

Canadian Points of View Reference Centre

This database provides students and researchers with a series of essays that present multiple sides of a current issue. Broad categories covered include aboriginal people, animal welfare, bioethics, global issues, human rights, media, religion, technology and more. Each category includes coverage of a number of more specific topics. Topical coverage includes an overview (objective background/description), point (argument), counterpoint (opposing argument), and a corresponding *Critical Thinking Guide*.



The resources in the database are designed to provide additional information about a debate topic; allowing researchers to build their arguments using the most current material available and back it up with information gleaned from high-quality resources. Content includes the 400 main essays (four per topic), as well as leading political magazines,

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