

contentious[kən'tenʃəs] *a*

- любящий спорить, вздорный, придирчивый; сварливый
contentious temper - вздорный /сварливый/ характер
the crew was contentious - команда роптала
- спорный
a contentious clause in a treaty - спорное положение в договоре
contentious issue [point] - спорный вопрос [пункт]
contentious jurisdiction - *юр.* юрисдикция по спорам между сторонами

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

con·ten·tious *BrE* [kən'tenʃəs] [#] *NAmE* [kən'tenʃəs] [#] *adjective* (formal)

- likely to cause disagreement between people

- a **contentious issue/topic/subject**
- Both views are highly contentious.
- Try to avoid any contentious wording.

Opp: ↑uncontentious

- liking to argue; involving a lot of arguing
 - a contentious meeting

Word Origin:

[**contentious**] late Middle English: from Old French *contentieux*, from Latin *contentiosus*, from *content-* 'striven', from the verb *contendere*.

Example Bank:

- The government's treatment of refugees remains a highly contentious issue.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

con·ten·tious /kən'tenʃəs/ *BrE* [#] *AmE* [#] *adjective*

- causing a lot of argument and disagreement between people **SYN controversial**

contentious issue/area/subject etc

[#] Animal welfare did not become a contentious issue until the late 1970s.

- someone who is contentious often argues with people **SYN argumentative**

—*contentiously* *adverb*

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- 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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