



Database Tip of the Week: Points of View Reference Center

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So Many Issues to Browse:

- Abortion Issues
- AIDS/HIV
- Animal Welfare
- Arts & Culture
- Censorship
- Citizen's Rights
- Civics & Government
- Crime & Punishment
- Earth & Environment
- Energy & Conservation
- Evolution
- Family Issues
- Foreign Policy
- Global Issues
- Government Funding
- Health & Medicine
- Human Rights
- Immigration
- Internet
- Labor & Economics
- Media & Communications
- Medicine & Ethics
- People & Society
- Race & Culture
- Religion
- Schools & Education
- Sex Education
- Sports
- Substance Abuse
- Taxes
- Voting & Election
- War & Peace
- Women's Issues

This week, the McCarthy Library is highlighting the Points of View Reference Center database. It can be found on the [McCarthy Library's Database page](#). Authenticate using your WebAdvisor username and password.

The Points of View (POV) database is a great place to start your research, especially if you are unsure of the topic you wish to write about. This database includes all kinds of current as well as controversial topics and presents multiple sides of an issue. POV can help students assess and develop persuasive arguments and essays, better understand controversial issues and develop analytical thinking skills.

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Points of View Reference Center

In the News



Browse by Category

Abortion Issues

- Abortion
- Abortion & Minors
- Late-Term Abortion

AIDS / HIV

- AIDS Drugs in Africa
- Condom Distribution
- HIV / AIDS Status & Privacy
- ▾ More

Animal Welfare

- Animal Experimentation
- Animal Rights
- Domestic Animal Overpopulation
- ▾ More

Points of View Reference Center covers over 400 topics, each with an overview (objective background / description), point (argument) and counter-point (opposing argument). Each topic features a *Guide to Critical Analysis* which helps the reader evaluate the controversy and enhances students' ability to read critically, develop their own perspective on the issues, and write or debate an effective argument on the topic.

The POV database provides a balance of materials from all viewpoints with main essays, leading political magazines from all sides of the political spectrum, newspapers, radio and television news transcripts, primary source documents and reference books. The database also offers related images and supplementary research guides for writing position papers, developing arguments and debating.