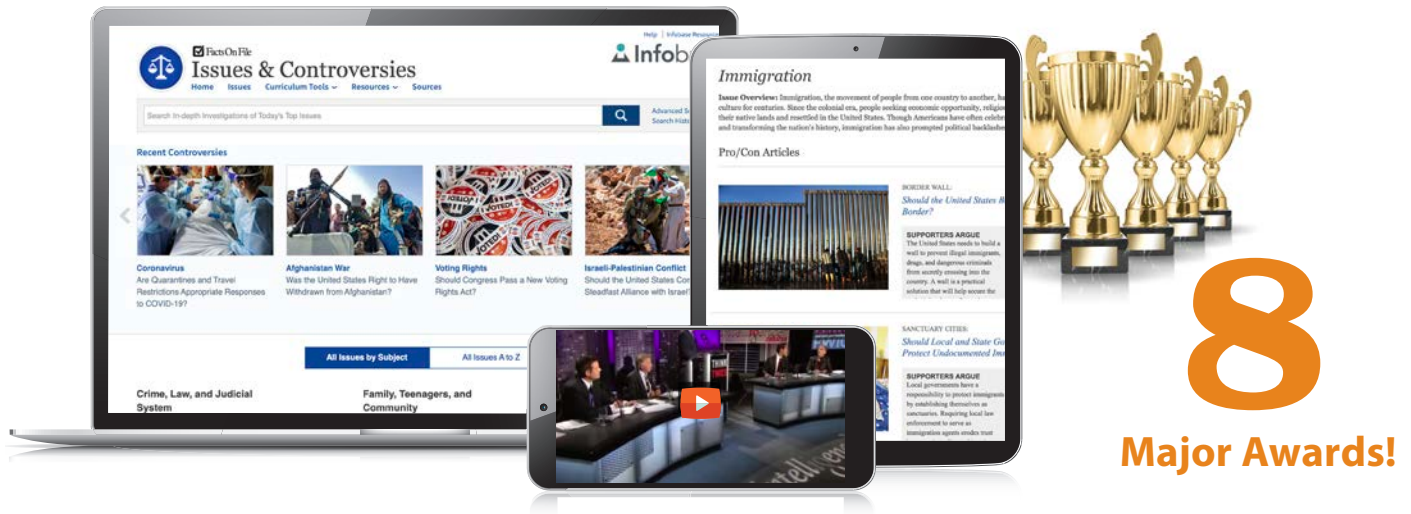


Issues & Controversies

Researchers' First Step toward Understanding Today's Most Important & Controversial Issues



Provide your students with a unique tool for understanding today's crucial issues. Designed to inspire thought-provoking debates, each in-depth article presents both sides of an issue clearly and without bias. Updated weekly, this resource presents the key facts, arguments, history, and current context of today's most important issues—an ideal resource for research papers, debate preparation, and persuasive writing assignments.

Content Highlights:

- **Correlated** to Common Core, state, national, provincial, IB, C3 Framework for Social Studies, NGSS, national STEM Standards
- **Extensive, objective, and comprehensive coverage:** timely, in-depth articles covering complex, hot-button issues
- **Pro and con statements:** main arguments focusing on each side of the controversy
- **Curriculum Tools:** promoting classroom use, with research and writing tools as well as activities for students and educators
- **Exclusive, original videos and educator support materials** enhancing selected issues, including overviews, learning objectives, printable handouts (such as self-assessments with answer keys), discussion questions, and much more
- **Compelling, authoritative, Oxford-style debate videos** from the renowned Intelligence Squared U.S. Debate Series, providing fresh perspectives from leading experts in a live format
- **Primary sources:** original documents with introductory paragraphs that provide context and background to the sources—perfect for document-based learning and strengthening critical-thinking skills

LibraryWorks

Modern Library Awards Gold Honoree

Tech & Learning Award of Excellence

"Best Upgraded Products"

Tech & Learning

ISTE Best of Show Award

LMC/ARBA

Best in Reference Award

"Best Overall Reference"

LMC/ARBA

Best in Reference Award

"Best Electronic Reference"

The ComputED Gazette

Best Educational Software Award (BESSIES)

"High School Social Studies Database"

The ComputED Gazette

Education Software Review Award (EDDIES)

"High School Social Studies Database"

Library Journal

Best Database

"Best for High Schoolers"

SIIA CODiE Award Finalist

Issues & Controversies

Researchers' First Step toward Understanding Today's Most Important & Controversial Issues

Content Highlights (continued):

- **NPR audio:** editorially curated and selected National Public Radio audio recordings and podcasts—including episodes of NPR's *Fresh Air* and *On Point*—linked directly to specific articles to enhance context, understanding, and research; many also feature transcripts of the entire broadcast or selected highlights
- **Court cases:** original, searchable articles that summarize key court cases on major issues, each explaining the background of the case, the legal issues it raised, the court's decision, and its impact
- **Editorials:** thousands of editorials and opinions via NewsEdge from prominent newspapers and magazines worldwide and across the political spectrum—including the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Houston Chronicle*, *Toronto Star*, *Jerusalem Post*, *China Daily*, and *Atlantic*—providing a broader perspective on contemporary events and conflicts
- **Infographics:** tables and charts presenting crucial data on the issues for easy visualization of statistics
- **Rich related resources:** congressional testimony, infographics, speeches, reports, editorial cartoons, and more, along with discussion questions and activities, inspiring students to do their own critical thinking and analysis
- **Full coverage of each National High School Debate Topic:** comprehensive overview, with a series of in-depth articles on the key aspects of the annual debate topic
- **Bill of Rights in Debate:** deepening understanding the U.S. Constitution in contemporary life by linking articles and issues directly to constitutional rights
- **Searchable Reuters® newsfeed**, updated hourly
- **Issues from the headlines**, covering the most controversial issues of the 21st century, including capital punishment, drug legalization, energy and climate change, free trade and the economy, gun control, health care, immigration, racial profiling, and world poverty
- **Presidential elections and administrations:** comprehensive background articles on all presidential races since 1996—including articles about the candidates' views on campaign issues, party platforms, and excerpts from convention speeches—and the presidencies of Reagan, Clinton, Bush, and Obama
- **"By the Numbers,"** offering valuable statistical material
- **Thousands of links** to news stories, timelines, primary sources, and other resources, giving users context, insight, and perspective
- **Comprehensive chronologies** and overview articles
- **Background Encyclopedia content**

"...could work particularly well in flipped classrooms due to the wealth of topics for students to read and research before discussing...in class."—TECH & LEARNING

"...will provide students with the building blocks for forming their own opinions, leading to thoughtful research papers and debates. **The content and presentation are impressive...**will give the [competition] a run for its money..."—LIBRARY JOURNAL

"There's no debate that this database deserves an A."

—SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL

Supports 1:1 initiatives, flipped classrooms, blended instruction, and project-based learning

Features Include:

- Easy-to-navigate format structured around today's most controversial issues
- Dynamic citations: MLA and Chicago formats, with EasyBib export functionality
- Google Translate and Read Aloud tool
- Download articles as PDFs
- Searchable support Center with live help chat
- Share content to Google Classroom

Issues & Controversies

Researchers' First Step toward Understanding Today's Most Important & Controversial Issues

WATCH A DEBATE
Islam Is Dominated by Radicals: A Debate

Start the Discussion with Original Videos and Educator Resources

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
Environment: What, if anything, should be done about global warming and climate change by governments, individuals, and companies?

LEARNING OBJECTIVES
Animal Rights: Do animals have inherent rights similar to the rights of humans? If so, how do these rights compare to human rights?

As a result of this lesson, students will be able to:

The award-winning *Issues & Controversies* includes an array of valuable **EDUCATOR RESOURCES** and critical-thinking assets to enhance any lesson or debate prep.

- Thought-provoking, Oxford-style **debate videos from Intelligence Squared** include perspectives from leading authorities on both sides of an argument. Assign the full video for flipped classrooms or highlight specific points in class by using the predefined debate segments
- **Printable handouts** can be downloaded as PDFs and include special activities, collaborative projects, and homework assignments
- **"Extend the Lesson" sections** pose counterfactual "What If?" questions that challenge students to think about the issues beyond the scope of the article
- **Discussion questions and self-assessments** with answer keys promote critical thinking and inspire further exploration of every topic
- Original **overview videos** introduce key issues in a clear and dynamic fashion and are perfect discussion starters

*intelligence*²
DEBATES

Overview Videos

Abortion and Reproductive Rights, Animal Rights, Capital Punishment, Citizenship and Freedom of Information, Overhauling Marijuana, DNA Evidence, Education Reform, Energy Policy, Environment, Food Safety, Gun Control, Health Care, Immigration, LGBT Rights, Media, Journalism, and News Coverage, Racial Profiling, Religion in Public Schools, Stem Cell and Embryonic, Smoking Bans and E-cigarettes, Social Media and Cyberbullying, and more.

OVERVIEW VIDEOS

Selected hot-button issues feature overview videos to introduce the topic and **exclusive Educator Resources** to extend the lesson beyond the articles