

Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center

The database draws on the acclaimed social issues series published by Greenhaven Press, as well as core reference content from other Thomson Gale and Macmillan Reference USA sources to provide a complete one-stop source for information on social issues. It provides access to viewpoint articles, topic overviews, statistics, primary documents, links to websites and full-text magazine and newspaper articles. A useful resource for high school students in research for study projects and debates.

資料庫收錄了 Greenhaven Press 出版的最受歡迎社會問題系列作品選自 Thomson Gale and Macmillan Reference USA 的豐富參考信息，提供當今社會問題、具爭議性及最熱門話題的事實訊息。資料包括報章及期刊全文、主題性評論、統計資料、網站連結等。學生可利用此資料庫尋找相關訊息以作辯論用途。

Searching

Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center provides three types of searches: Browse Issues Search, Basic Search and Advanced Search.

Browse Issue Search

The Browse Issue Search provides quick and easy access to specific broad terms.

1. Select an issue from the list.
2. Click on the hyperlinked terms.

Basic Search

1. Enter search terms in the search box.
2. Choose the search options. Three options including Search by Subject, Search by

Keyword and Search by Full-text are available.

3. Click on [Search](#) button.

Advanced Search

The Advanced Search allows searching on particular field, data type and date of publication.

1. Click on [Advanced Search](#) button.
2. Enter search terms in the search box.
3. Select one of the following field types:
 - Title/Headline
 - Source
 - Author
 - Subject
 - Full-text
 - Keyword
 - Name
4. Choose Boolean Operators.
5. Enter a date or range of dates to limit the search (for newspapers and periodicals only).
6. Click on [Search](#) button.

Navigating the Results

The matching hits are displayed in the tabbed results list in which the documents are grouped by data type. The tabs are as follows:

- Viewpoints
- Reference
- Statistics
- Magazines & Newspapers
- Images
- Primary Documents
- Web Sites

1. Click on the labeled tabs to view the list of documents.
2. Click on the hyperlinked titles to view the documents.

Mark List

- To mark a document:
 - Check the box to the left of the citation or
 - Check the box “*Mark this document*” while in the document.
- To view citation list
Click on [View Mark List](#) button.
- To remove a document from the mark list:
 - Deselect the box to the left of the citation or
 - Click “*Unmark this document*” while in the document.

Opinion Poll

- To vote in the opinion poll:
 1. Click on [Vote](#) button in the “*This Week’s Poll*” section.
 2. Select one of the options available.
 3. Click on [Vote!](#) button.
- To view the latest poll result:
Click on the “*Current Poll Results*” link.
- To view an archive of past polls:
Click on the “*View Previous Poll*” link.

Spotlight

- To view the brief essay on the topic and a list of related documents:
Click on the “*Read more ...*” link.
- To view an archive of past polls:
Click on the “*Spotlight Archive*” link.

Dictionary

1. Click on [Dictionary](#) button.
2. Enter the term in the search box.
3. Choose one of the following dictionaries to search:
 - Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary
 - Merriam Webster's Biography Dictionary
 - Merriam Webster's Geographical Dictionary
4. Click on [Search](#) button.

Links at the top of the home page

- To go to Hong Kong Central Library web page:
Click on icon next to the name of Hong Kong Central Library.
- To get Help documentation:
Click on [Help](#) button.
- To get tips on searching:
Click on [Search Tips](#) button.
- To use other Gale group databases under subscription:
Click on [Gale Databases](#) button.
- To use Dictionary:
Click on [Dictionary](#) button.
- To have a useful guide to evaluate the researching articles in the database:
Click on [Research Guide](#) button.
- To get help in organizing information for report:
Click on [Toolbox](#) button.

Printing

Results can be formatted and printed using *Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center* command.

1. Click on the [Print](#) button on the sidebar; or
2. Use the print function of browser to print.
3. Follow the standard procedures to pay for and collect the printouts.

Available At

Reference Libraries of Hong Kong Central Library and City Hall, Kowloon, Sha Tin, Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun Public Libraries.

香港中央圖書館、大會堂圖書館、九龍公共圖書館、沙田公共圖書館、荃灣公共圖書館及屯門公共圖書館 (參考圖書館)。

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