

controversial

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- спорный, дискуссионный
controversial question [point] - спорный вопрос [пункт]
- вызывающий полемику, разногласия в оценках
controversial book - книга, вызвавшая оживлённую полемику
both candidates tried to avoid controversial issues - оба кандидата тщательно обходили болезненные вопросы
- любящий спорить, несговорчивый

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

con-tro-ver-sial *AW BrE* [ˌkɒntɹəˈvɜːʃ(ə)l] *NAmE* [ˌkɑːntɹəˈvɜːʃ(ə)l] *adjective*

causing a lot of angry public discussion and disagreement

- a **highly controversial** topic
- one of the most controversial of London's new office blocks
- a controversial plan to build a new road
- Winston Churchill and Richard Nixon were both controversial figures.

Opp: ↑non-controversial **Opp:** ↑uncontroversial

Derived Word ↑controversially

Word Origin:

late 16th cent.: from late Latin **controversialis**, from **controversia**, from **controversus** 'turned against, disputed', from **contro-** (variant of **contra-** 'against') + **versus**, past participle of **vertere** 'to turn'.

Thesaurus:

controversial [**controversial** **controversially**] *adj.*

- a controversial plan to build a new road
- contentious** • • **debatable** • • **questionable** • • **dubious** • |formal **arguable** •

Opp: uncontroversial

- a controversial/contentious/questionable/dubious **decision**
- a controversial/debatable/dubious **issue/subject/question**
- a controversial/contentious **matter/view/opinion**

Controversial or contentious? **Controversial** has a wider range of meaning than **contentious** and can describe people and things as well as issues and opinions:

- a controversial figure/book/film/play/plan/building
- ✗ a contentious figure/book/film/play/plan/building

Example Bank:

- a highly controversial subject
- A controversial plan to build a new road has met with protests.
- Her controversial new play sparked a riot outside the theatre.
- It is one of the most controversial of London's new office buildings.

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con-tro-ver-sial *AC* /ˌkɒntɹəˈvɜːʃ(ə)l/ \$ ˌkɑːntɹəˈvɜːʃ(ə)l *BrE* *AmE* *adjective*

[**Word Family:** **noun:** ↑controversy; **adverb** ↑controversially; **adjective:** ↑controversial]

causing a lot of disagreement, because many people have strong opinions about the subject being discussed:

- the controversial issue of welfare reform
- a highly controversial (=very controversial) plan to flood the valley in order to build a dam
- He is a controversial figure (=person who does controversial things) in the art world.

—**controversially** *adverb*

COLLOCATIONS

■ **nouns**

- a **controversial issue/topic/subject** I tried to avoid controversial topics such as politics and religion.
- a **controversial decision** The court's decision was highly controversial.
- a **controversial plan/proposal/policy** the controversial plan to build a new airport
- a **controversial figure** (=a person who does controversial things) He is a controversial figure in politics.
- a **controversial measure** (=an official action that is controversial) Banning smoking in public places was a controversial measure.
- **controversial legislation** (=controversial laws) The controversial legislation has not yet been officially approved.
- **the controversial nature of something** The report was kept secret because of its controversial nature.

■ **adverbs**

- **highly controversial** This policy is highly controversial.
- **politically controversial** The area of workers' rights remains politically controversial.

THESAURUS

- **controversial** causing a lot of disagreement and angry argument, especially in the newspapers, on television etc: Abortion is a controversial subject. | The film was highly controversial at the time.

- **contentious** *formal* likely to cause a lot of disagreement and argument : the contentious issue of immigration | These claims are highly contentious.
- **debatable /arguable** used when you think that something is not certain and that people have different opinions about it, especially in the phrase **it is debatable /arguable whether** : It is debatable whether this book is as good as her previous novel. | It is arguable whether these measures will reduce the overall cost. | Does the treatment work? I think that's debatable.
- **something is a moot point** used when you think that something is not certain and that people have different opinions about it - a rather formal phrase: Whether this proposal will really reduce crime is a moot point.

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