# **Opposing Viewpoints**

Opposing Viewpoints covers contemporary social issues, from abortion to zero tolerance policies. It provides a broad variety of information including viewpoint essays, news and magazine articles, court-case overviews, and more.

Begin at www.pcc.edu/library then find *Opposing Viewpoints* under **Articles & Databases in the "Students" box.** 

## Two Options to Find Viewpoint Essays

To begin your search you can either use Browse Issues to select a topic suggested by Opposing Viewpoints, or use the search box to find your own topic.



#### **Browse Issues Option**

At the top of the database's homepage find the option to Browse Issues and click it.

That will take you to an alphabetical list of controversial topics. Selecting one takes you to a collection of viewpoint essays, articles, and other relevant information sources.

At the top of the page is an essay that provides background and context for the controversial issue. Below it are lists of viewpoint essays, articles from academic journals, news articles, videos, and much more.

#### Search Box Option

If your topic isn't on the lists of issues, enter it into the search box at the top of the page.

This takes you to a list of viewpoint essays, articles from academic journals, etc. At the right side of the page is the "Content Types" list of information sources on your topic.





You can also search your results for specific subtopics using the "Search within results" search box.

### **Tools**

To find the citation or email the essay, use the options listed under the Tools menu on the right side of an article. An MLA format citation is also available at the end of each article. Check to make sure the format is correct.

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