CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES
FIND TWO (or more!) SIDES OF AN ISSUE

FINDING ADELPHI PRO-CON DATABASES
- Go to libraries.adelphi.edu > in Search Box click on “Articles/Databases”
  - Click Browse Databases A-Z: Some suggestions below!
    - Opposing Viewpoints in Context
    - CQ Researcher
    - Gale Virtual Reference Library
    - Sage Reference Online
    - Chronicle of Higher Education
    - LexisNexis Academic Universe (for current international & national news stories)

SEARCH FOR OPINION ARTICLES IN ANY DATABASE
Use key words and phrases with words that will search for debate on a topic. Examples:
- “capital punishment” controversy
- “stem cell” debate
- “same sex marriage” opinion
- “global warming” argument
- “genetic engineering” pro and con

SEARCH THESE WEBSITES FOR IDEAS
- ProCon.org http://www.procon.org
- Public Agenda http://www.publicagenda.org
- Issue Lab http://www.issuelab.org/home
FOR OPINION ARTICLES IN GOOGLE ADVANCED SEARCH

Use key words and phrases with words that will search for debate on a topic as above

Example:
To find educational sites debating the issue of global warming:

➢ First: “google” Google Advanced Search

Advanced Search

Find pages with...

all these words:  
this exact word or phrase: "global warming"
any of these words: debate controversy argument
none of these words:  
numbers ranging from:  

Then narrow your results by:

language: any language
region: any region
last update: anytime
site or domain: .edu

Limit to an educational domain: .edu
Also consider:
.gov (government)
.org (organizations)

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