



SIRS® Issues Researcher

Insight into critical social issues

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Get right to the heart of an issue with special Leading Issues coverage. It provides not only the background necessary to understanding an issue's origins and key points of contention, but also the current analysis that investigates how the issue affects politics, personal beliefs, current events, and more.

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- Social bookmarking, note organizers, and a critical thinking skills tutor to support the research process from start-to-finish

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