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