

Controversy is a state of prolonged public dispute or debate, usually concerning a matter of conflicting opinion or point of view. The word was coined from the Latin *controversia*, as a composite of *contro*versus - "turned in an opposite direction," from *contra* - "against" - and *vertere* - to turn, or *versus* (see *verse*), hence, "to turn against."

The most applicable or well known controversial subjects, topics or areas are aneurysms, spine instrumentation, Treatment of glioma recurrence....

Controversial issues are held as potentially divisive in a neurosurgical society, because they can lead to tension and ill will, as a result they are often taboo to be discussed.

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