CVCC LIBRARY RESEARCH GUIDE
Current Issues & Controversial Topics

Suggested Databases:
The CVCC Library provides students access to a variety of excellent research tools available online. These databases provide journal and magazine articles, information published in reference books, and more. Much of the material provided is full-text. Here are suggested databases which cover current issues and controversial topics:

- **Opposing Viewpoints.** Covers a variety of social issues, bringing together viewpoint essays, topic overviews, newspaper and magazine articles, video and audio clips, images, statistics, links to web sites, and more.
- **CQ Researcher.** Provides in-depth reports on issues in the news. Each 12,000-word report, written and researched by a journalist, offers in-depth, non-biased coverage of political and social issues.
- **Issues & Controversies.** Up-to-date, in-depth information on hotly debated issues of the day.

To research a current issue or controversial topic:

1. Go to the [CVCC Home Page](http://www.centralvirginia.edu).
2. On the blue banner at the top of the screen, click **Student Support**.
3. On the menu on the left-hand side, click **Library**.
4. On the menu on the left-hand side, click either:
   a. **Databases A-Z** if you know the name of the database you want to search; OR
   b. **Databases by Subject** if you need a list of databases that cover a certain subject.
      Choose the subject category **Current Events/Pro and Con Topics**.
5. Select the database title resource you wish to use -- **Opposing Viewpoints**, **CQ Researcher**, or **Issues & Controversies**.

![Image 1 - Opposing Viewpoints](Image1-OpposingViewpoints)
Accessing the CVCC Databases Off Campus:
When accessing databases off campus, you will be prompted for your MyCVCC Username and Password (the same as for Blackboard and CVCC e-mail).

For additional assistance, contact the CVCC Library at (434) 832-7750 or email library@centralvirginia.edu.