

Find Topic Ideas Worksheet

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CQ Researcher

*Find a topic idea using **CQ Researcher**.*

1. Go to the [1a – Find topic ideas & overviews](#) page from the *Guide to Research at JSRCC Libraries* at <http://libguides.reynolds.edu/research>.
2. Click on the **CQ Researcher** link from the *Library Databases* box.
3. When the *CQ Researcher* main page appears, move your mouse over **Browse Reports** on the upper left side of the screen. When the menu drops down, click on **By Topic**.
4. When the *Browse Reports by Topic* page appears, **click on any broad topic**. What broad topic did you select?

5. When a list of more narrow subtopics appears, **click on any subtopic**. What subtopic did you select?

6. When a list of CQ Researcher titles appears, **click on any title**. What title did you select?

7. When the full report appears in a new window, note the question underneath the title. What is the topic question?

8. Is there a **Pro/Con** heading in the table of contents menu on the left ? ☐ Yes ☐ No

9. If **yes**, click on the **Pro/Con** link.

10. What is the Pro/Con argument phrased as a question?

Issues and Controversies (Facts.com)

*Find a topic idea using **Issues and Controversies**.*

1. Go back to the [1a – Find topic ideas & overviews](#) page from the *Guide* and click on the **Issues and Controversies** link from the *Library Databases* box.
2. When the main page appears, click on **any broad subject** in the *Subject Index* menu on the bottom left of the screen.

Issues and Controversies (cont'd)

3. When the list of more narrow topics appears for the subject you selected, click on **any topic** that interests you.
4. When the list of report titles appears, **click on any report** that interests you. What report title did you select?

5. When the report appears, review some of the arguments from both critics and supporters for issue/s covered in this report (see table of contents menu or issues box located near the top of the report). Briefly state some of the key issues discussed in this report.

Open Sources on the Internet

Find a topic idea using the SpeakOut.com – Issues web site.

1. Go back to the [1a – Find topic ideas & overviews](#) page from the *Guide* and click on the [Pros and Cons of Controversial Issues](#) link from the *Web Sites* box.
2. When the list of issues appears, **click on any issue**. What issue did you select?

3. When the next page appears, find the research question located near the top of the screen. **Jot down the research question listed on this page.**
