

Contentious Issues



Definition: a significantly problematic or hotly debated issue in society.

Examples include;

- Abortion
- Capital Punishment
- Contraception / family planning
- Environmental issues (such as plastic use or global warming)
- Euthanasia
- Pacifism
- Gun controls in the USA

Task

Choose **two** of the above contentious issues for research and answer the following questions. You can do this in either a Word or PowerPoint presentation.

1. Why is the issue controversial?
2. What are the main **arguments in support** of the issue? (Refer to at least two groups of people.)
3. What are the main **arguments against** the issue? (Refer to at least two groups of people.)
4. What are the **religious views** on your particular issue? (Consider religious leaders and texts.)
5. What recent **news events** have reported or discussed your contentious issue?
6. What is your **own opinion** and why do you hold this?