CQ Researcher. (FULL-TEXT online) This online periodical devotes each issue to a current controversial topic, such as animal rights, fetal tissue research, etc. It maintains its own database and easy-to-use search interface.

Issues and Controversies on File. This biweekly periodical (kept on index tables near the Reference Desk) contains fact-filled reports and analyses (averaging 7-10 pages) of current "hot topics" in American government and society. Each article concludes with a bibliography of recent sources (primarily newspaper and magazine articles). Indexing is available with the set. ref E838 .I88 (Table 3A, 1st Floor, North).

National Journal. (FULL-TEXT online) This weekly magazine covers current topics of national interest (e.g., recession, military base shutdowns, budget deficit, etc.). You can locate online full-text articles from National Journal through EBSCOhost Academic Search. HINT: enter your topic in the FIND input box at the top and below that, in the JOURNAL input box, enter "National Journal." The actual print periodical volumes are located at: JK1.N28 (Periodicals, A-level, North)

Vital Speeches of the Day. (FULL-TEXT online) This periodical provides the full texts of important speeches by contemporary leaders in such fields as economics, politics, education, business, labor relations, etc. Perhaps an important recent speech on your topic can be located there. You can search and locate full text online articles from this periodical on your topic via EBSCOhost Academic Search. HINT: enter your topic in the FIND input box(s) at the top and below that, in the JOURNAL input box (found within the Search Options tab), enter "Vital Speeches of the Day." The actual print periodical volumes are located at: PN6121.V52 (Periodicals, A-level, North).

Finding Other Periodical Articles (Including many FULL-TEXT online) The Library has an ever-growing collection of electronic and print periodical indexes to assist you in your research. Many contain full text online periodical articles from leading academic journals. To choose the best index for your particular topic, consult the Find Articles and More... web page. Don't hesitate to ask for assistance at the Reference Desk.

Statistics and Opinion Polls -- Statistics and the results from opinion polls can be used to add weight or give credence to a position. Here are some of the major available sources:

Counting California (FULL-TEXT online) This public domain database is a new initiative committed to enhancing California citizens' access to the growing range of social science and economic data produced by government agencies. In a departure from more static formats, Counting California's single interface enables users access to actual raw data compiled by federal, state, and local agencies, and also allows users to collate and integrate data by topic, geography, title, and provider.

Gallup Organization (FULL-TEXT online) The organization's up-to-the-minute Polls News Service has a wealth of standard, longitudinal polls and a searchable, interface. Summary information, tables, charts and methodology are also present.