Hot Topics

The most current information about popular, controversial, or straight-from-the-headlines subjects will be in daily and weekly publications (printed and online), like newspapers and news magazines.

ONLINE DATABASES

**Pro-Con Sources**

*CQ Researcher*  In-depth reports on current topics and controversial issues. Includes extensive sources for further information.

*Issues & Controversies*  Provides factual analysis, with opposing points of view, on controversial topics from 1995 to present.

*Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center*  This database provides full text from the *Opposing Viewpoints* books, other reference books, magazines, newspapers, websites, and statistics.

**Newspapers**

*Newspaper Source*  Provides full text of 60+ U.S. and international newspapers, selective full text for 300+ regional U.S. newspapers, and full-text television and radio news transcripts from CBS, CNN, Fox News, NPR, etc.

*Nexis Uni*  Full-text articles from hundreds of newspapers and magazines, wire services, and TV and radio broadcasts.

**Magazines**

*Academic Search Elite*  Articles from leading journals in the sciences, technology, medicine, social sciences, the arts, and many other subjects.

*MAS Ultra School Edition*  Access to full text for 500 popular magazines

*MasterFILE Premier*  A one-stop source for news and periodical articles on a wide range of general interest topics.

*Nexis Uni*  Full-text articles from hundreds of newspapers and magazines, wire services, and TV and radio broadcasts.

*ProQuest Research Library*  Provides full text for periodicals covering a wide range of subjects. Includes peer-reviewed articles.

**Websites**

*ProCon.org*  [https://www.procon.org/](https://www.procon.org/)

Presents controversial issues in a straightforward, nonpartisan, primarily pro-con format.

*Public Agenda*  [https://www.publicagenda.org](https://www.publicagenda.org)

“Public Agenda is an objective explorer of public opinion and a scrupulously fair minded producer of citizen education materials.”

**Videos**

*Films on Demand:* Find thousands of videos on a wide range of topics.
FACT CHECKING SITES:
Evaluate what you read or hear. Check for accuracy, “Fake news,” and hoaxes here:

FactCheck.org
Politifact.com
Snopes. Com
Washington Post Fact Checker

PRINTED SOURCES

Newspapers

Browse the newspaper rack for current issues of:
The Kansas City Star (Library keeps current six weeks of print and on microfilm 1974-2011)
The New York Times (Sunday edition only – and also in microfilm 1969-current)
USA Today (Library keeps current six weeks)
Wall Street Journal (Library keeps current six weeks)

Magazines and Journals

The Library’s print collection includes the following titles that deal with current issues in the news:
The Atlantic Monthly
The Congressional Digest
Nation
National Review

Browse the magazine shelves in Circulation for current issues.
Back issues may be requested at the circulation desk and checked out.

Books

Search for books by author, title, keyword or subject in the Maple Woods Library online catalog at www.mcckc.edu/library/maple-woods then click on box for Maple Woods.

Current Controversies A series of books which provides information on controversial topics. Enter Current Controversies as a title in the online catalog to bring up a list of individual titles.

At Issue A series of books which provides “a range of opinions of various controversial topics.” Enter At Issue as a title in the online catalog to bring up a list of individual titles.

Opposing Viewpoints A group of books on many different subjects which gives both pro and con articles on the subjects. Look in the online book catalog under Opposing Viewpoints as a title for a list of individual titles.

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