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Research Guide

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Refining Your Research: The following sources can provide you with a general overview and introduction to political aspects of bioethical issues. They can help you to refine your paper topics and find related materials, and may prove useful at different stages in your research, analysis and writing as a source of background information. Use them as you begin to clarify and articulate the issues and questions you want to address, or when you simply need an introduction to novel concepts or terms. Be aware, however, that they may not be adequate authority to support your analyses and arguments.

Encyclopedias, Dictionaries and Other Reference Books:

Bioethics, Health Care, and the Law (1999). R725.5 .H44 1999 [Social Science Reference Center (SSRC). Firestone]. A dictionary of people, associations, and terms related to bioethical issues, biotechnology and health care policy.

Bibliography of Bioethics (1975-2003). Z6675 .E8 xB5 [Firestone Library]. This annual bibliography from Georgetown University's Kennedy Institute of Ethics surveys the extensive literature on bioethics.

A Companion to Bioethics (2001). R724 .C616 2001 [Stokes Library, Wallace Hall. Currently in Reserve Collection]. Contains essays on bioethical issues with suggestions for further reading.

A Concise Encyclopedia of the Ethics of New Technologies (2000). QH332 .C662 2001 [Stokes Library, Wallace Hall; and General Humanities and Reference (DR). Firestone]. Surveys the issues raised by new biomedical technologies and research.

Encyclopedia of Applied Ethics (1998). BJ63 .E44 1998 [General and Humanities Reference (DR). Firestone]. Provides an overview of many current issues in bioethics.

Encyclopedia of Bioethics, 3rd ed. (2003). QH332 .E52 2003 [General and Humanities Reference (DR). Firestone]. An interdisciplinary encyclopedia that surveys current problems in bioethics from ethical, political and legal perspectives.

Encyclopedia of Ethical, Legal, and Policy Issues in Biotechnology (2000). TP248.16 .M87 2000 vol. 1-2 [Social Science Reference Center (SSRC). Firestone Library]. This encyclopedia is intended for scientists who need an understanding of the legal, policy, and ethical issues associated with biotechnology.

Encyclopedia of Human Biology, 2nd ed. (1997). QP11 .E53 1997 [Biology Library Reference Collection]. This nine-volume encyclopedia provides an overview of contemporary human biology and bioethical issues.

Health Care Policy and Politics: A to Z (2000). RA395 .A3 R685 2000 [Social Science Reference Center (SSRC). Firestone]. Provides profiles of government agencies, non-profit organizations, and congressional committees responsible for making health care policy; analyzes important health care legislation; and reports on medical advances, new drugs and technologies.

A practical companion to the Constitution: how the Supreme Court has ruled on issues from abortion to zoning (1999), by Jethro K. Lieberman. KF4548 .L54 1999 [Social Science Reference Center (SSRC), Firestone]. Provides summaries, with references to leading cases, of the U.S. Supreme Court's holdings on constitutional principles and issues, including assisted suicide, right to die, abortion, forced medication and surgery, blood samples, and many more.

The Sloane-Dorland Annotated Medical-Legal Dictionary (1987). RA1017 .S56 1987 [Social Science Reference Center (SSRC). Firestone]. Combines established definitions of medical terms with judicial interpretations of the same terms, along with citations to the opinion where the legal definition of a term was found.

Finding Resources on Current Issues in Bioethics and Politics: Beyond the news media and the topics you are covering in class, the following sources can provide you with timely information about bioethics and politics.

CQ Researcher, 1991-present. *CQ Researcher* provides a series of in-depth, non-biased, issue-oriented reports published weekly and available online at <http://library2.cqpress.com/cqresearcher/>. Each report summarizes a single current and controversial issue, and discusses many sides of the debate. Bibliographies and other aids to researchers are included. Users may browse through articles in the current issue or search for past articles using words, dates or other criteria. Reports on such bioethical issues as cloning, embryo research, gene therapy, DNA databases, and human genome research are available.

Websites: Many organizations monitor, litigate and lobby on behalf of bioethical issues. The following organizations' websites can serve as an indicator of current controversies, and often provide extensive information and resources, such as cases, legislation and reports.

Center for Bioethics and Health Law (University of Pittsburgh) (<http://www.pitt.edu/~bioethic>): Includes a good collection of links to organizations and research institutions.

DNA Patent Database (<http://dnapatents.georgetown.edu/>): A joint project of Georgetown University's Kennedy Institute of Ethics and the Foundation for Genetic Medicine, the DNA Patent Database enables studies of DNA-based patents issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), making full-text patents available at no cost, and defining a searchable set of patents of interest to those studying genomics, genetics, biotechnology, and other fields.

Emory University's MedWeb (<http://www.medweb.emory.edu/MedWeb/>): MedWeb is the Emory University Health Sciences Center Library's index of biomedical internet resources. The Bioethics page is subdivided by dozens of subheadings, making it one of the most comprehensive bioethics sites on the web.

ETHX on the Web (<http://uis-www2.georgetown.edu/netahtml/basic.htm>): Allows a search of the collection of the Kennedy Institute of Ethics, including Journal articles, book chapters, bills, laws, court decisions, reports, and news articles relating to bioethics and professional ethics.

German Reference Centre for Ethics in the Life Sciences

(<http://www.drze.de/>): Includes links to a broad range of internet sites and resources, including laws and guidelines on biomedical issues from foreign countries.

National Institutes of Health – Bioethics Resources on the Web

(<http://www.nih.gov/sigs/bioethics/>): This website contains a broad, almost comprehensive range of annotated web links that list resources which provide background information and various positions on bioethical issues.

PubMed MEDLINE Bioethics (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/>):

MEDLINE contains bibliographic citations and author abstracts from more than 4,600 biomedical journals published in the United States and 70 other countries. The file contains over 11 million citations dating back to the mid-1960s. To search the bioethics subfile only, select "LIMITS" from the options just below the search box, then select "Bioethics" from the pull-down menu options for Subsets. In this case, note that "bioethics" relates specifically to human medicine and biology, and does not include the expanded issues of animal rights and environmental science. Articles contained in this database will tend to have been written by clinicians and scientists, rather than by philosophers and ethicists.

Research Note: These websites are offered as sources for leads on current bioethical issues and controversies, as well as possible sources for information and authority. However, before you rely on a source found on a website to support your own arguments, be sure to evaluate the reliability of the information. Ascertain who is maintaining the site and try to determine their level of expertise. Many of the sites listed above have a clear and explicit political bias. Is the website selective in its coverage of an issue or topic in its attempt to support its position? Is the information it provides current and up-to-date?

While much of the information on these sites is highly reliable, and includes well-organized access and links to primary sources that may be invaluable if not essential to your own analysis of an issue, it will no doubt be necessary to support your arguments with scholarship found in books and articles.

Finding and Forming Arguments: You can begin your research for books and articles to use in developing and articulating your own arguments with research tools found on the Princeton University Library homepage (<http://libweb.princeton.edu>).

Finding Books: Search the **online catalog** to find books and journals (not journal articles!) with a known title or author. If you are beginning your search for books, you can search by keywords or subject. Try starting with a keyword search using a single term or phrase, such as “bioethics,” or use combined terms to find books on concepts considered in relation to each other, such as bioethics and politics.

Some major subject headings relevant to bioethics include: Animal rights; Animal welfare; Ethics, evolutionary; Laboratory animals—Moral and ethical aspects; Medical ethics; Bioethics; Biology—Social aspects; Research—Moral and ethical aspects; Science—Moral and ethical aspects; Science—Social aspects.

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Physical Description: xvi, 204 p. ; 22 cm.

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To find other books on the same topic, view the record for a book under **long view** to show its subject headings, then click on a selected subject heading to find possible additional publications on the topic.

Finding Articles: Hundreds of searchable databases of indexed articles, some with full text, are available through the library's website (under Find Articles and Databases). Suggested databases in political science, law, philosophy (and ethics), biology and religion include:

ATLA Religion Database: indexes over 600 international journals, multi-author works, and book reviews from the research literature of religion and related fields in 26 languages.

Biological Abstracts: Provides comprehensive coverage of worldwide journal literature in the life sciences. Nearly 6,500 international journals are indexed and subjects covered include agriculture, biochemistry, biotechnology, ecology, immunology, microbiology, neuroscience, pharmacology, public health, and toxicology. While most articles in this database cover basic sciences, there are also a number which deal with bioethics in the general sense.

Hein-on-Line: a database of full-text law review and journal articles.

Index to Legal Periodicals and Books: provides indexing of articles in leading legal journals and government publications, as well as approximately 1,400 monographs per year.

International Political Science Abstracts (IPSA): index of articles from periodicals published throughout the world. The abstracts summarize the source articles. Articles in English are abstracted in English; those in other languages are abstracted in French. All titles translated into English.

JStor: a searchable and browsable archive of full-text academic journals.

Legaltrac: an index of legal periodicals, some with abstracts and full-text articles.

PAIS: Public Affairs Information Service: indexes articles, books, conference proceedings, government documents, book chapters, and statistical directories about public affairs.

Philosopher's Index: indexes and abstracts books and more than 480 journals of philosophy and related fields in many languages.

Policy File: an index of research and publication abstracts addressing the complete range of public policy research.

Social Sciences Abstracts Full Text: citations index with selected full-text access to international, English language journals in sociology, anthropology, geography, economics, political science and law.

Retrieving articles: Once you have found potentially relevant articles, search the online catalog for the journal title (not the article title!). Journals available electronically are included in the online catalog.

Finding U.S. Supreme Court Cases:

With a Citation: Books and articles on bioethical issues will frequently reference U.S. Supreme Court and other federal court decisions. Citations are by volume and page number, with an abbreviated reference to a reporter. For example, 103 U.S. 168 refers to a case published in volume 103 of the *United States Reports*, starting on page 168. Decisions of the U.S Supreme Court are published in the following reporters, listed here with their abbreviated reference and locations in Firestone Library:

United States Reports (U.S.) 7684.89.101.11 [Law Cases and Statutes (Law), Social Science Reference Center (SSRC), Firestone] and [Electronic Database: Hein-on-Line (1754 – 2003) (Library homepage, under Find Articles and Databases)].

United States Supreme Court Reports - Lawyers' Edition (L.Ed.) 7684.89.101 [Law Cases and Statutes (Law), Social Science Reference Center (SSRC), Firestone].

Supreme Court Reporter (S.Ct.) KF101 .A322 [Firestone] Vols. 1 – 112 (1882 – 1991) only.

The United States Law Week, Supreme Court Today (U.S.L.W.) 7680.922 [Social Science Reference Center (SSRC). Firestone]. The most up-to-date print source for U.S. Supreme Court opinions.

Official Website of the U.S. Supreme Court (<http://www.supremecourtus.gov/>) Provides timely access to new (slip) opinions; a searchable record of the Court's docket; merits briefs (from 2003 – latest available); transcripts of selected oral arguments (from 2000 – latest available); and research guides on locating and retrieving briefs and oral arguments.

Additional Information – Briefs, Oral Arguments and Other Cases:

Lexis Academic Universe and Westlaw Campus. (Library homepage, under Find Articles and Databases)]. Other cases, both federal and state, can be retrieved from the databases Lexis and Westlaw, by citation, with party names or by using keywords.

For additional information on finding federal case law, transcripts of attorneys' oral arguments or legal briefs (written arguments submitted to courts by attorneys or interested parties) at Princeton University Library, see the Legal Research Guide on the Library's homepage (<http://www.princeton.edu/~law/lawguide.html>). See the section on Case Law – United States (Federal).



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