

Topic Area	Research Topic	Research Question
Animals	Insects as an alternative protein source	What are the benefits of raising and eating insects opposed to beef?
Animals	Animal cruelty in zoos	To what extent do zoo animals suffer around the world?
Animals	Animal testing	Is animal testing truly effective or just an immoral practice on innocent animals?
Animals	Animals in captivity	What are the negative conditions that animals under captivity undergo?
Animals	Illegal animal fighting	How does animal fighting affect today's society? Are punishments less severe when people are caught doing animal fighting?
Culture	Stereotypes against introverts	Do the brains of introverted people really look and behave differently from those of extroverts? And if so, what might those differences mean?
Economics	Foreign commerce	How has free trade contributed to environmental/social injustices?
Economics	False connotation of the American Dream	What role does capitalism play in the American Dream?
Economics	The effects of pornography	How can pornography positively affect a community?
Economics	Exploitation of student athletes	Should student athletes be compensated?
Economics	Automation in labor	With the automation in labor, what forms of government aid will there be to assist the unemployed?
Economy	Cartel economic influences and violence in the western hemisphere	How do cartel groups influence the U.S. and Mexico economically and physically?
Education	Lack of communities of color represented in U.S. history textbooks	What implications does learning about communities of color have on students of color in high school?
Education	Equal Educational Rights	To what extent does socioeconomic status affect the quality of education a person receives?
Education	Education injustice in low-income communities	How do communities' socioeconomic standing affect the resources, funding and teachers that they receive?
Education	Education of undocumented students	What's the difference between the education received by an undocumented student compared to a citizen student?
Education	Special education students being forced out of schools	Why are students with special education needs allowed to graduate when they haven't met the basic requirements?
Education	Lack of creative writing classes in schools	Why are these classes "lacking"? What kind of schools are impacted by this?
Education, Gender	High school dress codes	How are school dress codes openly sexist and influence students with the idea of rape culture and victim blaming?
Education, Gender/Sexu	Low funding of sex-education in schools	What deters some schools from providing health education?
Education, Gender/Sexu	Sex education	Which sex education programs in public high schools have been successful in reducing teen pregnancy and what implications does this have for California's sex education policies?
Education, Health	Autistic students in a normal classroom	How can an autistic student benefit from a normal classroom?
Education, Mental Healt	School policy on bullying	What are policies that schools have found that are effective against bullying? Are the bullying statistics in California better or worse compared to other states?
Education, Mental Healt	ADHD medication in schools	How does ADHD medication affect how a child learns?
Education, Physical hea	Obesity in the United States	What are the greatest factors that can contribute to obesity in the U.S.?
Education, Physical Hea	Sexual harassment/ assault on college campuses	To what extent has the Title IX been enforced in college campus and how effective are they in preventing sexual assaults?
Education, Race/Ethnici	White Savior Complex in urban education	In what ways does the White Savior Complex influence urban education and affect urban students?
Environment	Storm drain design	How does the design of storm drains impact the environment?
Environment	Water-use in United States	Who is wasting the most water in the United States and how can we reduce our water consumption?
Environment	consumerism and water pollution	How does consumerism in our society affect water quality?
Environment	Air pollution and climate change	How does air pollution contribute to climate change and what are its effects on people of different socioeconomic statuses in relation to health, the economy, and policy making?
Environment	Animal agriculture in the U.S.	How has the animal agriculture business impacted the United States and how will the change to a meat free diet affect the country?
Environment, Health	Veganism	How can a vegan diet improve one's way of living?
Environment/Economics	Environmental practices in a capitalistic society	How does a capitalistic society affect the ability of U.S. corporations to adopt environmentally sustainable practices?
Environmental	The lack of people of color in environmentalism/ green spaces.	What are the effects of the lack of people of color in green spaces?
Environmental	Overfishing around the world	How does overfishing affect the world economically, environmentally, and people physically?
Gender/Sexuality	Free the Nipple Movement	In what ways has the nipple issue helped dissexualize womens bodies?

Gender/Sexuality	Women discrimination in the medical field	How has discrimination in the medical field impact the social views of women and their so-called "areas of expertise" and on children considering future professions?
Gender/Sexuality	Sexualization of youth in America	To what extent does the media affect the sexual knowledge of youth of America?
Gender/Sexuality	The effects of discrimination Queer youth experience at home and at school	What are ways adults can support their child/children if they are being bullied due to their sexual orientation?
Gender/Sexuality	Gay marriage in the Africa, Syria, Saudi Arabia, and Asia	What are the effects of having legalized gay marriage in Africa?
Gender/Sexuality	Sexual assault on college campuses	What prevents university administrators from implementing measures that will help determine or address sexual on their campuses?
Gender/Sexuality	Gender studies and gender norms	Why hasn't our society fully grown into accepting men in women's clothes?
Gender/Sexuality	Rape	Why are victims of rape seen as perpetrators or co-conspirators of their own rape?
Gender/Sexuality	Gender equality in the STEM field	How does STEM field being viewed as a masculine field affect women entering the field?
Health	Nanotechnology in medicine	In what ways will nanotechnology be beneficial or create some drawbacks for mankind?
Health	Pharmaceutical medication vs organic medication	Which one has better benefits and which one has less side effects?
Health, Education	Effects of stress on teens	In what ways can stress impact a student's health?
Health, Education, Culture	Internet affecting society	Does the internet affect our intelligence, mentality, and culture?
Law, Culture	Press freedom/media bias	Do more media changes have to happen in the United States, so that the public can become more aware of government censorship?
Law, Culture	Gangs in low-income communities	How do gangs affect low-income communities?
Law/Politics	Children refugees in Syria	In what ways has the government made any changes of negative or positive effect towards the children r
Law/Politics	U.S. government and cartels	Why hasn't the U.S. government stopped or minimized the importing of drugs by cartels?
Law/Politics	Gun control	Does gun control save more lives than it kills?
Media	Video game censorship	What are the different criterias of video game censorship throughout the world?
Mental Health	Depression in teenagers	To what extent do societal perceptions affect the approach of schools towards depression?
Mental Health	The effects of violent video games on children	Can violent video games lead children to have aggressive behavior?
Mental Health	Drug addiction	What role does the drug addiction have on the brain?
Mental Health, Education	Parents pressuring children academically	How many ways can parents pressure their kids?
Mental Health, Gender/Sexuality	Body image	How are women in the media using their platforms to change the "ideal body image"?
Mental, Social, and Physical Health	Childhood obesity in the United States	What are the negative psychological/health impacts obese children are prone to receive?
Mental/ Physical Health	Sexual assault on college campuses	In what ways are institutions failing to meet the needs of their assaulted students?
Mental/Physical Health	The effects of separation on families by CPS	How are people affected by the separation of families by Child Protective Services?
Mental/Physical Health	The effect of divorce on teenagers	How can divorce effect a teenage life?
Mental/Physical Health	Lack of quality food, food deserts	What factors perpetuate food deserts and what are the effects?
Mental/Physical Health	The pharmaceutical companies only care for their own profit and not their patients	How are the major pharmaceutical companies making money and how are the patients getting affected b
Mental/Physical Health	The effects of immigration policies on families	What are the effects of immigration policies on families in the U.S.?
Mental/Physical Health	Death With Dignity	How will the access of Death With Dignity benefit these terminally ill people?
Mental/Physical Health	Music therapy and the effects it has on people with dementia	How can musical therapy aide with coping with dementia in elderly?
Mental/Physical Health	Alternative forms of punishment in school disciplinary systems	Should schools implement alternative forms of punishment in their disciplinary systems?
Mental/Physical Health	Nanotechnology in medicine	What are nanotechnology's benefits in medicine and do we need it?
Mental/Physical Health	Sexual assault on college campuses	If everyone has the right to an equal education, then why aren't students being held accountable for these (sexual assault) crimes?
Mental/Physical Health	Children witnessing domestic violence	How does the behavior of children witnessing domestic violence affect us as a society?
Mental/Physical Health	Assisted suicide and euthanasia	What are the main effects that physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia have toward patients?
Mental/Physical Health	The psychological impact and effect of solitary confinement after incarceration	How does solitary confinement psychologically impact and affect a prisoner after incarceration?
Mental/Physical Health	Pharmaceutical abuse	How have advertisements, the use of pain killers, and addictions affected the way communities utilize pharmaceutical companies?
Mental/Physical Health	Benefits of video games	What are the benefits of video in adolescence?
Mental/Physical Health	Parents pressuring children academically	Does pressuring the child count as child abuse?
Mental/Physical Health,	Rapes on college campuses	Why do so many cases of rape on college campuses go unprosecuted?

Mental/Physical Health,	GMOs: savior or annihilator	If GMOs aren't harmful to human or nature, then why do high-income communities have a better access to organic food than low-income communities do?
Mental/Physical Health,	Corruption in sports	How can we find corruption and make sport clean and fair?
Mental/Physical Health,	Performance enhancers	What effects does performance enhancers have on regular people, athletes, and the community?
Military, Politics, Laws	Drug cartels	What are the influences of Mexican drug cartels to our youth in Los Angeles?
Military/Politics/Law	Anti-death penalty	To what extent does the death penalty truly help American societies?
Military/Politics/Law	Lowering the voting age	What effects would lowering the voting age have on our political system and should it be lowered?
Military/Politics/Law	Police militarization	Should police in the United States be militarized?
Military/Politics/Law	4th amendment and surveillance	Does our interpretation of the 4th amendment protect us from surveillance?
Military/Politics/Laws	Gun violence in America	Why should guns be legal without background checks?
Physical Health	Social media effects children's behavior	How are adolescents and teens affected by the use of social media differently?
Physical health	Secondhand smoke	What are the health effects of second hand smoke and what are factors that affect secondhand smoke exposure levels?
Physical Health	Factory farming	To what extent does factory farmed food production affect our health?
Physical/Mental Health	Intersex surgery	What are the health and social effects on intersex children when having adolescent surgery compared to other options?
Physical/Mental Health	Physician-assisted suicide	Should assisted death be legalized in more individual states based on its moral and legislative implications?
Physical/Mental Health	Physical/mental disabilities and the media	How does the media and the disabled community interact with each other?
Physical/Mental Health	The ethics of physician aid in dying	Is physician aid in dying ethical?
Physical/Mental health	Pro-embryonic stem cell treatment	What are the benefits and fallbacks of embryonic stem cell treatment in relation with diseases and illnesses worldwide?
Physical/Mental Health,	Kids with technology	How young is too young when using technology?
Politics, Economics	Private interests and how their use of money contributed to political inequality	How have the rich used the United States' government and is it wrong?
Politics/Law	Foster system and aged-out teens	How does aging-out of the foster care system affect the teens who age out?
Politics/Law, Race/Culture	Immigrants effect on the economy and society	What are the effects that Mexicans and other immigrants have on the U.S. economy and society?
Politics/Law, Race/Culture	Gun control	What factors determine whether we should have gun control or not?
Politics/Laws, Gender/S	Religion and its effect on the LGBT community	How is religion affecting the creation of laws and legislations related to the Queer community in the United States?
Race, Law	Sweatshops in Los Angeles	Does American ignorance increase the amount of mistreatment in sweatshops in Los Angeles?
Race/ Culture	Gangs in low-income communities	How do gangs affect low-income communities?
Race/Culture	Police brutality towards low-income communities	Is there a connection between police brutality and minorities in low income communities?
Race/Culture, Law	Immigration	How is the U.S.- Mexico border wall harmful to the US?
Race/Culture/Ethnicity	Police brutality in low-income communities	How does living in a low-income community make you prone to police brutality?
Race/Ethnicity/Culture	Negative stereotypes of Latinos in television/film	How has the history of Latinos in Hollywood lead to the perception of the negative stereotypes about Latinos?
Race/Ethnicity/Culture	Misrepresentation in film & television	How is Hollywood lacking and misrepresenting Latinos in both film and television and why them?
Race/Ethnicity/Culture	Islam portrayal in the media	How has Islam been portrayed in the media before and after 9/11?
Race/Ethnicity/Culture	Cultural appropriation	In what ways does cultural appropriation affect marginalized groups?
Race/Ethnicity/Culture	Color-ism in the African American community	How does mixed race people in the media affect the black community's views on beauty?
Social Health	The effects of social media on people	In what ways does social media change the way people connect with and perceive each other?