

**Persuasive Project**

**Topics in Alexandria**

Abortion	Extremist groups / White supremacists / Islamic fundamentalists / Militia movements
Adoption	Fast food
Advertising / Alcohol Advertising / Impact on teens	Feminism / Women's rights / Working mothers or women
Affirmative action	Flag desecration
AIDS / Viruses / Vaccinations	Food safety
Alcohol / Alcoholism	Foster Care
Alternative energy or fuel sources	Free speech
Alternative medicine or therapies / Homeopathic remedies	Freedom of the press
American foreign policy	Fuel economy standards
American values - Business, Patriotism, Religion	Gambling
America's youth	Garbage / Recycling
Animal experimentation / testing / rights	Gender roles/ differences / discrimination
Assisted suicide / Euthanasia / Terminal illness	Genetic testing or research
Attention deficit disorder / Ritalin	Genetically modified food
Biological warfare / Chemical weapons	Global resources
Biomedical ethics	Global warming / Greenhouse effect
Biotechnology / Bioengineered foods	Gun control / Gun violence
Campaign finance reform	Hate crimes / Hate speech / Hate groups
Cars / Sport Utility Vehicles (SUVs) / Hybrids / Alternatives	Health care
Cell phones	Homeland security / USA Patriot Act
Censorship / Book banning	Homelessness
Chain stores	Homeschooling
Chemical dependency	Homework
Child abuse or Sexual abuse - prevention / punishments	Homosexual / Same sex marriage
Child athletes / Sports and children	Homosexual or gay parenting
Child sex abuse in the Catholic Church	Homosexual or gay rights / discrimination
Child welfare / Needy children	Homosexuals or gays in the military
Civil liberties	Human embryo experimentation
Cloning / Genetic engineering	Human rights
College athletes - should be paid?	Hurricane Katrina
Conspiracies	Immigration
Cults	Intellectual property rights
Curfews	Internet / Internet filters
Day care	Interracial issues
Death penalty / Capital punishment	Iraq war / rebuilding / withdrawal
Death penalty / Trials for teens or juveniles	Islam
Defense spending	Justice system / Juries
Discrimination / Inequality	Juvenile violence
Divorce	Kennedy assassination
Domestic violence / Battered woman syndrome	Labor unions
Drug abuse / Addiction / War on drugs	Legalization of drugs
Drug testing	Male v. female roles
Drugs and sports / Steroid use / Performance enhancing drugs	Media or broadcasting bias
Drunk driving	Media violence - television, movies
Eating disorders / Anorexia / Bulimia - causes	Medical marijuana
Elderly / Aging population	Mental illness / Mental health
Election / Campaign finance reform	Middle East - Conflict / Democracy in
Endangered species	Military recruiters
Environmental issues	Minimum wage
Espionage / Intelligence gathering / CIA	Miranda warnings
Evolution / Creationism / Intelligent design	

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Movies / Film industry - rating systems, regulations, technology	Teen sexuality
No Child Left Behind Act	Teenage pregnancy -- reducing
Nuclear energy or power / waste	Television violence / ratings
Obesity - causes / responsibility / how people are treated	Terrorism - combatting
Oil / Drilling in Arctic	Terrorism - treatment of prisoners or suspects
Online social networking / My Space	Torture
Organ transplants / sales / donations	Trade
Paranormal or psychic phenomena / Ghosts / ESP	UFOs or aliens / Flying saucers / Alien abductions / Extraterrestrial life
Patriot Act / Homeland security / National security	Underage drinking
Pharmaceutical industry / Prescription drugs	Victims / Victims' rights
Plagiarism	Video games
Police brutality	Violence / Crime
Pollution	Volunteerism
Population / Overpopulation	War
Pornography	Water issues / Oceans
Poverty	Weapons of mass destruction
Prayer / religion in schools	Welfare
Presidential elections / Electoral College	Whaling
Prisons / rehabilitation	Wireless networks / Wi-Fi
Privacy	Women in the military
Professional wrestling	Women's sports - Title IX
Racial discrimination in sports	Zoos
Racial diversity	
Racism / Race relations / Racial profiling / White oppression	
Rain Forests / Deforestation / Clearcutting	<b>Examples of Debatable Questions:</b>
Reality TV	Should the Electoral College be eliminated?
Reproductive rights or technologies	Do school uniforms improve discipline?
Rock music issues - Censorship of lyrics, Violence, Rap, Downloading from Internet	Is the death penalty applied fairly?
Satanism	Should social networking sites be regulated?
School choice / Vouchers	Was the Kennedy assassination a conspiracy?
School policies - zero tolerance, student rights	Is cloning moral?
School uniforms / dress codes	Do video games cause violence?
School violence or shootings / safety / zero tolerance	Should Internet gambling be regulated by the U.S. government?
Science & religion	Is police brutality a serious problem?
Seat belts	Are women treated fairly in the workplace?
Sex education / Safe sex / Abstinence	Is the No Child Left Behind Act detrimental to the educational system?
Sexism in sports	Should music be censored?
Smoking / Tobacco / Tobacco industry	
Social Networking web sites	
Social Security / Retirement systems	
Space exploration	
Spanking / Corporal punishment	
Stem cell research	
Street racing	
Sweatshops	
Talk shows	
Technology	
Teen curfews	
Teen driving	
Teen gangs /Violent youth	