

Research and write a legal document on one of the following issues in law:

1. the right to privacy
2. equal pay for equal work
3. segregation (including self-segregation)
4. smoking and health
5. admission to private clubs
6. age discrimination
7. states' rights
8. search and seizure
9. flag burning
10. prayer in public schools

Construct an argument favoring one side of a social issue. Choose from among following possibilities:

1. welfare
2. the ordination of women
3. cloning
4. land rights of Native Americans
5. environmental protection vs. economic growth
6. prostitution—consenting adults in private
7. product liability
8. keeping the identity of AIDS patients private
9. surrogate motherhood
10. gambling casinos

Thought pieces. Using the facility you are building in thinking at a deeper level, explain the following statements:

1. "Nobody believes a rumor here in Washington until it's officially denied" (Edward Cheyfitz).
2. "Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge even when there is no river" (Nikita Krushchev).
3. "Along come the scientists and make the words of our fathers into folklore" (S. Y. Agnon).
4. "This is the essence of science: ask an impertinent question, and you are on the way to a pertinent answer" (Jacob Bronowski).