SOURCES OF INFORMATION in the CCCC Library (2/2013)
for argumentative or persuasive essays, position papers
and other projects on current, controversial issues

Books  If a book is not available in the Lee Library, it can be requested from another library. Items from
one of the other CCCC libraries will arrive in one-two days. Items from other community college libraries
may take one-two weeks.

Online catalog (www.cccc.edu/library or www.cclinc.ncccs.cc.nc.us for all NC Community College libraries
we have access to) –specific series titles to look for:

- Opposing Viewpoints
- Point/Counterpoint
- Contemporary World Issues
- Global Issues
- Information Series on Current Topics
   (Also called: Information Plus Reference Series)
- Introducing Issues with Opposing Viewpoints
- Current Controversies
- At Issue
- Contemporary World Issues
- Library in a Book

Note: the chapters from some of the above books in series are also available in the Gale Opposing Viewpoints in Context (see below).
Also, try a general search on your topic in other databases available to you.

Databases (for magazine, journal, newspaper articles; book chapters; reports)

- **CQ Researcher Online** (www.nclive.org) --in depth coverage of current and controversial issues--
one of the NCLIVE databases--click on Browse Resources, A-Z Browse,
then click on CQ Researcher Online--available on campus or off campus
with password

- **Gale Opposing Viewpoints** in Context--comprehensive source for
   information on current and social issues--available on campus computers or
   off campus with password

- **JSTOR** (www.jstor.org)--Language and Literature Collection--back issues with
   full text articles from language/literature resources; coverage gaps up to
   5 years with possible linkage to current issues; click on Search or Browse on
   the main page--available on campus computers only or off campus password

- **NCLIVE** (www.nclive.org)--databases of articles (citations, abstracts and/or full-
text)--available on campus computers or off campus with password (The
  Points of View database covers social issues)

- **Sharpe Online Reference (SOLR)** (New!) --an online reference source offering
   a unique, interdisciplinary approach to U.S. history, global history, culture,
   and social issues-- has links to approximately 1,000 reliable websites--
   available on campus computers or off campus with password

- **Statistical Abstract of the United States**--Ref HA 202 .A1 S8
- **Statistical Resources** on the Web--www.fedstats.gov
  www.census.gov
  www.city-data.com

**TIPS** for KEYWORD Searching: Use the following words combines with a topic to find articles that give
different views of a topic. For example, “assisted suicide” and opposition. Other words that might be useful
to use are: advantage(s), advocate(s), against, analysis, arguments(s), attitude(s), benefit(s), comparison(s),
controversial, controversies, controversy, disadvantage(s), opponent(s), opponent(s), position(s),
proponent(s), view(s)

Remember to check the database’s method (and symbol) for truncating words in order to search for plurals,
the singular form, or other variations of the word at the same time. For example, in some databases,
searching for controvers* will find results for controversy, controversies, and controversial.