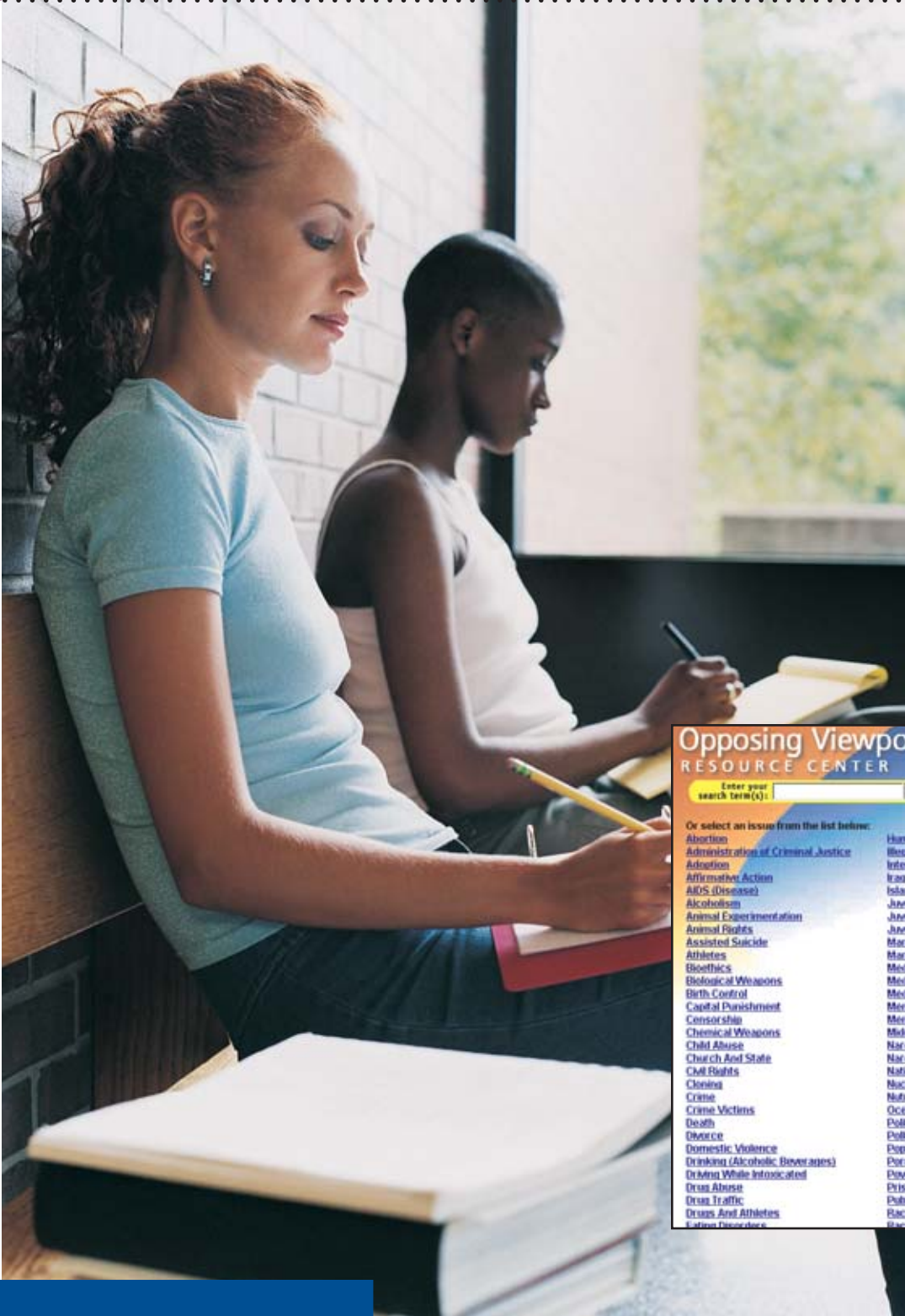


Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center

From ongoing controversies to today's hot topics



"Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center is one of the rare resources that elicits 'AWESOME' from students."

— Adam Janowki, Library Media Specialist, Naples High School

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Should parents be held responsible for the crimes of their minor children? Is Affirmative Action a leg-up or a handout? Can school violence be prevented? Today's increasingly complex issues are presented in a pro-and-con format in *Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center*. With its rich content, this database develops and enhances critical thinking skills.

The screenshot shows the website's interface with a search bar at the top. Below it is a list of issues to select from, including Abortion, Affirmative Action, and Animal Rights. To the right, there is a 'Spotlight on...' section featuring a poll titled 'This Week's Poll: Should more nuclear power plants be built?' with a 'Vote' button. The background of the website shows a group of people holding protest signs.

▲ There's no debating the value of this "both sides" database

"Pro and con" is just the beginning

Drawing on the acclaimed social issues series from Greenhaven Press® as well as content from other Thomson Gale™ sources, *Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center* is a comprehensive review of both sides of controversial issues – and an ideal reference source for everything from social studies projects to debate preparation.

Comprehensive coverage

Find "both sides" coverage of a wide range of complex issues, including:

- Abortion
- Assisted suicide
- Censorship
- Middle East
- Political corruption
- Race relations
- And hundreds more
- Full-text articles from more than 45 major periodicals, including *The Nation*, *National Review*, *Newsweek* and *Time* and such newspapers as the *New York Times*
- Unique statistical coverage from the *Information Plus* reference program. This Thomson Gale series presents statistics, government data, political policies and other hard-to-obtain information vital to today's research assignments
- Cross-searches to *Student Resource Center* for subscribers to both databases

What will students find?

- Hundreds of search topics
- Basic and Advanced searches to broaden or narrow results
- Three Merriam-Webster's® dictionaries for fast look-ups
- A homework-helping Toolbox
- A research guide
- "Spotlight" features, a weekly poll and more

A powerful engine

Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center's state-of-the-art features are powered by InfoTrac®, Thomson Gale's robust search engine. Its intuitive interface allows users to access a variety of searches without the learning curve necessary when searching multiple electronic sources. And results are returned by document type, allowing students to focus on the information presented rather than typical Web-generated hit lists.

Especially for educators

An *InfoMark* icon on your results page means you can bookmark the page for future reference, copy it into an e-mail message or embed it into a Web page. Because you can bookmark at the "search" level, a particular search can be updated daily – ideal for researching current events. *InfoMarks* are also useful for creating reading lists, course reserves, links to periodical or newspaper sources, lesson plans and much more.

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