REFERENCE BOOKS

Encyclopedia of Bioethics (R 174.957 ENCYCLO)

Encyclopedia of Politics: the Left and the Right (R 320.03 ENCYCLO)

Social Issues in America: an Encyclopedia (R 361.973 SOCIAL)

LIBRARY DATABASES – www.scc.spokane.edu/?library

CQ Researcher
In-depth reporting on controversial topics

Health Reference Center
Articles, pamphlets and reference books for health-related issues

Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center
Information on social issues with viewpoint essays, topic overviews, statistics, primary documents, and full text magazine and newspaper articles

ProQuest
Index to over 5,500 magazines, journals and newspapers; two component databases (Alt-Press Watch and Ethnic NewsWatch) provide alternative points of view

WEB SITES

Controversial Issues – Santa Ana College Library
www.sac.edu/students/library/nealley/websites/controversial.htm

Hot Paper Topics – O’Keefe Library, St. Ambrose University, Iowa
library.sau.edu/bestinfo/Hot/hotindex.htm

Justice Talking (public radio show about law and American life; search for your topic by clicking on “Hear Past Shows” and using the search box)
www.justicetalking.org

Public Agenda (policy options and public opinion behind critical public concerns)
www.publicagenda.com

Social Issues Homework Center – Multnomah County Library, Oregon
www.multcolib.org/homework/sochc.html

SEARCH TIP
Keep in mind that searching for the words “pros” or “cons” will not always find information on a particular side of a controversial issue. Consider using words like:

support, supporters, advocates, in favor of, benefits, advantages

oppose, opponents, opposition, disadvantages, risks, consequences