



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  
credit card debt  
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  
prison 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

oil and gas drilling in  
urban areas  
oil drilling in Alaska  
rain forests  
recycling  
renewable energy  
sources  
sustainability  
tornadoes  
toxic wastes  
tsunamis  
water pollution  
wildfires

### **Family**

adoption  
aging parents  
death and dying  
divorce  
homosexual parenting  
international adoption  
interracial marriage  
polygamy  
raising grandchildren

### **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

nation building  
NATO expansion  
North Korea-South  
Korea relations  
United Nations  
U.S.-Mexico-  
Canada border  
enforcement  
World Bank

### **Gambling**

Indian casinos  
Internet gambling  
lotteries  
simulcast racing

### **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  
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

file sharing  
Internet advertising  
Internet and fundraising  
Internet and politics  
Internet regulation  
Spam  
virtual reality  
World Wide Web

### **Iraq**

Iraq insurgency  
Iraq War  
reconstruction of Iraq  
troop surge  
troop withdrawal

### **Law and Judicial System**

courts and the media  
judicial activism  
jury system  
juvenile justice  
supreme court  
tort reform

### **Media**

advertising overload  
all-digital TV  
Broadcasting  
celebrity culture  
gangsta rap  
infomercials  
media bias  
media violence  
pornography  
public broadcasting  
reality television  
satellite radio  
tabloid television  
televised executions  
television and politics  
television-ratings codes  
video games

### **Mental Health**

antidepressant drugs  
depression  
electroconvulsive therapy  
mental illness  
postpartum stress syndrome  
post traumatic stress disorder

### **Minorities**

affirmative action  
Americans with Disabilities Act  
comparable worth  
diversity  
ethnic groups  
multiculturalism  
neo-Nazism  
racial gerrymandering  
racial profiling  
racism  
upward mobility

### **Nutrition**

fad diets  
food labeling  
herbal supplements  
vegetarianism  
vitamins

### **Religion**

church-state separation  
cults  
evolution and creationism  
faith-based initiatives  
Islam  
New Age movement  
prayer and healing  
religion and politics  
school prayer  
sexual abuse and the clergy

### **Reproduction**

birth control  
contraceptive drug implants  
reproductive technology  
surrogate motherhood

### **Science and Technology**

artificial intelligence  
biometrics  
cell phone safety  
DNA databases  
international space station

iPods  
manned mission to Mars  
nanotechnology  
NASA's future  
RFID (radio frequency ID)  
robots  
supercomputers  
wireless computers

### **Sexuality**

Abstinence  
celibacy  
homosexuality  
sex research  
sexually-transmitted diseases

### **Social Issues**

bullying  
gun industry lawsuits  
immigration reform  
income inequality  
national service  
prostitution  
rebuilding New Orleans  
refugees  
sweatshops  
welfare  
world hunger  
world population

### **Sports**

alcohol in stadiums  
athlete's salaries  
extreme sports  
mascot controversies  
sex discrimination in sports  
sports-stadium funding  
steroid use  
student-athlete compensation  
women in sports

### **Taxes**

capital gains tax  
flat tax  
IRS

tax reform  
taxing e-commerce

### **Teenagers**

teen curfews  
teen driving  
teen pregnancy  
teen spending  
teen suicide

### **Terrorism**

airport/airline security  
Al Qaeda  
antiterrorism  
border security  
homeland security  
port security  
September 11, 2001

### **Transportation**

aggressive driving  
airline industry  
airline safety  
automobile safety  
electric cars  
hybrid cars  
mass transit  
red light cameras  
speed limits  
SUVs (sport utility vehicles)  
toll roads  
truck safety

### **Wars, Weaponry & Military Forces**

chemical and biological weapons  
land mines  
military preparedness  
military recruiting and high school students  
military tribunals  
missile-defense programs  
nuclear proliferation  
privatizing the military  
treatment of detainees  
treatment of veterans  
UAVs (unmanned aerial vehicles)  
war injuries  
War Powers Act