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NEW JAN '24! Artificial Intelligence

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Over the past decade alone, artificial intelligence (AI) has become exponentially more sophisticated. Many applications of AI in our daily lives go practically unnoticed, from navigation applications to online shopping algorithms. However, new developments in the field have raised concerns about the role AI should have in society. AI-fueled chatbots and art generators have caused some to question whether artificial intelligence is capable of consciousness and, if so, what that would mean for humanity. Some also consider the intensive data collection that is required for AI to operate a potentially serious violation of privacy, while others argue that AI is an important tool in helping solve numerous societal issues. This volume examines the current debate over artificial intelligence from a wide range of perspectives.

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NEW JAN '24! Banned Books

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Learning about a wide range of information and perspectives through access to books is generally considered an inherent characteristic of the educational system. However, debates around banning books suggest that there are potential downsides to giving young people access to certain literature, particularly books with violent or sexual content. This volume considers both sides of the debate, with arguments supporting students' right to access literature free from censorship and other viewpoints supporting the right of parents and teachers to choose which books should play a role in students' education. This title also looks at the historical, legal, and cultural contexts for this timely debate.

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At this point, it is almost impossible to avoid having a digital footprint. Social media, streaming websites, navigation applications, online shopping websites, and search engines generate a large amount of data about users' digital habits. Tech companies have used this data to "optimize" their products and allow them to better predict users' behaviors, but the collection and use of data has raised new questions about the right to digital privacy. The rise of the internet and social media has also caused concerns about the type of content that should be made available and whether tech companies or the government have a responsibility and legal right to control it.

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Given their positions as representatives of the public, people tend to believe that elected officials and other politicians should be held to a high ethical standard. However, certain issues have raised concerns about whether politicians are truly acting in the public's best interest. This volume considers a number of ethical questions in the political sphere, including whether it is ethical for politicians to be influenced by corporations and organizations through lobbying and political donations, whether politicians should be able to financially benefit from their position, and the extent to which dishonesty has or has not become a significant issue in politics.

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NEW JAN '24! The Future of Higher Education

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While historically a college degree was considered a useful tool for economic and professional advancement, the rising cost of college tuition and the student loan crisis that has resulted from it have caused some to question whether higher education is worth the price. This volume considers a wide range of viewpoints on the role higher education plays in society, the economic variables that determine whether or not a college degree is worthwhile, and the role of academic research in the private and public sectors. It also explores what could be done to make higher education more beneficial in today's society and potential alternatives to traditional higher education.

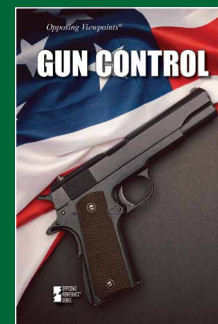
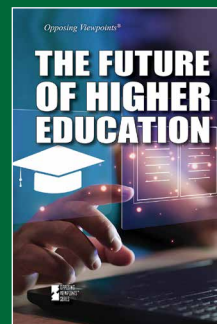
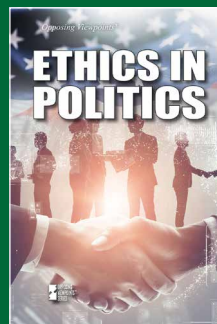
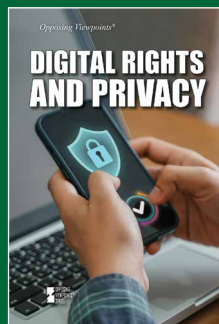
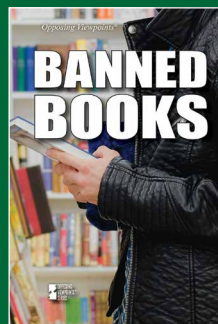
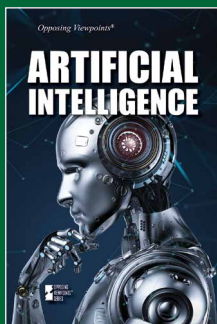
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For decades, the debate over gun control in the United States has raged on, gaining steam each time a new mass shooting occurs. This volume looks at questions related to the issue of gun control from a variety of angles, such as the role the Second Amendment plays in the debate, the influence of the NRA, and how gun control became a partisan issue. Viewpoints also consider the potential economic implications of increased gun control and what methods of gun control—if any—would be most effective. Expert viewpoints give readers the opportunity to better understand this challenging and often emotional issue.

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NEW MAY '24! Cultural Appropriation

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While the concept of “cultural appropriation” was first popularized in the academic sphere in the 1980s, it has only recently become a major topic of public discourse. Ensuring that other cultures—particularly marginalized ones—are respected is a more significant priority today, but what counts as cultural appropriation is a topic of contentious debate. Some argue that using elements of other cultures without proper acknowledgment is disrespectful and exploitative, while others say that it is a way of showing appreciation for other cultures and that it is impossible to avoid in a globalized society. The viewpoints in this volume attempt to clarify the difference between cultural exchange and appropriation through a wide range of perspectives.

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NEW MAY '24! Espionage and Intelligence

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For decades, spies have been a source of intrigue, often romanticized and sensationalized in popular culture. However, the reality of espionage is often very different from what is depicted in movies and books. It more often involves hacking into computers than donning disguises and traveling to glamorous exotic destinations. This volume looks at contemporary issues related to espionage and intelligence, including how they relate to the political and corporate worlds, their relationship to the rights to privacy and free speech, and the ethics of espionage. Through presenting a wide range of perspectives, this volume will help clarify the nature of espionage today and the different attitudes experts take towards it.

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NEW MAY '24! Media Consolidation

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Over the past decade, the number of companies that control American media has shrunken significantly. This has resulted in a number of broadcast news media, television channels, streaming sites, print media, social media sites, and search engines being owned by the same companies in a process known as media cross-ownership. Some argue that this process is an essential aspect of adapting to the changing media landscape and enabling media sources to survive, while others assert that media consolidation has a harmful impact on consumers and poses a threat to democracy. The expert viewpoints in this title will look at opposing perspectives on this issue to help students form their own opinions on the role media consolidation plays in today's society.

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NEW MAY '24! NFTs and Cryptocurrencies

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Both nonfungible tokens (NFTs) and cryptocurrencies are relatively new forms of digital assets that are built on the blockchain, and both have been heralded for their potential to change concepts of ownership and finance respectively. However, there are also many concerns about the legitimacy and security of NFTs and cryptocurrencies. Because NFTs and cryptocurrencies exist exclusively in the digital space, some argue that they have no real value and are particularly vulnerable to scams. Some also express concerns about their lack of regulation and potential role in crimes like money laundering. However, proponents of these digital assets assert that they create more democratic methods of investment, since anyone can buy NFTs and cryptocurrencies, and they are not controlled by a central authority. This volume explains this complex topic and offers various viewpoints on the benefits and disadvantages of these assets.

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NEW MAY '24! Renewable and Alternative Energy

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With the extreme weather events caused by climate change becoming increasingly common and many natural resources used for energy becoming increasingly rare, scientists, politicians, and corporate leaders alike have made an effort to find renewable forms of energy that will be available indefinitely and have less of a negative environmental impact. However, not all renewable and alternative energy sources are created equal, and some argue that it will never be possible for renewable and alternative energy sources to generate enough power at an affordable price. But many acknowledge the urgency of reevaluating our energy sources and consumption practices. The viewpoints in this volume will consider the issue of renewable and alternative energy from a variety of environmental, political, and economic perspectives.

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NEW MAY '24! Welfare and Social Security Programs

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During the COVID-19 pandemic, the U.S. government attempted to create a social safety net to help individuals and businesses survive a financially challenging situation. However, since the federal government declared the end of this public health emergency, many of these benefits have disappeared. Nonetheless, many Americans still experience poverty, and many continue to depend on welfare and social security to make ends meet. However, since these programs receive a significant amount of money from taxpayers, concerns exist about whether these programs are the best use of this money, whether they receive enough funding to function effectively and sustainably, and whether they are able to end the cycle of poverty. The viewpoints in this title consider these questions and many more to explore the debate around welfare and social security programs.

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