



USEFUL SOURCES FOR THE ARGUMENTATIVE RESEARCH PAPER Number: 4A

TITLE: **CQ Researcher**

LOCATION: REF H35.E35 (in reference room; blue binders and hardbacks.)

DESCRIPTION: CQ Researcher is a weekly publication covering contemporary controversial subjects such as "Global Warming" or "Hate Crimes." Each issue provides editorials and information on the subject, including a pro/con debate, statistics, and a bibliography.

HOW TO USE: Use the separate cumulative index first (thin black binder; same shelf) to locate your topic in the series, or to browse for ideas. The index is also available online at: http://library.cqpress.com/researcher_index.pdf

CAN IT BE CHECKED OUT? No. CQ Researcher is a reference tool. It must be used in the library or photocopied.

TITLE: **Issues and Controversies (now available online!)**

LOCATION: Locate this online product in the list of databases on the DCCC Library Homepage.

DESCRIPTION: The Issues and Controversies database includes the electronic version of the articles which have been published in the popular weekly hard copy publication. The articles cover timely controversial topics in medicine, society, government, etc.

HOW TO USE: Go to <http://library.dccc.edu> Click on "search for articles." Type in the user name and password which can be obtained from the DCCC librarians. Select "Issues and Controversies." Type in your topic OR use the QUICK ACCESS options on the right frame for an alphabetical list of current topics.

TITLE: **Opposing Viewpoints (now available online!)**

LOCATION: Locate this online product in the list of databases on the DCCC Library Homepage.

DESCRIPTION: The Opposing Viewpoints database includes online chapters from over 100 books and reference books in a wide range of areas such as CELL PHONE USE, EATING DIOSRDERS, FAMILY VALUES, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, etc. It also includes online magazine and newspaper articles and internet web sites which have been deemed as reliable by the editors of this product.

HOW TO USE: Go to <http://library.dccc.edu> Click on "search for articles." Type in the user name and password which can be obtained from the DCCC librarians. Select "Opposing Viewpoints." Select your topic from the alphabetical list or type keywords in the search field provided.

TITLE: Taking Sides

LOCATION: The books in this series are in the stacks--call numbers vary depending on subject area.

DESCRIPTION: The Taking Sides series includes approx. 20 newly published circulating books. Each book contains many different controversial issues within one field. For example, Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Bioethical Issues discusses stem cell research, steroid use, etc.; Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Social Issues discusses the news media, same sex marriage, etc.

HOW TO USE: Type "TAKING SIDES" onto the GENERAL KEYWORD SEARCH option on the DCCC online book catalog to browse through the list of volumes in this series. Then, click on the title of each book for the details of the issues covered in each volume.

OR

Use the online index to the series at <http://www.mhcls.com/libeditions.mhtml>

The index lists which topics are discussed in each volume. The index is also useful for choosing a topic for the research paper.

CAN IT BE CHECKED OUT? Yes. The circulating books can be checked out of the library.

Also Helpful:

Statistical Abstract of the United States: Published annually; shelved in reference room under call # REF HA202.S9. Use index in back of book to locate statistics on a wide range of topics such as # of high-school drop-outs, # of aircraft accidents, etc. Also, find selected portions of this source online at www.census.gov/statab/www

Statistics on the Internet: The Web is an excellent resource for statistics: try www.fedstats.gov or type your topic and the word "statistics" into a search engine. Try limiting your search to sites from government only, i.e. .gov sites only by using the "advanced search" in <http://google.com>

The above sources are only a beginning. There are many other **single volume books on controversial subjects** in our collection at <http://library.dccc.edu> (click *search for books*) as well as a wealth of information in **journal and newspaper articles** which can be accessed from any internet station using the DCCC password to databases such as **EBSCO**. IF YOU NEED HELP, ASK A REFERENCE LIBRARIAN.

