Be sure that your topic is not too broad. Ask a librarian to help you narrow and focus your topic.

Abortion
fetal rights
Right of Conscience
RU 486

Alcohol
alcohol advertising
alcoholism
binge drinking
drinking age
drinking on campus
drunk driving
hazing

Animals
animal communication
animal rights
Animal-to-human organ transplant
endangered species
exotic animal smuggling
hunting
pet food safety
pet theft
poaching

Arts
National Endowment for the Arts
public funding for the arts

Bioethics
cloning
euthanasia
gene therapy
 genetic engineering
human genome project
stem-cell research

Body Image
beauty contests
body piercing and tattooing
breast implants
cosmetic surgery
eating disorders
tanning

Business and Economics
antitrust policy
big box stores
budget deficits
business ethics
consumer-bankruptcy reform
corporate subsidies
debt forgiveness
e-commerce
economic recession
economic stimulus package
European Monetary Union
executive compensation
gasoline price increase
GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade)
Home foreclosure
NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement)
stock market
Sub-prime mortgage crisis
technology export controls
telecommunications reform
telemarketing
trade deficit
World Trade Organization

Children
child abuse
child labor
child poverty
child support
child welfare
childhood obesity
children and divorce
children’s legal rights
children’s television
day care
foster care reform
infanticide
parental consent and notification laws

Civil and Human Rights
age discrimination
censorship
civil liberties
Confederate symbols
crimes against humanity
elder abuse
electronic surveillance
ethnic conflict
feminism
freedom of information
gay rights
gun control
Holocaust reparations
human rights in China
human trafficking
Pledge of Allegiance
political correctness
right to privacy
same-sex marriage
slavery
slavery reparations
states’ rights
torture
workers’ privacy

Crime and Punishment
antiquities trading
capital punishment
citizens’ police review boards
cyber-crime
date rape
electro-shock guns
gangs
hate crimes
identity theft
insanity defense
insider trading
juvenile crime
mandatory sentencing
plagiarism
plea bargaining
police brutality
police corruption
prisoner privatization
prisoner abuse
school violence
sex-offender notification
sexual harassment
stalking
three-strikes laws

Drugs
drug abuse
drug testing
dui blood testing
legalization of drugs
medical marijuana
methamphetamines
smoking
tobacco advertising
tobacco industry
twelve-step programs

Education
ADD (attention deficit disorder)
bilingual education
charter schools
cheating in schools
college tuition costs
distance learning
grade inflation
high school dropouts
home schooling
literacy and illiteracy
math and science curriculum
school choice
school funding
school uniforms
school violence
sex education
single-sex schools
social promotion
students’ rights
testing in schools
year-round schooling
zero tolerance policy

Employment
exporting jobs
labor unions
minimum wage
mining safety
unemployment
whistleblowers
worker retraining

Energy
alternative fuels
energy crisis
energy policy
energy security
nuclear fusion
nuclear power plants
solar energy
utility deregulation

Environment
air pollution
biodiversity
climate change
conservation of natural resources
disaster relief
earthquake research
flooding
garbage and waste
greening
Kyoto Treaty
leadership and the environment
levee breaks
marine pollution
national forests
national parks
nuclear waste disposal
ocean conservation
offshore drilling

Farming and Agriculture
agricultural pollution
biotech foods
factory farming
farm animal health
farm subsidies
federal and state inspection
fruit and vegetable safety
locally grown food
organic farming
pesticides
plant and animal importation

Foreign Relations
Afghanistan
Africa’s issues
Arab/Israeli conflict
border security
Cuban embargo
globalization
Haiti
International Monetary Fund
Kashmir conflict
Middle East policy

Government and Politics
budget deficit
campaign finance reform
Census 2010
direct democracy
disaster preparedness
election reform
Electoral College
electronic voting
English as official language
ethics in government
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
national identification cards
partisan politics
Patriot Act
political scandals
presidential election, 2008
presidential power redistricting
Social Security reform
state budget cuts
third-party politics
U.S. seaport security
taxpayers
voter participation
youth voters

Health and Medicine
AIDS
alternative medicine

Alzheimer’s disease
autism
Avian (bird) flu
brain research
cancer research
chronic fatigue syndrome
diabetes epidemic
drug safety
electromagnetic fields
ergonomic standards
FDA (Food & Drug Administration)
food irradiation
food born illness
food safety
obesity epidemic
occupational safety
organ donation
West Nile virus

Health Care
managed health care
medical malpractice
Medicare reform
nursing shortage
patients’ rights
universal health care
veteran health care

Housing Issues
affordable housing
foreclosures
gated communities
homeless
housing and middle class
public housing
urban redevelopment

Internet
blogs and blogging
blogging and political activism
child pornography
copyright and the Internet
social networking
digital divide
e-books
electronic privacy