



Controversial Issues Subject Guide

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**New Reference Books on
current and controversial topics**
"REF" = REFERENCE COLLECTION, 1st Floor

Encyclopedia of abortion in the United States REF HQ767.5 .U5 P35 2009

Encyclopedia of drugs, alcohol & addictive behavior (4 vols.)
REF HV5804 .E53 2009

Learning disabilities sourcebook REF LC4705 .L434 2009

The Praeger handbook of religion and education in the United States
(2 vols.) REF LC111 .P78 2009

Encyclopedia of environmental ethics and philosophy
(2 vols.) REF GE42 .E533 2009

Roe v. Wade REF HQ767.5.U5 H55 2008

Encyclopedia of stem cell research REF QH588.S83 E53 2008

Cyber warfare and cyber terrorism REF U163.C946 2008

*More than Darwin: An encyclopedia of the people and places of the
evolution-creationism controversy* REF QH360.2 .M66 2008

Reference books: 1st Floor, selected titles by topic
Start with a reference book to get a sense of your
topic (background/overview)

Abortion: A documentary and reference guide

REF HQ767.5 .U5 R66 2008

Abortion under state constitutions: A state-by-state analysis

REF KF3771 .L56 2008

Abortion in the United States: A reference handbook

REF HQ767.5.U5 M3727 2007

Adolescent sexuality: A historical handbook REF HQ27 .A3617 2006

Encyclopedia of adoption REF HV875.55 .A28 2007

Children and youth in adoption, orphanages, and foster care:

a historical handbook and guide REF HV875.55 .C45 2006

The Jim Crow encyclopedia (2 vols.) REF E185.61 .J53 2008

Encyclopedia of civil rights in America REF JC 599.U5 E53 2005

Affirmative action: an encyclopedia REF HF5549.5.A34 A426 2004

Alcoholism sourcebook REF RC565 .A4493 2007

Indiana crash facts REF HE5614.3.I6 I6 (see also **Drugs** below)

Complementary and alternative medicine sourcebook

REF R735 .C66 2006

Animals and the law REF KF 3905 A5 C87 2001

Ency. of animal rights and animal welfare REF HV4708 .E53 1998

Attention deficit disorder sourcebook REF RJ506.H9 A885 2002

For appearance' sake: the historical encyclopedia of good looks,
beauty, and grooming REF GT499 .S49 2001

Encyclopedia of body adornment REF GN419.15 .D46 2007

Encyclopedia of bioethics (5 vols.) REF QH332 E52 2003

Stem cell research REF QH588 .S83 N49 2007

Encyclopedia of birth control REF HQ766 R442 2000

Concise handbook of psychoactive herbs: Medicinal herbs for treating
psychological and neurological problems REF RM315 .S655 2005
Cannabis REF RM666 C266 G74 2002

Capital punishment REF KF9227.C2 F53 2006

Punishment in America: a reference handbook REF HV9466 .B35 2005

Death penalty cases REF KF9227.C2 L38 2002

Capital punishment in the United States: a documentary history
REF HV8699.U5 C3 1997

The encyclopedia of censorship REF Z657 .G73 2005

Encyclopedia of literature and politics: Censorship, revolution, and writing
(3 vols.) REF PN51 .E63 2005

Parental advisory: music censorship in America REF ML3477 .N89 2001

Reconstructive and cosmetic surgery sourcebook REF RD118 .R365 2001

Children and consumer culture in American society: A historical
handbook and guide REF HF5415.33.U6 C53 2008

Best customers: Demographics of consumer demand
REF HC79 .C6 B47 2008

Encyclopedia of crime and justice (4 vols.) REF HV6017 .E52 2002

Death and dying sourcebook REF R726.8 .D3785 2006

Encyclopedia of death and dying REF HQ1073 .E543 2001

Diet and nutrition sourcebook REF RA784 .D542 2006

Encyclopedia of human nutrition REF QP141 .E526 2005

Encyclopedia of diet fads REF RM2222 B535 2003

The encyclopedia of drug abuse REF RC563.4 .G97 2008

The encyclopedia of addictions and addictive behaviors
REF RC564 .G95 2006

Drug abuse sourcebook REF HV5801 .D724 2004

Education in crisis: A reference handbook REF LB17 .G6 2009

Encyclopedia of education (8 vols.) REF LB15 E47 2003

School vouchers and privatization REF LB2828.8 .W45 2002

Student rights: a reference handbook REF KF4150 .H56 2001

School violence: a reference handbook REF LB3013.3 .K68 1997

Evolution and creationism: A documentary and reference guide

REF QH366.2.Y68 2007

Counter-creationism handbook REF BS651 .I 82 2005

Encyclopedia of modern worldwide extremists and extremist groups

REF HN49 .R33 A85 2004

Encyclopedia of modern American extremists and extremist groups

REF HN90.R3 A75 2002

Handbook of world families REFHQ515 .H3356 2005

Handbook of family diversity REF HQ518 .H1538 2000

Encyclopedia of family life (5 vols.) REF HQ534 .E53 1999

Encyclopedia of the First Amendment (2 vols.) REF KF4770 .E53 2009

Threats to food safety REF TX531 .P26 2006

Legalized gambling REF HV6715 .H385 2006

Gambling in America REF GV1301 T47 2001

The U.S. military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy: A reference handbook
REF UB418 .G38 E53 2007

Homosexuality and religion: An encyclopedia REF BL65 .H64 H63 2007

Gay rights REF HQ76.8 U5 K73 2005

Youth, education, and sexualities: an international encyclopedia
REF LC192.6 .Y68 2005

Cross-cultural perspectives on human sexuality REF HQ16 .C37 1998

Encyclopedia of **global warming and climate change**
(3 vols.) REF QC981.8 .G56 E47 2008
Conflicts over natural resources : A reference handbook
REF S944 .V38 2007
Global warming in the 21st century REF QC981.8.G56 J643 2006

Gun control: A documentary and reference guide
REF KF3941 .S678 2009

Health care policy and politics A to Z REF RA395 .A3 R685 2008
Healthcare reform in America: A reference handbook
REF RA395 .A3 K7593 2004
Encyclopedia of **public health** REF RA423 .E53 2002
Health issues (2 vols.) REF RA425 .H39 2001

Encyclopedia of **homelessness** (2 vols.) REF HV4493 .E53 2004
American homelessness REF HV4505 H647 2001

Immigration REF JV6201 .P68 2007
Immigration in U.S. history (2 vols.) REF JV6450 .I565 2006

Internet and the law: technology, society, and compromises
REF KF390.5.C6 S39 2006
Internet piracy REF KF3024.C6 I58 2005
The Internet revolution REF TK5105.875.I57 H54 2005
Cybercrime: a reference handbook REF HV6773 .S3547 2004

Pornography in America REF HQ471 S59 2000
Obscenity and pornography decisions of the United States Supreme
Court REF KF9444 .O27 2000

Encyclopedia of **privacy** (2 vols.) REF JC596.2 .U5 2007
Invasion of privacy: a reference handbook REF JC596.2 .U5 R44 2005
The USA Patriot Act of 2001: balancing civil liberties and national security
REF KF4850 .B35 2004

The public debate over controversial Supreme Court decisions
REF KF4550.Z9 P83 2006

Encyclopedia of **politics and religion** (2 vols.) REF BL65 .P7 E53 2007
The ten commandments: a handbook of religious, legal and social issues
REF BV4655 .H44 2003
New religions: a guide REF BP603 .N492 2004
Odd gods: new religions & the cult controversy REF BL2525 .O33 2001

Smoking concerns sourcebook REF RA1242.T6 S589 2004
Tobacco in history and culture: an ency. REF GT3020 .T594 2004

Sporting equality : Title IX thirty years later REF GV709.18.U6 S67 2005
Sport in American culture : from Ali to X-games REF GV706.2 .D86 2004
Encyclopedia of **twentieth-century athletes** REF GV697.A1 M355 2001
Sports ethics: A reference handbook REF GV706.3 .B47 1994

Encyclopedia of **social issues** REF HN28 .E55 2008
Social issues in American: an encyclopedia (multi-volume)
REF HN 57.S624 2006

Science fact and science fiction: an encyclopedia
REF Q123 .S735 2006

Battleground: The media (2 vols.) REF P95.8 .B38 2008
Violence in the media: A reference handbook
REF PN1992.8.V55 S55 2005
Encyclopedia of **television** REF PN1992.18 .E53 2004 (4 vols.)

Statistical sources

Find statistics to support your argument

Statistical abstract of the United States
REF HA202 .U5 (current year)
<http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/>

Datapia of the United States: American history in numbers REF
HA202 .K87 2007

*American attitudes: what Americans think about the issues that
shape their lives* REF HN90.P8 A527 2005

*A statistical portrait of the United States: social conditions
and trends* REF HA203 .S746 2002

Need a controversial topic?
Try these resources

Need a topic (suggested topics):

<http://www.usi.edu/library/documents/research%20tips/needatopic.pdf>

*IssueWeb: a guide and sourcebook for researching
controversial issues on the Web* REF ZA4228 .D53 2004

History behind the headlines: the origins of conflicts worldwide
REF D410 .H47 (4 vols.) (excellent source, variety of topics)

Selected Recommended Web Sites for Current Topic Ideas

See also:

WiseTo Social Issues <http://socialissues.wiseto.com/AZIndex/>

Cato Institute: Hot Topics <http://www.cato.org/>

O'Keefe Library: Hot Paper Topics
<http://library.sau.edu/bestinfo/Hot/hotindex.htm>

Public Agenda Online <http://www.publicagenda.org/>

Suggested Databases

- Academic Search Premier
- ProQuest Research Library
- CQ Researcher
- Facts on File

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databases (primarily for finding articles)
and other online resources from off-campus

Go to the library's homepage at:
<http://www.usi.edu/library/index.asp>

- Select **Databases**
- Select database subject category from left main menu
- Click on name of database you want to search
- The **Database Login** page will appear
- Enter your **MyUSI** username and **password**
- Click **Login**

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- By email: libref@usi.edu
- Visit the Rice Library reference desk to consult
with a reference librarian.

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