

## RESEARCH PAPER TOPICS

**RIGHT TO KNOW:** adoptive children have the right to know their biological parents.

**RIGHT TO VOTE:** people serving in prison should/should not be permitted the right to vote.

**SEX EDUCATION:** children should be given sex education in schools. OR this should be the responsibility of the parents.

**WOMEN IN COMBAT:** women should/should not be allowed to serve in combat roles in the armed forces.

**STANDARDIZED TESTING:** states should/should not use standardized tests as a requirement for graduation and a high school diploma.

**CLONING:** human cloning is illegal in some states, and institutions that receive U.S. federal funding are prohibited from experimenting with it, but there is no federal ban on human cloning in the United States. Should there be?

**BANNED BOOKS:** bans on books can be enacted at the national or sub-national level, and can carry legal penalties for their infraction. Certain books should be banned in schools for language, sexual content, and racial theme.

**RACIAL PROFILING:** racial profiling should/should not be accepted as a law enforcement practice.

**ENGLISH AS A NATIONAL LANGUAGE:** English is not officially the “national” language of the U.S. The U.S. should/should not have a national language.

**ANTI-BULLYING LAW:** the anti-bullying law will/will not lower the amount of bullying in schools and between teenagers.

**FLAG BURNING:** flag burning is often associated with American’s right to free speech. The U.S. Constitution should/should not be amended to prohibit the desecration of the U.S. flag.

**MILITARY DRAFT:** would a military draft solve the problems of meeting recruiting goals and longer deployments for troops? Whether the U.S. is at peace or at war, the draft should/should not be reinstated.

**GENETICALLY MODIFIED FOODS:** there are environmental, moral, and health issues associated with genetically modified foods. They should/should not be banned.

**CAPITAL PUNISHMENT:** capital punishment is the execution of a person by the state as punishment for a crime. The death penalty is/is not justified.

**WAR IN IRAQ:** The United States should/should not have gone to war in Iraq.

**IMMIGRATION:** People who illegally immigrate into the U.S. should/should not be entitled to any U.S. benefits, including financial and medical assistance.

IMMIGRATION 2: public school students should/should not be offered classes in their native language.

EUTHANASIA: Euthanasia refers to the practice of intentionally ending a life to relieve pain and suffering. Euthanasia should/should not be legal.

JUVENILES TRIED AS ADULTS: do juveniles commit crimes or just delinquent acts? When juveniles commit a serious crime (rape, murder) they should/should not be tried as adults.

NATIONAL DEFENSE FUNDING: Funding for the United States military defense should/should not be cut.

MARRIAGE: Is marriage an outdated institution? Is co-habitation replacing the institution of marriage, and will this affect the security and stability of children? The institution of marriage is/is not obsolete and is/is not the foundation of our society.

MERRY CHRISTMAS OR HAPPY HOLIDAYS: should the Christian religious festival of Christmas (or other religious holidays) be celebrated in public? Or should we be careful to avoid giving offense to those other faiths, or of no faith, at certain times of the year.

ADOPTION OF CHILDREN BY SAME SEX COUPLES: Gay couples must/must not be given the same legal rights as heterosexuals in adopting children.