

Controversial Issues Series

Current Controversies (REF/H/31/C7, Complete series organized by title, circulating copies are also available)

Each anthology in this series includes essays that initially appeared in periodicals, newspapers, books, government documents, and public and private organizational publications. A balanced presentation for controversial views, the selections differ in style and polish; some are carefully reasoned, and others are emotionally charged. Three major sections explore the dimensions of the problem, its causes, and possible remedies. The purpose of the series is to introduce the reader to all sides of contemporary controversies in an objective and comprehensive way. Extensive book and periodical article bibliographies and a list of organizations to contact are also included in each volume

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Compiles pertinent data, both current and historical, on a wide variety of contemporary social issues. Collected from a wide variety of source documents, reports and studies, each of the books provide current and past statistics, court decisions, state and federal laws, tables and charts, results of public opinion polls and more. Each volume provides complete source citations as well as listings of names, addresses, telephone and fax numbers for relevant organizations. Volumes revised and updated every two years.

Contemporary World Issues

Contemporary Education Issues

Contemporary Legal Issues

(Located in the Reference and/or circulating collection, according to the book's subject area)

Books in this series present authoritative and objective information on social, legal and educational issues. Each book provides historical background, contemporary context, and resources for further research. An excellent source for providing comprehensive background information.

Contemporary Issues Companion (Shelved by subject specific call number in the circulating collection)

Covering topics of current interest, each anthology examines an important social issue in a variety of ways, from personal accounts and case studies to pertinent factual and statistical articles to commentaries and overviews. The appended list of organizations and the list of books for further reading are both annotated.

CQ Researcher (Online database)

The [CQ Researcher](#) report (44 issues a year) offers in-depth, non-biased coverage of political and social issues. Each report includes a background and chronology; an assessment of the current situation; tables and maps; pro/con statements from representatives of opposing positions; and bibliographies of key sources.