw.vccs.libguides.com).

- A-Z: Subject & Title List of Databases
- American Literature Resources
- Biography Resources
- Controversial Issues & Social Problems
- Criminal Justice Resources
- Critical Thinking
- Education Resources
- ENG 111 / ENG 112
- Engineering & Technology Resources
- English Literature Resources
- FOR FACULTY: Special Library Services
- History Resources
- Homework Assistance
- ITE 119 Open Educational Resources (OER)
- Nursing Resources
- Occupational Therapy Resources
- Open Educational Resources (OER)
- **Orientation to SWCC Library Resources**
- Psychology Resources
- Radiology / Radiography Resources
- Science Resources
- Sociology Resources
Controversial Issues & Social Problems Resources LibGuide

Find Books      Find eBooks      Find Articles      Find Videos      Citing Sources      and MORE!

Controversial Issues & Social Problems Resources: Find Articles

Use to find opposing views on controversial issues.

What Is a Library Database?

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A library database is an online resource that the library subscribes to that contains articles and information from print sources such as magazines, newspapers, journals, and reference books.

Most of our databases are article databases.

An article database enables you to search through thousands (sometimes millions) of different magazines, journals and newspapers to find articles on a particular topic. Some of the articles you will find are Full Text, which means you can read (or print out) the entire article right there online. Other times the database will only provide you with an abstract, or summary of the article. Other times, the database will only give you a citation, which tells you where you can find a full text version of the article.

Note about FULL-TEXT access:

- Interlibrary Loan

While most of the Library databases contain full-text articles, some only give a citation and abstract or summary. If you find an article of interest to you that does not contain the full-text, click on the Libcat symbol to see if the full-text can be located in another library database. If the full-text is not available through Libcat or otherwise, consider making an interlibrary loan request. For more information about interlibrary loan, check out the following website: http://www.sw.edu/library/interlibrary_loan.htm, or click on the Interlibrary Loan link below.

Librarians’ Picks - Databases to Search for Controversial Issues

- CQ Researcher
  Research reports offer in-depth, non-biased coverage of political and social issues. The full-text, high-quality reports date back to 1923 and up to the present time. Each issue focuses on a specific topic presenting alternative views, a bibliography, and much more.

This list of SWCC Library databases contains databases that have subject-specific content in the nursing, health, and medicine disciplines.

- EBSCOhost Research Databases
  EBSCOhost reference databases offer a variety of full-text database. Databases range from work in the humanities to the sciences.

Note about SCHOLARLY JOURNALS:

To limit your search results to scholarly journals in the articles databases, check the box to limit your search to Scholarly or Peer Reviewed Journals. The wording for scholarly journals may be different in the databases, but just look around the database search page for that option.

Off-Campus Access

- Learn more about accessing SWCC library databases from off-campus.

SWCC Library databases are accessible to currently enrolled SWCC students and faculty and staff of SWCC. To access databases from off-campus, you will be required to login with your VCCS username and password.