

Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center

The Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center is a database available through the Multnomah County Library with a library card. It provides background material, essays, news and statistics on a wide variety of social issues such as genetic engineering, censorship, endangered species, and terrorism. It also includes biographies of social activists, court cases, profiles of government agencies, and links to web sites.

Use this database to find:

- Pro and Con arguments about a social issue
- Background material on the topic
- Statistics
- Profiles of people and organizations involved in issues
- Suggestions for analyzing and evaluating the information you find
- Tools to organize and present your information

How do I get to the Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center?

1. Start at the Multnomah County Library web site: www.multcolib.org
2. Click on the **Homework Center** link
3. Click on the link at **Homework databases**
4. Click on **Social issues (Opposing Viewpoints)**
5. Type in your Multnomah County Library card number and PIN. (Your PIN is usually the last 4 digits of your telephone number.)

Basic Search ?

Find: **Search**

Search for words in: Subject Keyword Entire document

Limit the results:

to document with images

by content level

None selected

Basic

Intermediate

Advanced

Or select from the popular topics below:

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| Abortion | Internet |
| Adoption | Iraq |
| Affirmative action | Islamic |
| AIDS (Disease) | fundamentalism |
| Alcoholism | Juvenile drinking |
| Animal | Juvenile drug abuse |
| experimentation | Juvenile offenders |
| Animal rights | Marijuana |
| Assisted suicide | Media violence |
| Athletes | Medical care |
| Bioethics | Medical ethics |
| Biological weapons | Mental disorders |
| Birth control | Mental health |
| Capital punishment | Middle East |
| Censorship | Minimum wage |

Starting your research:

You can begin your research in two different ways:

- **Choose a topic** listed in the right half of the screen. (be sure to scroll down to see the entire list)
 - Click on the topic.
- **Do a search.** Type a term or terms in the search box.
 - Don't like the results? Click on "Help," "Search Tips," and then "Tips to Searching This Collection" to learn about the Subject Guide and Advanced search types.

The next screen will show the results of your search.

Clicking on each of the tabs will display a different kind of resource.

- **"Viewpoints"** contains essays from a variety of perspectives.
- **"Reference"** contains overviews of the topic.
- **"Magazines"** contains recent articles from popular magazines on the topic.
- **"Academic Journals"** contains recent articles from scholarly journals (peer-reviewed) on the topic.
- **"News"** contains recent articles from newspapers on the topic.
- **"Primary Sources"** contains excerpts from court cases, laws, or other original material.
- **"Statistics"** has charts, tables, and numerical information.
- **"Multimedia"** has audio files and transcripts from radio broadcasts on the topic.
- **"Websites"** includes a list of web sites by organizations working on the issue.

The screenshot shows the Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center search results page. The page title is "Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center" with a navigation bar containing "Preferences" and "Change Databases". Below the navigation bar are utility links: "InfoMark", "Print", "E-mail", "Download", "Marked Items", "Previous Searches", "Dictionary", "Toolbox", "Title List", and "Help". The "Search Types" section includes tabs for "Basic", "Subject Guide", "Publication", "Advanced", and "Curriculum Standards". The "Basic Search" tab is selected, showing "Results".

On the left side, there is a "Quick Search" box with a "Find:" input field and a "Search" button. Below it is a "Subject Terms" section with links for "Censorship", "Self Censorship", "See Censorship", "Rock Out Censorship", and "National Coalition Against Censorship".

The main content area displays "Results for Basic Search (SU ('Censorship'))". It features a row of category tabs: "Viewpoints", "Reference", "Magazines", "Academic Journals", "News", "Primary Sources", "Statistics", and "Multimedia". The "Viewpoints" tab is selected. Below the tabs is a "Websites" section with a "Refine Results" link and a "Sort by: Relevance" dropdown menu. A "Mark All" checkbox is present. The results list shows "Results 1 - 20 of 161" with "GO" and "Next" buttons. The content level is set to "Basic".

The first result is: "1. **Censorship Can Be Beneficial.** Thomas Storck. *Opposing Viewpoints: Censorship.* Ed. Byron L. Stay. San Diego: Greenhaven Press, 1997. Viewpoint essay. ... How does the author define censorship? What evil acts does the author believe can be prevented by censorship? According to Storck, why will censorship not hinder the ... 63% censorship. Full-text | About this Publication | How to Cite".

The second result is: "2. **Limits Must Be Imposed on Free Speech.** Jonah Goldberg. Viewpoint".

To view an essay or article, click on the title.



InfoMark is the persistent url for the article you are viewing.

Print the article by clicking on the Print icon.

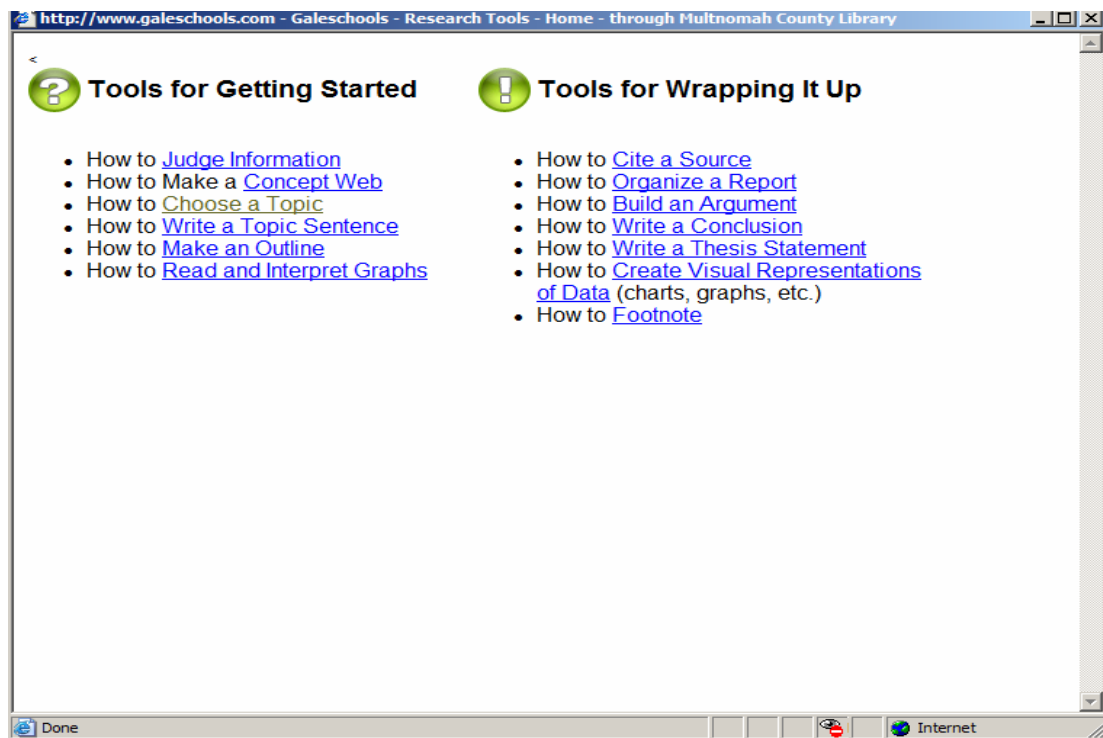
Email it to yourself, or to someone else.

Download it to your home computer.

Dictionary: Helps you learn the meaning of a word, name or location. In addition to a standard dictionary, it also includes a biographical dictionary to look up people, and a geographical dictionary to look up places.

Putting it all together into a paper.

Toolbox: The Toolbox has useful tips about putting all the information together into a great paper!



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