

Opposing Viewpoints

GETTING STARTED

The screenshot shows the Gale Opposing Viewpoints website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for 'All', 'Viewpoints', 'Images', 'Reference', 'News', and 'More'. A search bar contains the text 'capital punishment' and has a 'Search' button. Below the navigation bar are tabs for 'Home', 'Issues', 'Maps', and 'Resources'. The main content area features a large banner image of a protest in front of the White House with the text 'OBAMA: THE AWAKENING'. Below the banner are two columns of article links under the headings 'Business and Economics' and 'Energy and Environmentalism'. On the right side, there is a 'Featured Video' section with a video thumbnail for 'NIGHTLY NEWS' and a 'Featured News' section with a link to 'The New York Times'.

Callout 1: Choose "Issues" to get a complete list of popular topics you can search.

Callout 2: You can look for articles here by typing in some keywords. Try to include only one word or two word phrases.

Callout 3: Scroll down to find articles on current topics organized by broad headings: "Business and Economics," "Energy and Environmentalism," "Family Issues," "Health and Medicine," etc.

Callout 4: Find some current event news articles and opinion pieces here.

MORE INFORMATION

Within any subject heading, Opposing Viewpoints provides the following types of information: **Introduction, Viewpoints, Reference, News, Magazines, Academic Journals, Statistics, Primary Sources, Websites**

Viewpoints [View All 212](#)
[The Death Penalty Deters Crime](#)

Viewpoints: Essays that express a particular point of view, pro or con. These are not usually journal or magazine articles, but are rather position papers written by an expert.

Reference [View All 85](#)
[Capital Punishment around the World](#)
Capital Punishment, 2008
 United Nations Resolutions Capital punishment is controversial not only in the United States

Reference: An encyclopedia-like article that provides an overview

News [View All 5,402](#)
[Iran Shows What It Says Is Murder Confession by Woman...](#)
The New York Times, August 13, 2010
 TEHRAN -- Iranian state television has broadcast what it portrayed as a murder confession by a

News: An article from a newspaper

Magazines [View All 927](#)
[In Iran, Sakineh Mohammadi Ashtiani, an impoverished widow...](#)

Magazines: An article from a magazine. Written for a general audience by a journalist.

Academic Journals [View All 73](#)
[A slow death: capital punishment hangs on](#)

Academic Journals: An article from an academic journal. Written for a knowledgeable audience by an expert.

Statistics [View All 100](#)
[Abolitionist and Retentionist Countries: Abolitionist for...](#)
 Abolitionist and Retentionist Countries: Abolitionist for Ordinary Crimes Only in Abolitionist and Amnesty...

Statistics: Raw data, charts, and/or graphs

Primary Sources [View All 41](#)
[Call for the Abolition of the Death Penalty by J. Joseph...](#)
Capital Punishment, 2006

Primary Sources: Information recorded from a first-hand perspective. Sources are not analytical.

Websites [View All 19](#)
[Amnesty International U.S.A.](#)
[Murder Victims Families Rights \(MVFHR\)](#)
[American Bar Association Justice Center](#)

Websites: Reliable websites selected by the makers of Opposing Viewpoints.

General tips for Searching in Opposing Viewpoints:

- Opposing Viewpoints works best when using the predetermined subject headings, but you can find material with other keywords.
- Viewpoints essays are not usually academic journal or magazine articles, but are opinion pieces written by experts in the field.
- Choose to “View All” of any type of source. Then, you can further refine your search. Don’t rely on using the few articles that are visible.

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