

**controversy**

[ˈkɒntɹəvɜːsi, kənˈtrɒvəsi] *n*

1. 1) спор, дискуссия, полемика, расхождение во мнениях  
to engage in (a) controversy with /against/ smb. on /about/ smth. - вступать в полемику с кем-л. о чём-л.
- 2) ссора, спор  
border controversy - пограничный спор  
beyond /without/ controversy - бесспорно, несомненно
2. 1) *юр.* правовой спор; (гражданский) процесс
- 2) трудовой конфликт  
the controversy between the company and the union - конфликт между компанией и профсоюзом

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**con-tro-versey** **AW** [controversy controversies] **BrE** ['kɒntɹəvɜːʃi] **BrE**

[kənˈtrɒvəsi] **NAme** ['kɑːntɹəvɜːrʃi] **noun** **uncountable, countable** (pl. **con-tro-versies**) ~ (over/about/surrounding sb/sth)

public discussion and argument about sth that many people strongly disagree about, disapprove of, or are shocked by

- to **arouse/cause controversy**
- a bitter **controversy over/about** the site of the new airport
- the controversy surrounding his latest movie
- The President resigned amid considerable controversy.

Word Origin:

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

Example Bank:

- Controversy exists as to how safe these drugs are.
- Controversy is raging over the route of the new motorway.
- He has resigned amid continuing controversy over his expense claims.
- His views have excited a lively controversy among fellow scientists.
- Ms Benjamin, who is no stranger to controversy herself, said the scandal could have serious repercussions.
- Much controversy surrounds the new exam.
- Public funding could resolve the controversy surrounding campaign finance.
- The book raised a storm of controversy.
- The controversy centred on the issue of compensation for the victims.
- The minister has resigned amid continuing controversy over his education proposals.
- The network ran into controversy over claims of faked documentary footage.
- The president seemed anxious to avoid controversy about these appointments.
- The singer deliberately courts controversy with his lyrics.
- The singer deliberately courts controversy with his racist and sexist lyrics.
- There has been a lot of controversy over the use of these drugs.
- This year's championships have been dogged by controversy.
- Today, the controversy continues over whether Shakespeare wrote all his plays.
- What they are doing is bound to stir up controversy.
- controversy among historians
- controversy between the two leaders
- her long-running controversy with fellow academics
- the bitter controversy surrounding the introduction of the new regulations
- The President resigned amid continuing controversy.
- The controversy surrounding his latest movie continues.
- This is a subject that always causes controversy.

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**con-tro-ver-sy** **AC** /'kɒntɹəvɜːsɪkənˈtrɒvəsi \$ 'kɑːntɹəvɜːrʃi **BrE** **AmE** **noun** (plural **controversies**) [uncountable and countable]

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

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a serious argument about something that involves many people and continues for a long time:

- a political controversy
- the controversy surrounding Skinner's theories

**cause/provoke/arouse controversy**

- The judges' decision provoked controversy.

**controversy over/about**

- the controversy over campaign-finance issues
- Controversy arose (=began) over the use of the chemicals on crops.

**COLLOCATIONS**

■ **adjectives**

- **political/religious controversy** The agreement attracted a lot of political controversy.
- **public controversy** (=among the ordinary people of a country) His book sparked off a public controversy about the issue.

- **great/major controversy** That decision was the second major controversy of the Prime Minister's career.
- **fierce controversy** (=very great) This question has been at the centre of a fierce controversy.
- **bitter controversy** (=involving very angry feelings) The strike was called off, amid bitter controversy.
- **a lot of controversy** There's been a lot of controversy about the term 'victim'.

#### ■ verbs

- **cause controversy** His speech caused great controversy.
- **arouse/provoke/excite controversy** (=cause it) Locke aroused considerable controversy with his suggestion.
- **spark (off) controversy** (=cause it) The new rules are likely to spark more controversy.
- **fuel controversy** (=add to it) England's manager fuelled controversy with his criticism of the referee.
- **be dogged by controversy** (=cause controversy in a way that is a problem) Even before it was introduced, the system was dogged by controversy.
- **be embroiled in a controversy** (=be involved in one) A film company became embroiled in a controversy over the title of one of its movies.
- **be surrounded by controversy** The circumstances of her death were surrounded by controversy.
- **avoid controversy** So far, the scheme has avoided controversy.
- **controversy surrounds something** the controversy surrounding modern farming methods
- **controversy arises** Some controversy arose over the safety of the vaccination.

#### ■ phrases

- **a matter/subject of controversy** The right age to vote is a matter of controversy.
- **a storm of controversy** Since its release, the film has met a storm of controversy.
- **the centre of a controversy** The idea became the centre of a bitter controversy.

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