



## SOURCES OF INFORMATION in the CCCC Library

for argumentative or persuasive essays, position papers  
and other projects on current, controversial issues

**Books** If a book is not available in the Lee Library, it can be requested from another library. Items from one of the other CCCC libraries will arrive in one-two days. Items from other community college libraries may take one-two weeks.

**Online catalog** ([www.cclinc.ncccs.cc.nc.us](http://www.cclinc.ncccs.cc.nc.us))—specific **series** titles to look for:

- Opposing Viewpoints
- Point/Counterpoint
- Contemporary World Issues
- Information Series on Current Topics  
(Also called Information Plus  
Reference Series)
- Current Controversies
- At Issue
- Contemporary Issues Companion
- Library in a Book

**Note:** the chapters from some of these books are also available in the  
*Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center* (see below)  
Also, do a general search on your topic.

### **Databases (for magazine, journal, newspaper articles; book chapters; reports)**

- CQ Researcher Online ([www.nclive.org](http://www.nclive.org))  
in depth coverage of current and controversial issues--  
one of the NCLIVE databases-- click on Browse Resources, Alphabetic,  
then click on CQ Researcher Online--available on campus or off campus  
with password
- Gale Academic OneFile (New!) An easy-to-use, full text general database that  
covers the physical sciences, technology, medicine, social sciences, the arts,  
theology, literature and many others subjects. New Web 2.0 technologies are  
incorporated to retrieve non-text formats and for sharing information--  
available on campus computers or off-campus with a password.
- JSTOR ([www.jstor.org](http://www.jstor.org))--Language and Literature Collection--back issues with  
full text articles from language/literature resources; coverage gaps up to  
5 years with possible linkage to current issues; click on Search or Browse on  
the main page--available on campus computers only
- NCLIVE ([www.nclive.org](http://www.nclive.org))--databases of articles (citations, abstracts and/or full-  
text)--available on campus computers or off campus with password
- Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center--  
[Infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/cccc\\_.main](http://Infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/cccc_.main)--comprehensive source for  
information on social issues--available on campus computers or off campus  
with password
- Statistical Abstract of the United States—Ref HA 202.A1—the latest edition is the  
circulation desk
- Statistical Resources on the Web—[www.fedstats.gov](http://www.fedstats.gov)  
[www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)  
[www.city-data.com](http://www.city-data.com)

**TIPS for Searching:** Use the *following words* combined with a topic to find articles that give different views of a topic. For example, "assisted suicide" and opposition.

*Advantages(s), advocate(s), against, analysis, arguments(s), attitude(s), benefit(s), comparison(s), controversial, controversies, controversy, disadvantage(s), opponent(s), opponent(s), position(s), proponent(s), view(s)*

Remember to check the database's method for truncating words in order to search for plurals and singulars or different forms of the word at the same time. For example, in some databases, searching for *controvers\** will find *controversy, controversies, and controversial*.