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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** web 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, click on **Browse by Topic** from the menu on the left.
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? 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** web page from the *Guide* and click on the **Issues and Controversies** 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 for the topic you selected, **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 near the top). 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** web page from the *Guide* and click on **SpeakOut.com – Issues** from the *Web Sites* box.
2. When the *Issues* menu appears, **click on any issue**. What issue did you select?

3. When the next page appears, review the list of research questions. **Jot down one of the research questions listed on this page.**
