



Issues and Controversies

Scope: Analyzes hundreds of controversial topics and provides more than 650 in-depth articles on current issues in the news in a language and format for students. Features include weekly updates, new articles added biweekly, "Issues: Pro and Con" lists that highlight important debate topics, "By Numbers" statistical overviews of key issues, research topics, "What Happened That Day" and other features.

How to Access:

- Click on the word "Chicopee CLIC" on the Chicopee Public Library homepage (www.chicopeepubliclibrary.org)
- Click on the label "Current Events".
- Click on "Issues and Controversies".
- Log on using the CLIC username and password or your library card number. (Check the "Homework Helper" bookmark, or see the librarian, if you forget the username and password).

How to Search?

1. **Basic Search:** The search options are on found on the left side of the page. Type in your key words, select your options and click "go".

Example: television

Search Title Text Only, By Story Date From Jan. 01, 2000 – May 01, 2008

Results are listed in reverse chronological order under 4 tab headings "Featured Articles", "Editorial Cartoons", "By the Numbers" and "Reference Shelf".

The screenshot shows the 'Issues & Controversies' website interface. The header includes the 'Facts On File' logo and the title 'ISSUES & CONTROVERSIES' with the subtitle 'IN-DEPTH INVESTIGATIONS OF TODAY'S TOP ISSUES'. Navigation tabs for 'ENCYCLOPEDIA', 'ALMANAC', and 'CURRICULUM TOOLS' are visible. The left sidebar contains 'SEARCH OPTIONS' with a search box, checkboxes for 'Search Story and Title Text' and 'Search Title Text Only', and sort options for 'By Relevance Rank' and 'By Story Date'. The main content area displays a list of search results, including one titled 'SPAM' with a red 'SPAM' label. On the right, there is a section titled 'Issues in the Headlines' with a list of topics such as 'Block Scheduling in Schools', 'Cloning', 'Future of Reading', 'Gays in the Military: Rethinking 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell'', 'Georgia Crisis', 'Government Bailouts', 'Horse Racing', 'Metric System', 'Ownership of Cultural Artifacts', 'Spam', 'U.S. Seaport Security', and '2008-09 National High School Debate: Alternative Energy Incentives'.



2. **Advanced Search:** This search allows you to add the database “Today’s Science to your search if you wish.
3. **Subject Index:** This search allows you to browse major subject areas to see what the database covers. Click on the search term to see the related subjects.
4. **Issues: Pro and Con:** This search allows you to see the pros and cons to specific issues in an alphabetical list.
5. **Issues in the headlines:** The homepage displays relevant and current topics in the news on the homepage. Click on the topic of interest to connect to your topic. The “ACCESS ALL TOPICS” at the bottom of the list takes you to an alphabetical list of all available topics in the website.
6. **Encyclopedia and Almanac:** The Encyclopedia and almanac are searched by clicking on the appropriate tab and then typing keywords into the space provided.
7. The **Curriculum Tools** are divided into tools for students and tools for educators. Student Tools include “Research Tools”, “Presenting Your Research” and “Analyzing and Understanding” information presented on the Issues and Controversies database. Tools for Educators include Classroom Activities and Assignments and Teaching Aids.

New Search: Click on the button at the top right to start a new search.

Help Button: Click on the button to access the help section.

Questions??

If you have questions, please ask a Reference Librarian and call us at 413-594-1800 x108 or visit us at 449 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013. Meebo: [chicopee_ref](#)