

Points of View Reference Center™

Gain a Balanced Perspective on Current Events and Issues

Containing resources that present diverse perspectives on important issues and events, *Points of View Reference Center™* provides rich content that can help students assess and craft persuasive arguments and essays, better understand controversial issues, and develop analytical thinking skills.

Resources for Critical Analysis

This database contains 455 core topics, each with an overview (objective background / description), point (argument) and counterpoint (opposing argument). Each topic features a *Guide to Critical Analysis* which helps the reader evaluate the controversy and enhances students' ability to read critically, develop their own perspective, and write or debate an effective argument on the topic.

Points of View Reference Center provides a balance of materials reflecting multiple sides of each issue. Sources include more than 1,900 main essays, leading political magazines from across the political spectrum, newspapers, radio and TV news transcripts, primary source documents and reference books. The database also offers related images and supplementary research guides for writing position papers, developing arguments, and debating.



Categories Include the Following and Many More:

- Arts and culture
- Citizens' rights
- Earth and environment
- Global issues
- Human rights
- The Internet
- Medicine and ethics
- Race and culture
- Schools and education
- Substance abuse

Curriculum Support

The content in *Points of View Reference Center* supports curriculum standards that ask students to analyze informational texts and hone their critical thinking skills. In addition, the interface includes the following features and benefits:

- Reading level indicators (Lexile® Measures) to provide educators with an estimate of the search result's reading difficulty and the approximate grade-level reading ability required for comprehension
- Text-to-Speech for HTML articles to help struggling readers and those learning English
- Illustrations and images to enhance content delivery and increase student engagement
- Curriculum Standards Module to help educators correlate EBSCO content quickly and easily to Common Core, state- or province-specific curriculum standards