

Controversial Topics in Health Care

This guide will be useful in locating information on controversial topics. Understanding the pros and cons of a topic are essential before one can intelligently debate or analyze the topic in a paper or speech.

For an introduction to the topic, see:

- [Pro/Con Arguments](#) – Tips for researching pro or con arguments.
- [Writing Tips](#) – Helpful ideas for organizing essays, especially persuasive papers.
- [Finding Pro and Con Sources in Databases](#) — Examples of good and bad keyword searches.

Resources

Books

- *Code of Medical Ethics*
by American Medical Association (2008)
- *Contemporary Issues in Bioethics*
by Tom Beauchamp, et al (2008)
- *Ethical Decision Making in Nursing & Health Care*
by James Husted & Gladys Husted (2008)
- *Nursing Ethics through the Life Span*
by Elsie Bandman & Bertram Bandman (2002)
- *Legal Medicine*
by Shafeek Sanbar & American College of Legal Medicine (2007)
- *Law & Ethics for Medical Careers*
by Karen Judson & Carlene Harrison (2010)

SEARCH TIPS

Search Terms

(Use for computer searches)

- Ethics (+ topic of interest)
- Law (+ topic of interest)
- Controversy (+ topic of interest)

Subject Headings

(Use searching online catalogs)

- Ethics
- Legislation
- [Topic of interest]

Call Number

- W 32 & W 50 (National Library of Medicine for medical topics)
- WY 33 & WY 85 (National Library of Medicine for nursing topics)
- RT 85 (Library of Congress)

Indexes and Abstracts

- Vital Speeches of the Day
(via EBSCO)
- Congressional Digest
(via EBSCO)

Library Catalogs

- [CoxHealth Libraries Catalog](#)
- [World Cat – World-wide Catalog](#)

Journals

- *Clinical Risk*
- *Hastings Center Report*
- *Health Affairs*
- *Health and Human Rights*
- *The Internet Journal of Law, Healthcare and Ethics*
- *Issues in Law and Medicine*
- *JONA's Healthcare Law, Ethics, and Regulation*
- *Journal of Law, Medicine and Ethics*
- *Journal of Legal Medicine*
- *Journal of Nursing Law*
- [*Nursing Law's Regan Report*](#)

Organizations

- [Stateline.org](#)
- [Pew Research](#)
- [Brookings Institution](#)
- [International Debate Education Association \(IDEA\)](#)
- [National Center for Policy Analysis \(NCPA\)](#)
- [ProCon.org](#)
- [Statehealthfacts.org](#)

Web Pages

- [Opinion Polls](#)
- [Opposing Views](#)
- [Opposing Viewpoints](#)
- [Public Policy Issues and Groups](#)
- [SpeakOut.com](#)
- [Health Resources and Services Administration \(HRSA\)](#)
- [National Guideline Clearinghouse](#)
- [National Institutes of Health](#)

