Comp I Research Paper Topics

**1. Advertising**  
Should certain kinds of ads be banned in the interest of health/morality/annoyance – alcohol, cigarettes, prescription meds, etc…?

**2. Africa**  
Why so many wars? What’s the solution?  
**3. Arming pilots**  
Good idea?  
**4. Airplane accidents**  
Who is responsible? Should families of victims be entitled to compensation?  
**5. Beauty contests**  
Do they serve any purpose in society?  
**6. Censorship**  
Should parents censor textbooks and other literature for children in schools?  
**7. Cheap labor**  
U.S. companies that move factories to undeveloped nations barely pay employees enough to live on. Is it unethical to pay cheap wages or are companies doing those workers a favor?  
**8. Civil disobedience**  
Is breaking the law for a cause justifiable?  
**9. Climate change**  
Is global warming a hoax? Is it being exaggerated?  
**10. Do Not Call list**  
Is it Constitutional to prevent companies from calling potential customers?

**11. Electoral College**  
Al Gore won the popular vote in 2000 but lost the election because George W. Bush won the electoral college. Should we scrap the electoral college?  
**12. Exams**  
Some believe exams do little more than measure a person’s ability to take exams. Should exams be outlawed in favor of another form of assessment?  
**13. Fast food**  
Are we taking it too far by blaming fast food restaurants for obesity? When is it individual responsibility and when is it appropriate to place blame?  
**14. Felons and voting**  
Should convicted felons have the right to vote?

**15. Fitness programs**  
Should companies allow employees to exercise on work time?  
**16. Flag**  
Should children be required to say the Pledge of Allegiance in schools?  
**17. Food**  
Steroids. Anitbiotics. Sprays. Are food manufacturers killing us?  
**18. Grades**  
In some European schools, fewer than 10% of students get As. Is there grade inflation in the U.S.? Why so many As for Americans?  
**19. Holocaust**  
Should denial of the Holocaust be illegal?  
**20. Homeland Security**  
Are we safer since the creation of this department?  
**21. Honors classes**  
Good for honors students… bad for mainstream students? Why are schools eliminating honors programs?  
**22. Hurricane Katrina**  
What was the federal response? Did race affect the response?  
**23. Internet and children**  
Are children smarter (or more socialized) because of the Internet?  
**24. Iraq War**  
Is America winning or losing the War? What is the measurement of success? Have the benefits outweighed the costs?  
**25. Iraq War Vets**  
Are they being cheated on medical benefits?  
**26. Journalism**  
Should newspaper reporters be required to reveal their sources?  
**27. Juvenile offenders**  
Should juvenile offenders be tried and punished as adults?  
**28. Media**  
Does the media, both print and broadcast, report fairly? Does it ever cross the line between reporting the news and creating the news?  
**29. No Child Left Behind Act**  
Is it working?  
**30. Organ sale**  
Should we legalize the sale of human organs?  
**31. Paparazzi**  
What, if any, limitations should be applied to the paparazzi?  
**32. Parents**  
Should parents be held responsible when their children break laws?  
**33. Privacy**  
Should the government be allowed to wire tap without permission?  
**34. Public figures**  
Does the public have a right to know about a public figure’s private life?  
**35. Road rage**  
Why do normally patient people become impatient behind the wheel?  
**36. School lunches**  
Should government impose restrictions on what kinds of foods can be served in school cafeterias?  
**37. School uniforms**  
Pros and cons of school uniforms.  
**38. Single sex schools**  
Do children learn better in boys-only and girls-only schools?  
**39. Social anxiety**  
How is it different from shyness? And, are we a society of anxiety?  
**40. Sports parents**  
What are the effects on children whose parents push them in sports?  
**41. Steroids**  
Should they be legalized?  
**42. Terrorism**  
Can terrorism ever be justified?  
**43. Title IX**  
Has it helped women’s sports? Has it harmed men’s sports?  
**44. Wages**  
There’s a minimum wage, but should there also be a maximum wage/salary a person can earn?  
**45. Wind energy**  
Is wind energy really that cheap? Is it effective? Is it practical?

\*\*\*Or pick your own topic and get it approved