

# Controversial Social Issues



## Springville High School Research Guide

### **TASK DEFINITION:**

Social issues tend to be provocative or controversial and invite further discussion and exploration. This research paper provides an opportunity for you to further investigate a social problem or issue that is controversial, as well as interesting to you. You will research both sides of the issue or problem, analyze and synthesize the information, then take a side which you will defend in your research paper, supporting your opinion with the information you've researched.

You will use MLA format for in-text documentation and for your works cited page.

**BACKGROUND SOURCES:** This is where you start your research

*These sources will give you an overview of your topic, a list of authorities in the field and their works, and provide you with the keywords you will need to research your topic.*

**GENERAL ENCYCLOPEDIAS** – NOT included in your works cited as they are general knowledge, not research

Americana **Ref 031 AME**  
Encyclopedia Britannica **Ref 031 BRI**  
Encyclopedia Britannica Online  
Oxford Reference Online  
World Book **Ref 031 WOR**  
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### **SPECIALIZED ENCYCLOPEDIAS**

Civil Rights in America **Ref 323.0973 SIG**  
Criminal Justice **Ref 345.73 CRI**  
Death Penalty **Ref 364.66 MIT**  
Encyclopedia of American Civil rights and Liberties **Ref 342.7308 ENC**  
Encyclopedia of Crime and Justice **Ref 364.03 ENC**  
Encyclopedia of Privacy **Ref 323.44 ENC**  
Encyclopedia of Science Technology and Ethics **Ref 503.22 ENC**  
Violence in America **Ref 303.6 VIO**  
Women's Rights on Trial **Ref 346.7301 FRO**

### **MASS MARKET PUBLICATIONS**

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