Sample Parliamentary Debate Topics

All of the topics included below are actual topics that have been used in tournament competitions, both nationally and internationally, over the course of several years. In this list, you will find topics of all kinds. Some topics are better than other topics. Some of these motions are closed or relatively closed, while some are open or relatively open. Some topics are metaphorical or idiomatic, and may thus be difficult for non-native English speakers. Other topics are specific to the internal affairs of particular nations, but can be easily modified to fit the needs of your nation or community.

This list can be an effective tool for teaching and practice. Debaters should use the topics for preparation – a good exercise would be to pick a few topics at a time and, for each topic, generate case ideas and topic interpretations linking the case to the motion. Teachers, trainers, and coaches should use the list to provide practice topics for their students. They may also choose to use topics from this list for tournaments or other kinds of scrimmages among debaters or debate squads. The most important function of this list, however, is that it serves to show the wide range of parliamentary debate topics.

TAXATION

Wealthy people's taxes should be raised and poor people's taxes should be lowered.
This House would use taxation to regulate behavior.
This House should replace the federal income tax with a federal sales tax.
Citizens should not be forced to pay taxes to finance Social Security.
The government should redistribute wealth by taxing some citizens in order to provide goods or services to others.
The government should be financed exclusively by voluntary contributions.

CRIMINAL AND CIVIL JUSTICE

A victim's deliberate use of deadly force is justified as a response to domestic abuse.
In the criminal justice system, truth-seeking ought to take precedence over the rights of the accused.
This House believes in trial by jury. The rights of the victim ought to take precedence over the rights of the accused.
This House would legalize prostitution. The rights of the victim ought to take precedence over the rights of the accused.
This House would impose mandatory sentences for repeat offenders.
This House believes in “Three strikes and you're out”
This House would lock 'em up and throw away the key.
This House opposes the death penalty.
It should be legal to require criminal defendants to testify in their trials.
This House believes that crimes should have victims.
This House would eliminate due process of law.

Citizens should be taxed to finance public education.
You can spend your own money more wisely than the government.
This House would give substantial tax relief to prevent a recession.
This House supports a flat tax.
This House would cut taxes.
In certain circumstances, a conscientious objection to paying taxes is justified.
This House would abolish direct taxation.
This House would increase taxes on the rich.
This House believes that taxation is theft.
This House believes that a fairer society needs higher taxation.
This House believes that civil litigation should have the same requirements as criminal litigation.

That the means of police interrogation are less important that the ends.

This House should limit the type of evidence admissible in courts.

Resolved: This House believes rewards work better than punishments.

Be it resolved: Due process is overrated.

This House believes that convicted rapists are as bad as murderers and should be sent to prison for life.

Illegally obtained evidence should not be admissible in a criminal trial.

This House favors retribution over rehabilitation.

This House would limit the option of litigation.

This House believes that judges should be elected.

This House would chemically castrate sex offenders.

This House would publicize the whereabouts of sex offenders.

Resolved: That law enforcement agencies should be given greater freedom in the investigation and prosecution of crime.

This House would televise criminal trials.

This House believes that justice should be blind.

Resolved: Violent juvenile offenders ought to be treated as adults in the criminal justice system.

This House would crack down on petty crimes.

This House would extradite criminals to face the death penalty

This House should alter the system of jury selection.

This House should take a tougher stance toward criminals.

**DRUG POLICY**

This House would legalize all drugs.

This House believes that the war on drugs is inadvisable in a free society.

This House would legalize soft drugs.

This House would legalize hard drugs.

This House believes that the war on drugs is misdirected.

This House would ban all alcoholic drinks.

**POLITICAL SYSTEMS AND PHILOSOPHIES**

This House believes that only the elite can truly successfully manage national affairs.

This House believes in pacifism.

This House would use proportional representation to decide national elections.

This House would use force to make peace.

Resident non-citizens should be given the right to vote.

Special interest groups have too much influence in elections.

The government should take one or more actions to make it easier for citizens to vote.

The voting age should be set at 16.

This House would require that all candidates participate in mandatory, nationally televised debates in presidential elections.

This House would adopt a system of compulsory voting for all citizens.

Public campaign tactics should be limited in one or more ways.

This House believes that there are better alternatives to democracy.

This House believes state power is more important than federal power.

This House believes that the state has a duty to protect individuals from themselves.

This House would give Marxism another try.

This House favors a parliamentary form of government.

This House believes that strong dictatorship is better than weak democracy.
This House would reform the present system of checks and balances.
This House believes that one man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter.
This House believes that the right wing is dead wrong.
This House would support a six-year presidential term of office.
Resolved: That politicians should be forgiven when leaving office.
This House has high hopes for third parties.
Be it resolved that the government that governs least governs best.
This House would reform the national campaign process.
This House believes that the judiciary should be popularly elected.
Resolved: That the power of the Presidency should be significantly curtailed.

The only proper function of government is to defend the individual rights of its citizens.
Resolved: that politics should be about the citizens and not the parties.
This House regards royalty as irrelevant.
This House believes that the government has forgotten its role.
This House supports campaign finance reform.
This House demands fully representative government.
This House would rather have a president than a monarch.
This House believes that the state should fund all political parties.
This House would ban all private donations to political parties.
This House calls for more use of the referendum.
This House believes that true democracy is direct democracy.
This House believes that negative political advertising is significantly detrimental to the democratic process.

This House believes that the public deserves the politicians it elects.
This House regrets the rise of career politicians.
This House believes that voting should be compulsory.
This House believes that it’s a crime not to vote.
This House supports political advertising.
This House believes that there is a better way to elect the president.
This House opposes patriotism.
This House believes in term limits for federal officials.
This House should reform the political process.
This House would limit the cost of election campaigns.
This House believes in the two-party system.

**PRIVACY AND INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS**

This House believes danger is the price of liberty.
This House believes that the right to privacy is more important than the freedom of the press.
This House believes in the concept of intellectual property.
This House believes that freedom has been taken too far in the western world.
Resolved: That greater controls should be imposed on the gathering and utilization of information about citizens by government agencies.
This House believes in the right to die.
This House would introduce a National Identity Card.
This House believes the right to privacy has gone too far.
This House believes that the rights of the oppressed should be less important than the rights of the oppressors.
This House believes that security is more important than freedom.
This House believes that personal liberty must be restricted to reduce the threat of domestic terrorism.
The protection of public safety justifies random drug testing.
When in conflict, individual rights take precedence over government rights.
Laws that protect individuals from themselves are justified.
Resolved: that drug testing in the workplace should be abolished.
This House would restrict the liberty of people in order to prevent harm to their health.

PHILOSOPHY

Freedom of the individual is a myth.
It is possible to identify truths.
This House rejects all forms of violence.
This House believes that it is never right to take a life.
This House believes there is no such thing as a winnable war.
This House believes in absolute Truth.
This House deplores utilitarianism.
This House believes that conventionality is not morality.
This House values life over liberty.
Materialism will lead to the downfall of humanity.
This House believes that the ends do not justify the means.
Violence is an appropriate expression for the silenced.
Human beings are fundamentally good.
The fact that most people believe something is good makes it good.
Moral principles should be based on the requirements of human life, not commandments.
This House believes that collectivism is better than individualism.

When called upon by one’s government, individuals are morally obligated to risk their lives.
This House regrets the decline of conventional morality.

EQUALITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

This House would require prospective human parents to be licensed before having children.
This House would privatize the pension problem.
This House would address the concerns of an aging population.
The government should make reparations to black people and other abused minorities.
This House believes that the battle of the sexes is far from over.
This House would allow homosexual couples to adopt children.
_________ is the best way to protect rights of homosexuals.
The state should make inroads into parental rights.
This House would give money to beggars.
This House believes that charity begins with the homeless.
This House would help beggars become choosers.

Be it resolved that welfare be available only to persons over the age of 21.
Be it resolved that community service be a requirement of welfare payment.
This House would support positive discrimination.
Social responsibility should be compulsory.
Housing should be a basic human right.
The government should more actively protect the rights of persons with disabilities.
This House would end the war on poverty.

Be it resolved: The federal government ought to enact a policy to promote multiculturalism.

This House would reform the welfare system.
This House would support radical redistribution.
This House would give the young a voice.
This House believes that a common culture is of greater value than a pluralistic culture.
This House supports same-sex marriage.
This nation should pay reparations for violating the human rights of its people.
This House would relax immigration laws.
This House would introduce hiring quotas.
This House believes that the 'melting pot' has failed.
This House would hold the military to a stricter standard on sexual harassment.
This House would put those on welfare to work.
This House would ration the old to nurture the young.
This House would spend less on the police and more on the people.
This House believes that the government must place the human interest above the national interest.
This House would end all classification by race.
This House would speak English.
This House would advocate color-blind justice.
The federal government should enact a policy to restrict entitlement programs.
This House deplores class warfare.
This House believes that the community is more important than the individual.
This House would pay a parent for staying home.
This House would reframe the urban future.
This House would establish a youth policy.
This House would restrict the rights of immigrants.
That violence and progressive dissent ought to be mutually exclusive.
The safety net should be mended.
This House believes in social unity over cultural diversity.
This House would adopt a superior alternative to affirmative action.
This House would adopt quotas.
This House believes that social welfare is the responsibility of local governments.
This House believes that equality is the benchmark of society.
This House would politely say "No" to reparations.
This House should close its borders.
This House supports open borders.
This House believes that good health is a human right.
The law discriminates against women and treats them worse than men.
This House believes that family values are over-rated.
Resolved: that affirmative action should focus on class, not race.
This House opposes affirmative action.
This House believes that the scales of justice are tilted.
This House supports discrimination.
This House would hold people responsible for the actions of their ancestors.
Peaceful and healthy immigrants should be allowed to cross the border freely.
Toleration is a virtue.
This House believes that racism can be controlled by legislation.
This House believes special protection creates special problems.
This House would means-test state benefits.
This House would abolish the welfare state.
This House believes the welfare state is a right, not a safety net.
Affirmative action should be used to even out differences between the sexes.
This House believes that minority privileges deny equality.

**LABOR AND ECONOMIC POLICY**

This House believes that renewed strength of labor organizations is necessary for a progressive economy.

This House calls for a mandatory retirement age.

This House believes that the government should regulate the economy.

This House would increase consumer protection.

This House believes that accountants are to blame.

That House believes that we should subsidize traditional industries.

This House believes that multi-nationals are the new imperialists.

Capitalism is an immoral economic system.

This House would stabilize gas prices.

The government should subsidize some businesses and farms.

This House would increase partnerships between government and private enterprise.

This House would establish a living wage.

Capitalism is the only ethical economic system.

This House would increase the minimum wage.

This House would promote infrastructure development.

Resolved: That the government should nationalize the basic nonagricultural industries.

The recent mega-mergers of media companies will help competition more than they will hinder it.

This House would return to an unregulated free market.

This House regrets globalization.

This House supports the right to work.

This House believes that the right to strike should be given to all employees.

Wages should be raised 15 percent.

Small organizations are able to adapt to today’s business environment better than large organizations.

This House believes you should invest in foreign markets.

That the work week should be shortened to 30 hours.

Enron reveals capitalism’s moral bankruptcy.

This House believes in economic competition.

This House would end corporate welfare.

This House would re-nationalize the public utilities.

Resolved: That the federal government should establish a national program of public work for the unemployed.

Resolved: That the federal government should guarantee a minimum annual cash income to all citizens.

Resolved: That the federal government should adopt a program of compulsory wage and price controls.

This House would break up economic power.

The significance of consumer confidence has been overrated.

This House would stop the free exchange of currencies.

This House would get out of the stock market.

This House believes that equality and capitalism are incompatible.

This House would save the surplus.

Resolved: That the federal government should implement a program guaranteeing employment opportunities for all citizens in the labor force.

Resolved: That the federal government should significantly curtail the powers of the labor unions.

Resolved: That the nonagricultural industries should guarantee their employees an annual wage.
Resolved: That the requirement of membership in a labor organization as a condition of employment should be illegal.

Resolved: That labor organizations should be under the jurisdiction of anti-trust legislation.

This House would hold tobacco companies liable for the consequences of their products.

This House would set a maximum limit on salaries.

This House would bail out failing industries.

This House believes in supply-side economics.

This House supports the power of labor unions.

This House believes that labor unions have outlived their usefulness.

ARTS AND LITERATURE

This House believes that public monies should not finance art.

This House believes art is the essence of a nation’s character.

Art is unnecessary for human progress.

This House believes in poetic license.

This House would let the language die.

This House would pay to go to a museum.

This House would abolish state funding of the arts.

Art is like a shark, it must move forward or it will die.

This nation should have an official language.

Art is permitted, but nature is forbidden.

This House would establish English as the official language.

FREE SPEECH

Political correctness is the new McCarthyism.

This House believes any book worth banning is a book worth reading.

Communities ought to have the right to suppress pornography.

This House believes that censorship can never be justified.

This House would ban prisoners publishing accounts of their crimes.

Be it resolved: Hate speech ought to be banned.

This House believes that money is speech.

This House would give racists a platform.

This House would support a constitutional amendment to protect the flag from desecration.

The protection of domestic order justifies restrictions on free speech.

This House believes the press is too free.

Be it resolved that censorship of television, film and video materials be increased.

This House would be politically correct.

This House would legalize all adult pornography.

This House believes that a ban on flag burning better serves fascism than freedom.

Resolved: that the government should take a more active stance protecting free speech.

Resolved: A journalist’s right to shield confidential sources ought to be protected by the First Amendment.

This House would restrict free speech.

TRADE POLICY

Be it resolved that the GATT system of international governance should be significantly revised.

The West will regret free trade.

This House will regret the trade bloc.

This House believes the WTO is a friend of the developing world.
This House believes that trade rights should be linked to human rights.

This House would expand NAFTA.

This House believes that NAFTA is a mistake.

That on balance, free trade benefits more than it costs.

This House would restrict non-tariff barriers.

Resolved: Something needs to be done about the WTO.

People are better off with tariffs than with complete free-trade today.

This House rejects the multilateral agreement on investment.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND POLICIES

This House would test nuclear weapons.

This House believes that industrialization assures progress in the developing world.

In international relations, economic power is preferred to military power.

This House should adopt a more moderate stance toward Iran.

Resolved: That this nation’s foreign policy toward one or more African nations should be substantially changed.

This House should apologize for its imperialistic past.

This House should end its foreign military operations.

This House believes that developing nations need strong dictatorship.

This House would be more realistic about humanitarian intervention by our military forces.

Let the world police itself.

This House would end the embargo with Cuba.

This House supports a Palestinian state.

This House would end unconditional aid to Israel.

This House would substantially reduce IMF and World Bank lending programs.

The debt of the third world should be forgiven.

This House believes that the poverty of the Third World is the fault of the First World.

This House has no business in Bosnia.

This House believes that the UN has failed.

This House would eliminate the veto power of the United Nations Security Council.

This House believes we don't need Europe.

This House believes that the UN is a toothless watchdog.

This House would give the UN a standing army.

This House would reject a united Europe.

This House would give land for peace.

This House believes that the international community should start a dialogue with the Front for the Islamic Salvation of Algeria.

The Chemical Weapons Convention should not be ratified.

All foreign aid should be privately funded.

This House should enact a more aggressive foreign policy.

This House regrets humanitarian intervention.

This House fears China.

This House would end the arms trade.

This House believes that child labor is justifiable in the developing world.

This House believes that the assassination of dictators is justifiable.

Resolved: The possession of nuclear weapons is immoral.

This House fears Islamic fundamentalism.

Romania should be admitted to the European Union.

Romania should be admitted to NATO.

Protection of human rights justifies the use of military force.
This House supports the establishment of an international criminal court.
This House would ban all nuclear weapons.
This House believes in the right of any country to defend itself with nuclear weapons.
This House believes that economic sanctions do more harm than good.
This House would always prefer sanctions to war.
This House believes that terrorism is sometimes justifiable.
This House would take steps to substantially reduce nuclear proliferation.
Further debt relief for developing nations is needed.
This House would negotiate with terrorists.
What steps should the UN take to stop civil unrest in Africa?
This House believes war to be an unjustified response to aggression.
This House condemns the UN embargo of Iraq.
This House would make amends for the legacy of colonialism.
Sweden should abolish its monarchy and become a republic.
This house would shift its foreign policy focus to the western hemisphere.
This House would override national sovereignty to protect human rights.
The United Nations Charter should be substantially changed.
This House would expand NATO.

Resolved: That the federal government should substantially increase its development assistance, including increasing government-to-government assistance, within the Greater Horn of Africa.

Be it resolved that a permanent United Nations military force be established.

Be it resolved that international sanctions against Serbia be lifted.

Be it resolved that all east European countries be admitted into NATO.

Be it resolved that the Organization of American States should establish a regional drug interdiction military force to halt the flow of drugs in the Western Hemisphere.

On to Baghdad.
Adios, Latin America.
The United Nations should mandate and enforce an Israeli-Palestinian settlement.
This House would substantially increase population assistance in foreign aid programs.
This House would end financial aid to foreign nations.
Nationalism stands in the way of peace.
That carrots are better than sticks in foreign policy.
Resolved: A federal world government should be established.
This House would support the independence of Quebec.
This House should act against political oppression in the People’s Republic of China.
This House would eliminate slavery in Africa.
This House believes that increased relations with China would be detrimental.
This House would intervene in Chechnya.
This House believes that international conflict is desirable.
It is immoral to use economic sanctions to achieve foreign policy goals.
This House would use economic sanctions to enforce a ban on nuclear weapons testing.
This House believes that the UN is dysfunctional.
This House welcomes a borderless world.
This House calls for a New World Order.
This House believes in the right of indigenous peoples to self-determination.
This House would rather live on a desert island than in the global village.
This House believes that human rights are a tool of Western foreign policy.
This House believes that aid to the Third World should be tied to human rights.
This House would manage ethnic conflict in Central Asia.
This House values human rights over state sovereignty.

This House would take policy action to support Kurdish self-determination.

Interference in the internal affairs of other countries is justified.

This House believes that Okinawa should be independent.

This House would increase support for the developing world.

This House would unite Ireland.

**ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND PHILOSOPHY**

This House would substantially restrict visitors to the National Parks.

This House believes that the value of natural resources can be found only in their exploitation.

Be it resolved that the use of animals for public entertainment (zoos, circus acts, etc.) be illegal.

This House would restrict private car ownership.

Old growth forests should be logged.

This House believes that the lives of animals should not be subordinate to the rights of humankind.

This House would ban all experimentation on animals.

This House believes that meat is murder.

Resolved: That the federal government should adopt a comprehensive program to control land use.

Resolved: That the federal government should control the supply and utilization of energy.

This House would free the animals.

This House believes that we have no more right to risk the health of animals than of humans.

This House believes that animals have rights too.

This House would break the law to protect the rights of animals.

This House would ban hunting with hounds.

Privatizing all unused federal public land is a good protection for the environment.

Technology should be utilized to solve ecological problems.

This House believes that the value of natural resources is found in their exploitation.

When in conflict, This House values environmental protection over economic growth.

High petrol prices are a good thing.

Sustainability is not an achievable goal.

This House would act decisively to stop global warming.

This House believes that the government should take measures to substantially improve natural disaster relief.

Resolved: that the U.S. should begin immediately to phase-in measures to reduce the rate of increase in atmospheric CO2 concentration.

The government should substantially reduce oil imports.

This House supports the international trading of pollution permits.

This house would save the dams, not the salmon.

This House would save the tropics.

This House would substantially reform farming.

This House would go forth and stop multiplying.

This House calls for increased population control.

This House would subsidize agriculture.

Overpopulation is the world’s greatest threat.

This House believes that the Kyoto Summit didn’t go far enough.

This House believes that global warming is the biggest international crisis.

This House would put the environment before economics.

This House would protect the lesser species.
This House believes spaceship earth is crashing.
This House would privatize national parks.

**POPULAR CULTURE**
This House believes American culture places too great an emphasis on athletic success.
Baseball is better than soccer.
This House should oppose the Olympics.
This House is resolved that there should be integration of the sexes in professional sports.
This House believes that dogs are better pets for humankind than cats.
This House believes our obsession with celebrities is harmful.
This House believes that there is too much money in sport.
This House applauds the Olympic ideal.
This House would blame Hollywood for the ills of society.
This House supports a national lottery.
This House would ban boxing.
This House would ban all blood sports.
This house believes the Super Bowl ain't that super.
This House condemns gambling of all forms.
This House believes that beauty pageants for children should be banned.
This House would restrict the movement of professional sports franchises.
This House believes that advertising is poison to society.
Be it resolved that drug testing be compulsory for all athletes involved in national and international competition.
This House would ban all tobacco advertising.
This House prefers Sega to Shakespeare.
Parents ought not purchase war toys for their children.
This House believes that music is more influential than literature.
State-run lotteries are undesirable.
This House believes that motion pictures are a reflection of society norms.
This House prefers country music to classical music.
This House believes that violence has no place in entertainment.
This House believes that commercialism has gone too far.
This House believes that the continued production of sport utility vehicles is undesirable.
This House believes that advertising degrades the quality of life.

**MEDIA AND TELEVISION**
This House believes that television destroys lives.
This House believes that journalistic integrity is dead.
This House believes that television is more significant than the computer.
This House believes that the media has gone too far.
This House believes that the news should be interesting rather than important.
This House supports domestic content quotas in broadcasting.
This House believes that the media has become too powerful.
Resolved: That the federal government should significantly strengthen the regulation of mass media communication.
Be it resolved that television is the major cause of increased violence in our society.
It is proper for the government to own the TV and radio airwaves.
This House would televise executions.
This House believes that the state should have no role in broadcasting.
This House would turn off the TV.
**SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

This House would leave the planet.

This House thinks that Internet "junk mail" should be illegal.

The ethical costs of selling human eggs outweigh the potential benefits.

When in conflict, this House values scientific discovery over the welfare of animals.

This House would censor the Internet.

This House calls for further use of nuclear power.

This House believes that science is a menace to civilization.

This House believes that the march of science has gone too far.

This House fears the Information Age.

Resolved that the use of antibiotics should be significantly limited.

Resolved that genetic testing on human fetuses should be prohibited.

The federal government should significantly restrict research and development of one or more technologies.

This house would clone humans.

This House believes that research should be restrained by morality.

This House believes that space travel should be privatized.

This House should regulate on-line gambling.

This House would fear technology.

This House would ban genetic cloning.

This House believes computers are the answer.

This House would delete Microsoft.

That on balance, resources spent on space exploration would be better used if directed toward the exploration of earth.

This House would let the information superhighway run free.

This House calls for universal genetic screening.

This House would expand stem cell research.

This House believes that the benefits of genetic engineering outweigh its risks.

All software must be shipped with the source code.

This House would reduce applied research for basic research.

This House would ban genetic screening.

This House would test everyone for HIV.

This House would patrol the information superhighway.

Space research and development should be significantly curtailed.

Resolved: The Internet should be funded by government subsidies, as opposed to private investment.

Resolved: It is unethical for companies to track individuals’ use of the Web without their knowledge.

That schools should use filtering software to prevent children from viewing restricted material on the Internet.

Genetically engineered food is the answer to feeding the world.

This House would buy every child a computer.

The Internet needs to be regulated.

**EDUCATION POLICY**

This House believes that the students should run the school.

This House believes that public schools should forego freedom for safety.

This House believes that physically challenged people should not be separated in schools.

This House would eliminate letter grades.

This House believes that everyone should attend college.
Public education is necessary.
The government should institute mandatory arts education.
Resolved: Colleges and universities have a moral obligation to prohibit the public expression of hate speech on their campuses.
This House believes that vocational training is more important than liberal arts education.
Resolved: that charter schools erode public education.
This House would judge schools by their examination results.
This House would put Latin and Greek on the national curriculum.
This House would always educate boys and girls together.
Resolved: The use of grades in schools should be abandoned
This House would make the student pay back his debt to society.
This House believes that private schools are not in the public interest.
This House would reform education.
This House would make school sport voluntary.
Resolved: That the federal government should guarantee an opportunity for higher education to all qualified high school graduates.
This House rejects military recruiters at educational institutions.
Uniformity in education leads to mediocrity.
This House would revolutionize the educational system.
This House believes that every citizen has a right to a college education.
This House believes that women’s studies should not include men.
This House would accept advertising in public schools.
This House would change its policy on funding education.
Resolved that the federal government should deny public education to illegal immigrants.
Teachers' salaries should be based on students' academic performance.
This House believes that it’s better for the Japanese people to learn world history than Japanese history.
Tenure should be abolished in universities.
This House believes that schools should not prepare students for work.
This House believes that computers are the demise of education.
This House supports single-sex education.
This House rejects the business model for institutions of higher education.
This House believes that nursery education is a right, not a privilege.
This House would be allowed to leave school at 14.
This House would charge tuition fees for university students.
This House believes that a degree is a privilege, not a right.
This House would report violations by college students to their parents.
Institutional censorship of academic material is harmful to the educational process.
Access to higher education should be a right.
This House believes that to improve education, it is more important to raise salaries than standards.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
This House believes that the USA is more sinned against than sinning.
This House would denuclearize the USA.
Resolved: The Supreme Court of the USA should uphold substantive due process.
This House should honor its treaties with one or more Native American nations.
This House believes that "Homeland Security" should not be a cabinet level position.
This House rejects the American way of life.

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This House would have a new song for America.

This House believes that the USA should repay its debt to the United Nations.

Resolved: That the USA should reduce substantially its military commitments to NATO member states.

Be it resolved that the USA should significantly increase its role in Russia's financial future.

This House believes that justice in America can be bought.

This House believes that America's right is wrong.

This house regrets the American response to September 11.

The USA should not abandon National Missile Defense.

A fully insured America is unrealistic.

This House wishes Plymouth Rock had landed on the pilgrims.

Racism contributes to United States' policy toward Africa.

The U.S.A. should change its foreign policy.

The Democratic Party is moribund.

This House would maintain United States military bases in Asia.

This House would curtail corporate puppetry of U. S. politics.

The United States is a terrorist network.

This House believes that the American dream has become a nightmare.

This House believes that, if America is the world's policeman, then the world is America's Rodney King.

This House regrets the influence of the USA.

Americans have too many rights and not enough responsibilities.

The USA ought to increase access to the political system.

The United States of America has overemphasized individual rights.

The USA should support bilingualism.

This House believes that the USA is a racist society.

This House believes that America's constitutional rights are being too harshly infringed.

This House believes that the US should take a tougher stance toward Israel.

The USA should significantly increase military spending.

Resolved: That the Congress of the USA should enact a compulsory fair employment practices law.

Resolved: That the USA should adopt a policy of free trade.

Resolved: That the USA should significantly increase its foreign military commitments.

Resolved: That the USA should discontinue direct economic aid to foreign countries.

Resolved: That the Congress of the USA should be given the power to reverse decisions of the Supreme Court.

The USA should punish China for its human rights abuses.

This House believes the Electoral College is still necessary.

Resolved that the U.S. has overplayed the sanction card.

This House believes that America is blinded by the light.

Be it resolved that the U.S.A. should significantly reduce its superpower role.

Be it resolved that the U.S.A. should withdraw from NAFTA.

Be it resolved that the U.S.A. should significantly revise its trade status with Japan.

The government of the United States of America should reduce due process protections in one or more areas.

This house believes the Supreme Court has gone too far.

Be it resolved that the U.S.A. should take a greater role in the Israeli/Palestinian peace process.

Be it resolved that the U.S.A. should significantly increase its ties to China.

Be it resolved that the U.S.A. should lift the embargo against Cuba.

Be it resolved that the federal government of the USA should expand its role in educating America's youth.

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Be it resolved that the federal government of the United States of America should fund the relief efforts of faith-based organizations.

This House believes that the First Amendment applies to the Internet.

Jesse Ventura is right.

Be it resolved that hegemony by the USA is detrimental to world stability.

This House believes you can go to the mall and see America.

This House believes that the USA should be less involved in world affairs.

The American media works against the best interests of the public.

This House would dramatically increase funding for the National Endowment for the Arts.

This House is resolved that President Bush should sign the Ottawa Treaty to ban the production and export of land mines.

This House would treat America’s youth like adults.

We believe that America’s safety net catches more than it misses.

Be it resolved: That the federal government should substantially increase its support to the arts of America.

This House would abolish “Don’t ask, don’t tell” policies.

This House is resolved that a global marketplace is good for the USA.

This House would not have named Washington National Airport after Ronald Reagan.

The Supreme Court should expand executive privilege.

This House would eliminate the Department of Education.

This House would induct the 51st state.

This House believes that Miranda rights favor the guilty.

The United States of America should mind its own business.

This House believes that the U.S. government should stop subsidizing farmers.

This House would grant political independence to Washington, D.C.

This House would repeal Title IX.

The federal government of the United States of America should substantially change its nuclear waste policy.

The USA should increase its trade agreements with Africa.

There should be additions to Mount Rushmore.

Resolved that parental notification of abortions by minors be mandatory in the USA.

Resolved that testing for performance-enhancing drugs be implemented in all NCAA Division I sports.

Resolved that California reinstate affirmative action in all public universities.

Litigation has replaced legislation in America.

This House believes that country music reflects a decline in American culture.

Be it resolved that the United States of America should adopt the Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty.

The United States of America should reform Social Security.

The Congress of the USA should enact reparations for descendants of slaves.

This House would eliminate the CIA.

Resolved: that Medicare is worse than no care at all.

This House believes that the USA should apologize to Latin America.

This House believes that the IRS needs to be abolished.

This House believes that American automobiles are a better bargain than European automobiles.

**THE EUROPEAN UNION**

This House believes that the European Community ought to expand now.

Europe should take deliberate steps to stop Russia’s siege of Chechnya.

This House believes that the single European currency will fail.

This House believes that Europe should be the next USA.

This House would join a European defense alliance.

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This House welcomes European federalism.
This House believes that a wider Europe is not in Britain’s interest.
This House welcomes the Euro.
This House believes that the Eurovision song contest is the role-model.

**HEALTH CARE**
This House believes that basic medical care is a privilege, not a right.
Be it resolved that national comprehensive health care would fail.
The government should provide universal health care.
Capitalism impairs health delivery systems.
This House would significantly reform the health care system.
This house would standardize health care.
This House would protect the patient.
This House believes that the markets and health make poor bedfellows.
Modern medicine over-emphasizes prolonging life.
The rich will always be healthier than the poor.

**UNITED KINGDOM**
This House is resolved that the British monarchy is the best system of government the world has ever known.
This House would tax the monarchy.
This House would give Britain a written constitution.
This House would limit the terms of MPs.
Resolved: That the government should adopt a program of compulsory health insurance for all citizens.
This House would tear up the Act of Union.

This House calls for the disestablishment of the Church of England.
This House would allow 18 year-olds to be MPs.
This House believes that MPs should represent their constituents, not lobby groups.
This House would introduce proportional representation in Britain.
This House has no confidence in Her Majesty’s Government.
This House would provide complementary medicine on the NHS.
This House believes that Britain’s licensing laws are outdated and draconian.
This House believes that New Labor is Old Tory.
This House believes that the “first past the post” system is undemocratic.
This House would privatize the BBC.
This House believes that Britain has failed its responsibilities to refugees.
This House would privatize the NHS.
This House would buy British.
This House would abolish the Commonwealth.
This House believes that, if the Commonwealth didn’t exist, no one would think of mentioning it.
This House would dissolve the House of Lords.
This House would abolish the A-level.
This House would remove the privileges of Oxbridge students.

**FORMER SOVIET UNION**
This House is resolved that communism was better than capitalism for Russia.
This House mourns the demise of the Soviet Union.

**MILITARY AFFAIRS**
Military conscription is superior to a volunteer army.
The military limits freedom of expression too much.
This House believes that military justice is an oxymoron.
This House believes that military spending is detrimental to society.
This House would lift the ban on gays in the military.

**GUN CONTROL**

Resolved: That the government should adopt a policy of mandatory background checks for the purchasers of firearms.
That possession of handguns should be made illegal.
This House should increase regulation of firearms.
This House believes in the right to bear arms.
Gun manufacturers should be held liable for gun-related deaths.
This House would mandate gun safety education in all schools.
Resolved: The government should substantially increase restrictions on gun manufacturers.
Citizens should have the right to carry concealed guns.
Be it resolved that an armed society is a polite society.

**REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS**

This House believes that the unborn child has no rights.
That public money should not be used to pay for abortions.
Women should have the right to have an abortion if they so choose.
This House believes that abortion is justifiable.
This House would allow surrogate motherhood.
Abortion must be outlawed.
This House believes that contraception for teenagers encourages promiscuity.

**OTHER PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES**

This House would re-introduce National Service.
This House would continue to prosecute World War II criminals.
This House would legalize voluntary euthanasia.
That the draft should be abolished and replaced by professional military forces.
This House would impose a curfew on children under 10.
This House would make tobacco companies pay compensation to the individual.
This house would put limits on the issuance of credit cards to anyone less than 25 years old.
Be it resolved that new drivers will be issued a restricted license, and that these restrictions will apply for one year.
This House would ban smoking.
This House would ban smoking in public places.
Public transport is more convenient than cars.
Emergency action for earthquakes and typhoons should be improved.
The automobile is the ultimate cause of urban decline.

**FAMILY MATTERS**

This House would make divorce easier.
This House demands new family values.
This House believes that marriage is an outdated institution.
Marriage and government should be divorced.
This House would get married for the sake of the children.