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## Racial Profiling: Bibliography-in-Brief

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## Summary

This bibliography includes articles, reports, studies, and Internet sites addressing racial profiling, which some have defined as the targeting by law enforcement of certain groups for scrutiny. Racial profiling has become a highly contentious, increasingly polarized issue, and many of the available source materials take strong advocacy positions. The bibliography selects an alphabetized range of references from the Library of Congress Online Catalog, the Internet, and other bibliographic databases available to the Congressional Research Service. Congressional users may obtain Library of Congress books by calling 7-5445 and the full text of other items can be ordered by calling 7-5700. Other users should consult their local library. Congressional Research Service writings are available only to congressional offices and may be obtained from the CRS Web site [http://www.crs.gov]. This bibliography will be updated periodically, as needed.

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