

Need a Research Topic on Current or Controversial Issues?

Selected Topics the Rice Library Collection Supports (Suggestion: start by searching the [CQ Researcher Database](#))

at <http://www.usi.edu/library/databases2/GeneralMS.htm>

<p>The ECONOMY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Aid Mortgage Crisis Factory Farms Minimum Wage Consumer Debt Rebuilding New Orleans Exporting Jobs Food: organic v. biotech Homelessness Media and Advertising Identity Theft Ending Poverty Labor Unions' Future Lobbying Boom 	<p>POLITICS / LAW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> US Policy in Iran National ID Cards Electing the President New Strategy in Iraq Controlling the Internet Teen Driving Marijuana Laws Disaster Preparedness Government Secrecy Illegal Immigration Treatment of Detainees Hating America Terrorism Draft Debates Voting Controversies 	<p>EDUCATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Racial Diversity in Public Schools Drugs/Drinking on Campus No Child Left Behind Gender and Learning Bilingual Education Religion in Schools Affirmative Action Hazing Home Schooling Debates Sex Education Standardized Testing Bullying Athletes and Drugs Reforming College Sports Women in Sports
<p>EMPLOYMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum Wage Affirmative Action Diversity in the Workplace Drug Testing at Work Labor Unions' Future Nursing Shortage Teaching Shortage Unemployment Benefits Welfare Reform 	<p>HEALTH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Battling HIV/AIDs Wounded Veterans Students and Stress HPV Vaccine Slow Food Movement Avian Flu Threat (Bird Flu) Cosmetic Surgery Universal Coverage Rising Health Costs Methamphetamine Eating Disorders Alcoholism Dietary Supplements Depression Obesity Ritalin Tobacco Youth suicide 	<p>TECHNOLOGY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aging Infrastructure Cyber Socializing Video Games Blog Explosion Alternative Fuels Biotechnology Identity Theft Internet Privacy Genetically Modified Foods Digital Divide (haves/have-nots) Music and Downloading Identity Theft Future of Newspapers
<p>ETHICS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hunting Controversies Assisted Suicide Cloning Debate Drug Company Ethics Stem Cell Research Enron or Business Ethics Ethics of War Teen Sex Birth Control Debate Right to Die 	<p>RELIGION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rise of Megachurches Cults Evolution vs. Creationism Intelligent Design Prayer and Healing Islamic Fundamentalism New Religious Movements Religion in Schools Sexual Abuse and the Clergy Global Jihad Understanding Islam 	<p>VIOLENCE and CRIME</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prison Reform Gun Violence DNA and Crime Domestic Violence Death Penalty Controversies Sentencing Debates Date Rape Hate crimes Hating America High-Tech Crime Sex, Violence and the Media

<p>FAMILY and RELATIONSHIPS</p> <p>Cyber Socializing Consumer Safety Transgender Issues Teen Sex Child Welfare Reform Adoption Controversies Children and Divorce Gay Marriage Fatherhood Movement Mothers' Movement</p>	<p>RIGHTS</p> <p>Protecting Whistleblowers Gun Control Debate Property Rights Free-Press Disputes Affirmative Action Animal Rights Civil Liberties in War Time Gay Marriage Birth Control Debate Race in America American Indians</p>	<p>SCIENCE</p> <p>Disappearing Species Future of Recycling Coal's Comeback Factory Farms Ecotourism Biofuels Boom Climate Change Energy Efficiency Air Pollution Genetically Modified Foods Oil Production in the 21st Century Water Shortages Saving the Oceans</p>
<p>OTHER</p> <p>Celebrity Culture Future of Feminism Gays on Campus Cellular Telephones Media Bias Drug Traffic Pornography Drunken Driving Gambling Search for Extraterrestrials</p>	<p>See also:</p> <p>WiseTo http://socialissues.wiseto.com/AZIndex/</p> <p>Cato Institute: Hot Topics http://www.cato.org/</p> <p>O'Keefe Library: Hot Paper Topics http://library.sau.edu/bestinfo/Hot/hotindex.htm</p> <p>Public Agenda Online http://www.publicagenda.org/</p>	<p>Compiled primarily for ENG 101, ENG 201 and CMST 101</p> <p>Rice Library, Instructional Services, 1/2008</p>