Research Guide to: Current Issues

Call numbers: 300s Social Sciences, 310s General Statistics, 360s Social Problems and Services, 900s World History/Chronologies, 973s U.S. History, 973.9s U.S. History – 20th Century

Subject headings/keywords: History, Modern – 20th Century (or 21st Century); United States – History – 20th Century (or 21st Century); “Title” search using any of the Print Series Titles listed below; ask at the Reference Desk for subject headings & keywords for your specific topic

For further assistance: Please consult the staff at the Reference Desk or call 816-604-2268

Library home page: http://lvlibrary.mcckc.edu

Begin Search

- Create search question
- Identify keywords from search question
- Combine keywords or concepts with Boolean operators (and, or, not) for use in the appropriate databases

Consult the Library of Congress Subject Headings (red books located at the Reference Desk.) Look up subject to determine any additional topics needed for search.

Reference Books

Ref 301 T918
Greenwood Guide to American Popular Culture
Ref 306.0973 G856
Social Issues in America: An Encyclopedia
Ref 361.973 So13
Encyclopedia of Science, Technology, and Ethics
Ref 503 En19
Facts About the 20th Century
Ref 909.82 Oc3f
American Decades: Primary Sources
Ref 973.9 Am3dp
American Decades
Ref 973.9 Am3d 2000-09

Print Series Titles

Contemporary Issues [Companion]
Contemporary Legal Issues
Opposing Viewpoints
At Issue
Current Controversies

Electronic Sources

Pro/Con Online Databases:
- CQ Researcher
- Issues and Controversies (Facts on File)
- Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center
  (Thomson-Gale)

Newspaper Databases:
- Newspaper Source
- NewsBank
- Lexis-Nexis Academic Universe

Other Online Databases:
- Sociological Collection (EBSCO)
- Academic Search Elite
- ProQuest Research Library

Internet Resources:
Consult recommended Web Links on the Longview Library home page. Scroll down to Hot Topics or Global Issues. You can also find other links by using Multiple Subject Sites and searching for the topic of your choice.

Suggested Web Sites:
- Pros and Cons of Controversial Issues
  http://www.procon.org
- First Amendment Topics
  http://www.firstamendmentcenter.org/
- ProQuest Discovery Guides
  http://www.csa.com/discoveryguides/discoveryguides-all.php
- Jurist Hot Topics
  http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/

For additional resources, visit our online subject guide at http://libguides.mcckc.edu/