Accessing Opposing Viewpoints

- Go to the University Library’s homepage: lib.ua.edu
- Click on the Databases link on the top left-hand side of the screen
- Use the Browse Alphabetical List and click on the O icon

Searching Opposing Viewpoints

Opposing Viewpoints is especially good for finding argumentative essays about a variety of topics and issues. The site is organized by topic (global warming, for example) and for each topic the database includes essays and articles from a variety of points of view. So it’s especially helpful for students who are asked to find at least one source that disagrees with their thesis.

Like any database you can search the entire collection through a general keyword search, but Opposing Viewpoints also has an especially good browsing system. There are hundreds of topic pages, each of which has a general introduction to the issue along with what the database calls Viewpoints, general articles, and scholarly journal articles.

There is a list of featured categories on the front page, and you can also search all the issues by clicking on Browse Issues (on the top-half of the screen):
Click View All to see each issue in a certain category:
To view the home page for a certain issue just click on the specific link:

Each home page includes a general introduction to the issue of choice, a list of viewpoints (including *Featured Viewpoints*), academic journal articles, statistics, news articles, and so on. As you can see, the list of *Featured Viewpoints* consists of articles arguing each side of an issue:
Featured Viewpoints

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- **Only Immediate Action Will Keep Global Warming Below Dangerous Levels**
  Global Warming, 2013

- **The World Should Not Waste Resources on Fighting Global Warming**
  Global Warming, 2013

- **The CERN Study Demonstrates That Nature, Not Humans, Controls the Earth's Temperatures**
  Global Warming, 2013

- **The CERN Study Does Not Disprove Human-Caused Global Warming**
  Global Warming, 2013

- **Climate Change Could Be Devastating and People Must Adapt to Survive**
  Adaptation and Climate Change, 2013

- **The Negative Impact of Climate Change Is Overstated**
  Adaptation and Climate Change, 2013