How to Use Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center

On the BCTC Libraries homepage, bluegrass.kctcs.edu/Library, you will find the link to Opposing Viewpoints under ‘Quick Links’ in the white space at the center of the page.

Enter search terms here, or...

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Or select from the popular topics below:

- Abortion
- Adoption
- Affirmative action
- AIDS (Disease)
- Alcoholism
- Animal experimentation
- Animal rights
- Assisted suicide
- Athletes
- Bioethics
- Biological weapons
- Birth control
- Capital punishment
- Censorship
- Child abuse
- Church and state
- Cycling
- Drinking
- Drug abuse
- Education
- Employment
- Energy
- Environment
- Evolution
- Ethics
- Federalism
- Feminism
- Fundamentalism
- Gender
- Globalization
- Health Care
- History
- Human rights
- Immigration
- Iraq
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- Juvenile drinking
- Juvenile drug abuse
- Juvenile offenders
- Juvenile justice
- Marijuana
- Media violence
- Medical care
- Medical ethics
- Mental disorders
- Mental health
- Middle East
- Minimum wage
- Narcotics
- National security
- Nationalism
- Nurses
- Organ donation
- Peace
- Pollution
- Prejudice
- PR
- Racism
- Religion
- Rights
- Science
- School
- Sexuality
- Space
- Sports
- Suicide
- Taxation
- Technology
- Terrorism
- Tobacco
- Trade
- War
- Wealth
- Women
- Women's rights
- World problems
- Xenophobia
- Youth
- Work

Then narrow your results by choosing more specific subject terms or a particular type of publication.
Tips for choosing search terms

Think about your topic in terms of a question.
- How does binge drinking affect college students?
- What effect does violence in the media have on children?
- How do state laws differ on the death penalty?

Pick out the important terms or keywords from it.
- binge drinking, college students
- violence, media, children
- state laws, death penalty

Come up with other related terms or synonyms that could also be used to search.
- alcohol, young adults
- TV, movies, youth
- execution, capital punishment

Tips for refining your search

Use Boolean logic ("", and, or, not)
- "media violence" will retrieve sources that contain those words together as a phrase.
- children and media will retrieve sources that contain both of those terms
- TV or movies will retrieve sources that contain one or both of those terms
- TV not movies will retrieve sources that contain the word TV and don't contain the word movies.

Use truncation (? or *) to find all forms of a word
- violen? and school? (tells the computer to search for the words 'violence' and 'violent' and 'school' and 'schools')
- Check the HELP section in the database you are searching to be sure that truncation is allowed and what the symbol for it is. (Some databases use * rather than ?)