

Past Topics - Public Forum Debate

2016-2017

- February 2017 – Resolved: The United States should lift its embargo against Cuba.
- January 2017 – Resolved: In order to better respond to international conflicts, the United States should significantly increase its military spending.
- December 2016 – Resolved: The United States should end Plan Colombia.
- November 2016 – Resolved: On balance, the benefits of the Internet of Things outweigh the harms of decreased personal privacy.
- September/October 2016 – Resolved: In United States public K-12 schools, the probable cause standard ought to apply to searches of students.

2015-2016

- 2016 National Speech & Debate Tournament – On balance, a one-day national primary would be more beneficial for the United States than our current presidential primary process.
- April 2016 – Resolved: To alleviate income inequality in the United States, increased spending on public infrastructure should be prioritized over increased spending on means-tested welfare programs.
- March 2016 – Resolved: The United States should withdraw its military presence from Okinawa.
- February 2016 – Resolved: The United States federal government should adopt a carbon tax.
- January 2016 – Resolved: On balance, economic sanctions are reducing the threat Russia poses to Western interests.
- December 2015 – Resolved: On balance, standardized testing is beneficial to K-12 education in the United States.
- November 2015 – Resolved: In response to the current crisis, a government should prioritize the humanitarian needs of refugees over its national interests.
- September/October 2015 – Resolved: The United States Federal Government ought to pay reparations to African Americans.

2014-2015

- 2015 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: The benefits of First Amendment protection of anonymous speech outweigh the harms.
- April 2015 – Resolved: Committing United States ground combat troops to fight ISIL is in the best interest of the United States.
- March 2015 – Resolved: In the United States, students should be guaranteed two years of free tuition to a community or technical college.
- February 2015 – Resolved: On balance, economic globalization benefits worldwide poverty reduction.
- January 2015 – Resolved: United Nations peacekeepers should have the power to engage in offensive operations.
- December 2014 – Resolved: For-profit prisons in the United States should be banned.
- November 2014 – Resolved: On balance, the benefits of genetically modified foods outweigh the harms.

- September/October 2014 – Resolved: On balance, public subsidies for professional athletic organizations in the United States benefit their local communities.

2013-2014

- 2014 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: NATO should strengthen its relationship with Ukraine in order to deter further Russian aggression.
- April 2014 – Resolved: Prioritizing economic development over environmental protection is in the best interest of the people of India.
- March 2014 – Resolved: Single-gender classrooms would improve the quality of education in American public schools.
- February 2014 – Resolved: The Supreme Court rightly decided that Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act violated the Constitution.
- January 2014 – Resolved: Development assistance should be prioritized over military aid in the Sahel region of Africa.
- December 2013 – Resolved: Immigration reform should include a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants currently living in the United States.
- November 2013 – Resolved: The benefits of domestic surveillance by the NSA outweigh the harms.
- September/October 2013 – Resolved: Unilateral military force by the United States is justified to prevent nuclear proliferation.

2012-2013

- 2013 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: The benefits of American drone strikes against foreign targets outweigh the harms.
- April 2013 – Resolved: The continuation of current U.S. anti-drug policies in Latin America will do more harm than good.
- March 2013 – Resolved: The U.S. government should not require its citizens to have health insurance.
- February 2013 – Resolved: On balance, the rise of China is beneficial to the interests of the United States.
- January 2013 – Resolved: On balance, the Supreme Court decision in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission harms the election process.
- December 2012 – Resolved: The United States should prioritize tax increases over spending cuts.
- November 2012 – Resolved – Current U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East undermines our national security.
- October 2012 – Resolved: Developed countries have a moral obligation to mitigate the effects of climate change.
- September 2012 – Resolved: Congress should renew the Federal Assault Weapons Ban.

2011-2012

- 2012 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: Stand Your Ground laws are a legitimate expansion of the doctrine of self defense.
- April 2012 – Resolved: State mandated administration of childhood vaccinations is justified.
- March 2012 – Resolved: The United States should suspend all assistance to Pakistan.

- February 2012 – Resolved: Birthright citizenship should be abolished in the United States.
- January 2012 – Resolved: The costs of a college education outweigh the benefits.
- December 2011 – Resolved: In the United States, current income disparities threaten democratic ideals.
- November 2011 – Resolved: Direct popular vote should replace electoral vote in presidential elections.
- October 2011 – Resolved: Private sector investment in human space exploration is preferable to public sector investment.
- September 2011 – Resolved: The benefits of post-9/11 security measures outweigh the harms to personal freedom.

2010-2011

- 2011 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: That the United States should intervene in another nation's struggle for democracy.
- April 2011 – Resolved: The United States federal government should permit the use of financial incentives to encourage organ donation.
- March 2011 – Resolved: North Korea poses a more serious threat to United States national security than Iran.
- February 2011 – Resolved: Wikileaks is a threat to United States national security.
- January 2011 – Resolved: In the United States, plea bargaining undermines the criminal justice system.
- December 2010 – Resolved: Cyberbullying should be a criminal offense.
- November 2010 – Resolved: High school Public Forum Debate resolutions should not confront sensitive religious issues.
- October 2010 – Resolved: NATO presence improves the lives of Afghan citizens.
- September 2010 – Resolved: Allowing deep water offshore oil drilling is in the best interest of the United States.

2009-2010

- 2010 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: Current trends in American political dialogue compromise meaningful democratic deliberation.
- 2010 NCFL Nationals^o – Resolved: That the constitutional right of freedom of religion has wrongly evolved into freedom from religion.
- April 2010 – Resolved: On balance, government employee labor unions have a positive impact on the United States.
- March 2010 – Resolved: Affirmative action to promote equal opportunity in the United States is justified.
- February 2010 – Resolved: In the United States, organized political lobbying does more harm than good.
- January 2010 – Resolved: President Obama's plan for increasing troops in Afghanistan is in the United States' best interest.
- December 2009 – Resolved: That merit pay based on student achievement should be a significant component of K-12 teacher compensation in United States public schools.
- November 2009 – Resolved: Failed nations are a greater threat to the United States than stable nations.
- October 2009 – Resolved: When in conflict, the United Nations should prioritize global poverty reduction over environmental protection.

- September 2009 – Resolved: United States policy on illegal immigration should focus on attrition through enforcement rather than amnesty.

2008-2009

- 2009 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: That the United States should normalize relations with Cuba.
- 2009 NCFL Nationals^o – Resolved: A society has an obligation to ensure adequate health care for its citizens.
- April 2009 – Resolved: That the Employee Free Choice Act of 2009 serves the best interest of the American people.
- March 2009 – Resolved: That, on balance, the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 has improved academic achievement in the United States.
- February 2009 – Resolved: That, on balance, the rise of Brazil, Russia, India, and China (BRIC) has had a positive impact on the United States.
- January 2009 – Resolved: That, by 2040, the federal government should mandate that all new passenger vehicles and light trucks sold in the United States be powered by alternative fuels.
- December 2008 – Resolved: That, on balance, social networking Web sites have a positive impact on the United States.
- November 2008 – Resolved: That the United States government should implement universal health care modeled after the French system.
- October 2008 – Resolved: The United States should significantly increase its use of nuclear energy.
- September 2008 – Resolved: That the United States should implement a military draft.

2007-2008

- 2008 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: US policies established after September 11, 2001 have substantially reduced the risk of terrorist acts against the United States.
- 2008 NCFL^o Nationals – Resolved: That the US Government should increase social services for indigenous peoples in America.
- April 2008 – Resolved: That the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 will successfully mitigate economic slowdowns over the next year.
- March 2008 – Resolved: The US system of presidential primaries is contrary to democratic values.
- February 2008 – Resolved: That Russia has become a threat to U.S. interests.
- January 2008 – Resolved: In a democracy, civil disobedience is an appropriate weapon in the fight for justice.
- December 2007 – Resolved: That the United States would be justified in pursuing military options against Iran.
- November 2007 – Resolved: That eliminating United States government budget deficits should be prioritized over increasing domestic spending.
- October 2007 – Resolved: That the United States should encourage the implementation of a soft partition of Iraq.
- September 2007 – Resolved: That the Fairness Doctrine should be reinstated.

2006-2007

- 2007 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: That the private ownership of handguns should be banned in the United States.

- 2007 NCFL Nationals^o – Resolved: That the President and Vice-President of the United States should be elected by a direct vote of the American citizens.
- April 2007 – Resolved: United States corporations should honor all prior commitments to employee pensions.
- March 2007 – Resolved: That the quantity of credit available to American consumers should be significantly reduced.
- February 2007 – Resolved: The costs of legalized casino gambling in the United States outweigh the benefits.
- January 2007 – Resolved: That lobbyists negatively influence the legislative process in the United States.
- December 2006 – Resolved: Colleges and Universities in the United States should end their early admission programs.
- November 2006 – Resolved: That participating in multinational diplomatic efforts is beneficial to U. S. interests.
- October 2006 – Resolved: Current immigration laws in the United States should be enforced.
- September 2006 – Resolved: That the benefits of NASA’s space exploration programs justify the costs.

2005-2006

- 2006 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: That the United States government should ratify the Kyoto Protocol.
- April 2006 – Resolved: That the American media work against the best interest of the American public.
- March 2006 – Resolved: That big box retailers benefit the communities in which they are located.
- February 2006 – Resolved: That the policy decisions of the current Israeli government toward the Palestinian state have improved prospects for peace in the Middle East.
- January 2006 – Resolved: In the United States, public high school science curriculum should include the study of the Theory of Intelligent Design.
- December 2005 – Resolved: That the National Basketball Association (NBA) should rescind its dress code.
- November 2005 – Resolved: That the United States federal government should fund Hurricane Katrina relief and rebuilding by ending President Bush’s tax cuts.
- October 2005 – Resolved: That the United Nations should be the primary agent to lead and direct the fight against terrorism around the world.
- September 2005 – Resolved: In the United States, colleges and universities should be permitted to pay stipends to their Division I athletes.

2004-2005

- 2005 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: That, when a choice is required for public high schools in the United States, government funding should prioritize vocational education over college preparatory education.
- April 2005 – Resolved: The United States should issue guest worker visas to illegal aliens.
- March 2005 – Resolved: Student aptitude should be assessed through standardized testing.
- February 2005 – Resolved: In the United States, the current system of federal income taxation should be replaced by a flat rate income tax.
- January 2005 – Resolved: The United States Constitution should be amended to establish a mandatory retirement age for Supreme Court Justices.

- December 2004 – Resolved: Corporate offshoring aids in the economic development of the United States.
- November 2004 – Resolved: The United States government should allow Americans to purchase prescription drugs from other countries.
- October 2004 – Resolved: In the United States, public opinion polls positively affect the election process.
- September 2004 – Resolved: That the United States should establish a cabinet-level position to oversee its entire intelligence community.

2003-2004

- 2004 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: All young adults in every nation should be required to perform at least one full year of national service.
- April 2004 – Resolved: English should be the official national language of the United States.
- March 2004 – Resolved: The United States should provide universal health care insurance to all U.S. citizens.
- February 2004 – Resolved: Americans should be allowed to share copyrighted media over the internet.
- January 2004 – Resolved: The United States is losing the War on Terror.
- December 2003 – Resolved: Congress should repeal the No Child Left Behind Act.
- November 2003 – Resolved: That Federal judges should be elected in their district for a limited term rather than appointed by the President for a life term.
- October 2003 – Resolved: That the United States should comply with United Nations' decisions concerning international peacekeeping operations.
- September 2003 – Resolved: Use of a cell phone should be prohibited while operating a motor vehicle.

2002-2003

- 2003 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: That the United States should assume primary responsibility for the rebuilding of Iraq.
- April 2003 – Resolved: Awards for pain and suffering in medical malpractice cases should be limited to \$250,000.
- March 2003 – Resolved: Affirmative action should not be practiced in college and university admission.
- February 2003 – Resolved: The death penalty should be abolished in America.
- January 2003 – Resolved: The Federal Government should authorize oil exploration in the Arctic National Wildlife Reserve.
- December 2002 – Resolved: The the “Bush” tax cuts should be made permanent.
- October/November 2002 – Resolved: Commercial airline pilots should be armed in the cockpit.

Past Topics - Lincoln-Douglas Debate

2016-2017

- January/February – Resolved: Public colleges and universities in the United States ought not restrict any constitutionally protected speech.
- November/December – Resolved: The United States ought to limit qualified immunity for police officers.
- September/October – Resolved: Countries ought to prohibit the production of nuclear power.

2015-2016

- 2016 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Immigration ought to be recognized as a human right.

- March/April – Resolved: The United States ought to promote democracy in the Middle East.
- January/February – Resolved: In the United States, private ownership of handguns ought to be banned.
- November/December – Resolved: In the United States criminal justice system, jury nullification ought to be used in the face of perceived injustice.
- September/October – Resolved: Adolescents ought to have the right to make autonomous medical choices.

2014-2015

- 2015 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: Inaction in the face of injustice makes individuals morally culpable.
- March/April – Resolved: Just governments ought to ensure food security for their citizens.
- January/February – Resolved: Just governments ought to require that employers pay a living wage.
- November/December – Resolved: The “right to be forgotten” from Internet searches ought to be a civil right.
- September/October – Resolved: A just society ought to presume consent for organ procurement from the deceased.

2013-2014

- 2014 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: The United States ought to prioritize the pursuit of national security objectives above the digital privacy of its citizens.
- March/April – Resolved: Placing political conditions on humanitarian aid to foreign countries is unjust.
- January/February – Resolved: Developing countries should prioritize environmental protection over resource extraction when the two are in conflict.
- November/December – Resolved: In the United States criminal justice system, truth-seeking ought to take precedence over attorney-client privilege.
- September/October – Resolved: In a democracy, voting ought to be compulsory.

2012-2013

- 2013 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Oppressive government is more desirable than no government.
- March/April – Resolved: The United States is justified in intervening in the internal political processes of other countries to attempt to stop human rights abuses.
- January/February – Resolved: Rehabilitation ought to be valued above retribution in the United States criminal justice system.
- November/December – Resolved: The United States ought to guarantee universal health care for its citizens.
- September/October – Resolved: The United States ought to extend to non-citizens accused of terrorism the same constitutional due process protections it grants to citizens.

2011-2012

- 2012 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: A government has the obligation to lessen the economic gap between its rich and poor citizens.
- March/April – Resolved: Targeted killing is a morally permissible foreign policy tool.
- January/February – Resolved: It is morally permissible for victims to use deadly force as a deliberate response to repeated domestic violence.
- November/December – Resolved: Individuals have a moral obligation to assist people in need.
- September/October – Resolved: Justice requires the recognition of animal rights.

2010-2011

- 2011 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: When forced to choose, a just government ought to prioritize universal human rights over its national interest.
- March/April – Resolved: The United States is justified in using private military firms abroad to pursue its military objectives.
- January/February – Resolved: In the United States, juveniles charged with violent felonies ought to be treated as adults in the criminal justice system.
- November/December Topic – Resolved: The abuse of illegal drugs ought to be treated as a matter of public health, not of criminal justice.
- September/October – Resolved: States ought not possess nuclear weapons.

2009-2010

- 2010 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: Compulsory inclusion of non-felons' DNA in any government database is unjust.
- 2010 NCFE Nationals^o – Resolved: That the United States government has a moral obligation to afford the same constitutional rights to all people on United States soil.
- March/April – Resolved: In the United States, the principle of jury nullification is a just check on government.
- January/February – Resolved: Economic sanctions ought not be used to achieve foreign policy objectives.
- November/December – Resolved: Public health concerns justify compulsory immunization.
- September/October – Resolved: Public High school students in the United States ought not be required to pass standardized exit exams to graduate.

2008-2009

- 2009 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: Military conscription is unjust.
- 2009 NCFE Nationals^o – Resolved: When in conflict, the preservation of minority cultural values ought to be valued above the preservation of a unified national culture.
- March/April – Resolved: Vigilantism is justified when the government has failed to enforce the law.
- January/February – Resolved: The United States ought to submit to the jurisdiction of an international court designed to prosecute crimes against humanity.
- November/December – Resolved: In a democratic society, felons ought to retain the right to vote.
- September/October – Resolved: It is morally permissible to kill one innocent person to save the lives of more innocent people.

2007-2008

- 2008 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: Limiting economic inequality ought to be a more important social goal than maximizing economic freedom.
- 2008 NCFE Nationals^o – Resolved: That secondary education in America should value the fine arts over athletics.
- March/April – Resolved: Hate crime enhancements are unjust in the United States.
- January/February – Resolved: It is just for the United States to use military force to prevent the acquisition of nuclear weapons by nations that pose a military threat.
- November/December – Resolved: In the United States, plea-bargaining in exchange for testimony is unjust.
- September/October – Resolved: A just society ought not use the death penalty as a form of punishment.

2006-2007

- 2007 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: On balance, violent revolution is a just response to political oppression.

- 2007 NCFE Nationals^o – Resolved: That judicial activism is unjust in a democracy.
- March/April – Resolved: The United Nations’ obligation to protect global human rights ought to be valued above its obligation to respect national sovereignty.
- January/February – Resolved: The actions of corporations ought to be held to the same moral standards as the actions of individuals.
- November/December – Resolved: A victim’s deliberate use of deadly force is a just response to repeated domestic violence.
- September/October – Resolved: A just government should provide health care to its citizens.

2005-2006

- 2006 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: In matters of collecting military intelligence, the ends justify the means.
- 2006 NCFE Nationals^o – Resolved: When in conflict, an individual’s freedom of speech should be valued above a community’s moral standards.
- March/April – Resolved: Juveniles charged with violent crimes should be tried and punished as adults.
- January/February – Resolved: The use of the state’s power of eminent domain to promote private enterprise is unjust.
- November/December – Resolved: Judicial activism is necessary to protect the rights of American citizens.
- September/October – Resolved: In matters of U.S. immigration policy, restrictions on the rights of non-citizens are consistent with democratic ideals.

2004-2005

- 2005 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: the pursuit of scientific knowledge ought to be constrained by concern for societal good.
- 2005 NCFE Nationals^o – Resolved: the primary purpose of formal education ought to be to impart knowledge.
- March/April – Resolved: to better protect civil liberties, community standards ought to take precedence over conflicting national standards.
- January/February – Resolved: democracy is best served by strict separation of church and state.
- November/December – Resolved: the United States has a moral obligation to promote democratic ideals in other nations.
- September/October – Resolved: individual claims of privacy ought to be valued above competing claims of societal welfare.

2003-2004

- 2004 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: civil disobedience in a democracy is morally justified.
- 2004 NCFE Nationals^o – Resolved: a nation’s citizens’ rights ought to take precedence over its security.
- March/April – Resolved: as a general principle, individuals have an obligation to value the common good above their own interests.
- January/February – Resolved: a government’s obligation to protect the environment ought to take precedence over its obligation to promote economic development.
- November/December – Resolved: the U.S. has a moral obligation to mitigate international conflicts.
- September/October – Resolved: in the U.S. judicial system, truth seeking ought to take precedence over privileged communication.

2002-2003

- 2003 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: rehabilitation ought to be valued above punishment in the U.S. criminal justice system.
- 2003 NCFE Nationals^o – Resolved: capitalism is the most just economic system.
- March/April – Resolved: when in conflict, the letter of the law ought to take priority over the spirit of the law.
- January/February – Resolved: when in conflict, globalization ought to be valued above national sovereignty.

- November/December – Resolved: when in conflict, academic freedom in U.S. high schools ought to be valued above community standards.
- September/October – Resolved: when the United States is engaged in military conflict, the demands of national security ought to supersede conflicting claims of individual rights.

2001-2002

- 2002 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: laws which protect citizens from themselves are justified.
- 2002 NCFL Nationals^o – Resolved: the people’s right to know outweighs the government’s need for confidentiality.
- March/April – Resolved: limiting the freedom of expression of adults is justified by society’s interest in protecting children.
- January/February – Resolved: oppressive government is more desirable than no government.
- November/December – Resolved: a lesser developed nation’s right to develop ought to take priority over its obligation to protect the environment.
- September/October – Resolved: decentralized governmental power ought to be a fundamental goal of democratic society.

2000-2001

- 2001 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: on balance, violent revolution is a just response to oppression.
- 2001 NCFL Nationals^o – Resolved: providing for basic human needs of citizens in a society ought to be valued above individual property rights.
- March/April – Resolved: the public’s right to know ought to be valued above the right to privacy of candidates for public office.
- January/February – Resolved: the possession of nuclear weapons is immoral.
- November/December – Resolved: establishing a safe educational environment in grades K-12 justifies infringement of students’ civil liberties.
- September/October – Resolved: colleges and universities have a moral obligation to prohibit the public expression of hate speech on their campuses.

1999-2000

- 2000 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: inaction in the face of injustice makes an individual morally culpable.
- 2000 NCFL Nationals^o – Resolved: discriminations made by society on the basis of chronological age alone are justified.
- **Past Topics - Policy Debate**
- **2016-2017** Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its economic and/or diplomatic engagement with the People’s Republic of China.
- **2015-2016** Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially curtail its domestic surveillance.
- **2014-2015** Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its non-military exploration and/or development of the Earth’s oceans.
- **2013-2014** Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its economic engagement toward Cuba, Mexico or Venezuela.
- **2012-2013** Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its transportation infrastructure investment in the United States.
- **2011-2012** Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its exploration and/or development of space beyond the Earth’s mesosphere.
- **2010-2011** Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially reduce its military and/or police presence in one or more of the following: South Korea, Japan, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Iraq, Turkey.
- **2009-2010** Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase social services for persons living in poverty in the United States.
- **2008-2009** Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase alternative energy incentives in the United States.
- **2007-2008** Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its public health assistance to Sub-Saharan Africa.

- **2006-2007** Resolved: The United States federal government should establish a policy substantially increasing the number of persons serving in one or more of the following national service programs: AmeriCorps, Citizen Corps, Senior Corps, Peace Corps, Learn and Serve America, Armed Forces.
- **2005-2006** Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially decrease its authority either to detain without charge or to search without probable cause.
- **2004-2005** Resolved: That the United States federal government should establish a foreign policy substantially increasing its support of United Nations peacekeeping operations.
- **2003-2004** Resolved: That the United States federal government should establish an ocean policy substantially increasing protection of marine natural resources.
- **2002-2003** Resolved: That the United States federal government should substantially increase public health services for mental health care in the United States.
- **2001-2002** Resolved: That the United States federal government should establish a foreign policy significantly limiting the use of weapons of mass destruction.
- **2000-2001** Resolved: That the United States federal government should significantly increase protection of privacy in the United States in one or more of the following areas: employment, medical records, consumer information, search and seizure.
- **1999-2000** Resolved: That the federal government should establish an education policy to significantly increase academic achievement in secondary schools in the United States.
- **1998-1999** Resolved: That the United States should substantially change its foreign policy toward Russia.
- **1997-1998** Resolved: That the federal government should establish a policy to substantially increase renewable energy use in the United States.
- **1996-1997** Resolved: That the federal government should establish a program to substantially reduce juvenile crime in the United States.
- **1995-1996** Resolved: That the United States government should substantially change its foreign policy toward the People's Republic of China.
- **1994-1995** Resolved: That the United States government should substantially strengthen regulation of immigration to the United States.
- **1993-1994** Resolved: That the federal government should guarantee comprehensive national health insurance to all United States citizens.
- **1992-1993** Resolved: That the United States government should reduce worldwide pollution through its trade and/or aid policies.
- **1991-1992** Resolved: That the federal government should significantly increase social services to homeless individuals in the United States.
- **1990-1991** Resolved: that the United States Government should significantly increase space exploration beyond Earth's mesosphere.
- **1989-1990**
- Resolved: That the federal government should adopt a nationwide policy to decrease overcrowding in prisons and jails in the United States.
- **1988-1989**
- Resolved: That the federal government should implement a comprehensive program to guarantee retirement security for United States citizens over age 65.
- **1987-1988**
- Resolved: That the United States government should adopt a policy to increase political stability in Latin America.
- **1986-1987**
- Resolved: That the federal government should implement a comprehensive long-term agricultural policy in the United States.
- **1985-1986**
- Resolved: That the federal government should establish a comprehensive national policy to protect the quality of water in the United States.
- **1984-1985**
- Resolved: That the federal government should provide employment for all employable U.S. Citizens living in poverty.
- **1983-1984**
- Resolved: That the United States should establish uniform rules governing the procedure of all criminal courts in the nation.
- **1982-1983**
- Resolved: That the United States should significantly curtail its arms sales to other countries.
- **1981-1982**

- Resolved: That the federal government should establish minimum educational standards for elementary and secondary schools in the United States.
- **1980-1981**
- Resolved: That the federal government should initiate and enforce safety guarantees on consumer goods.
- **1979-1980**
- Resolved: That the United States should significantly change its foreign trade policies.
- **1978-1979**
- Resolved: That the federal government should establish a comprehensive program to significantly increase the energy independence of the U.S.
- **1977-1978**
- Resolved: That the federal government should establish a comprehensive program to regulate the health care in the United States.
- **1976-1977**
- Resolved: That a comprehensive program of penal reform should be adopted throughout the United States.
- **1975-1976**
- Resolved: That the development and allocation of scarce world resources should be controlled by an international organization.
- **1974-1975**
- Resolved: That the United States should significantly change the method of selection of presidential and vice-presidential candidates.
- **1973-1974**
- Resolved: That the federal government should guarantee a minimum annual income to each family unit.
- **1972-1973**
- Resolved: That governmental financial support for all public and secondary education in the United States be provided exclusively by the federal government.
- **1971-1972**
- Resolved: That the jury system in the United States should be significantly changed.
- **1970-1971**
- Resolved: That the federal government should establish, finance, and administer programs to control air and/or water pollution in the United States.
- **1969-1970**
- Resolved: That Congress should prohibit unilateral United States military intervention in foreign countries.
- **1968-1969**
- Resolved: That the United States should establish a system of compulsory service by all citizens.
- **1967-1968**
- Resolved: That Congress should establish uniform regulations to control criminal investigation procedures.
- **1966-1967**
- Resolved: That the foreign aid program of the United States should be limited to non-military assistance.
- **1965-1966**
- Resolved: That the federal government should adopt a program of compulsory arbitration in labor-management disputes in basic industries.
- **1964-1965**
- Resolved: That nuclear weapons should be controlled by an international organization.
- **1963-1964**
- Resolved: That Social Security benefits should be extended to include complete medical care.

- **1962-1963**
- Resolved: That the United States should promote a Common Market for the western hemisphere.
- **1961-1962**
- Resolved: That the federal government should equalize educational opportunity by means of grants to the states for public elementary and secondary education.
- **1960-1961**
- Resolved: That the United Nations should be significantly strengthened.
- **1959-1960**
- Resolved: That the federal government should substantially increase its regulation of labor unions.
- **1958-1959**
- Resolved: That the United States should adopt the essential feature of the British system of education.
- **1957-1958**
- Resolved: That the United States foreign aid should be substantially increased.
- **1956-1957**
- Resolved: That the federal government should sustain the prices of major agricultural products at not less than 90% of parity.
- **1955-1956**
- Resolved: That the government subsidies should be granted according to need to high school graduates who qualify for additional training.
- **1954-1955**
- Resolved: That the federal government should initiate a policy of free trade among nations friendly to the United States.
- **1953-1954**
- Resolved: That the President of the United States should be elected by the direct vote of the people.
- **1952-1953**
- Resolved: That the Atlantic pact nations should form a federal union.
- **1951-1952**
- Resolved: That all American citizens should be subject to conscription for essential service in time of war.
- **1950-1951**
- Resolved: That the American people should reject the Welfare state.
- **1949-1950**
- Resolved: That the President of the United States should be elected by the direct vote of the people.
- **1948-1949**
- Resolved: That a federal world government should be established.
- **1947-1948**
- Resolved: That the federal government should require arbitration of labor disputes in all basic industries.
- **1946-1947**
- Resolved: That the federal government should provide a system of complete Medical care available to all citizens at public expense.
- **1945-1946**
- Resolved: That ever able-bodied male citizen of the United States should have one year of full time military training before attaining age 24.
- **1944-1945**
- Resolved: That the legal voting age should be reduced to eighteen years.
- **1943-1944**

- Resolved: That the United States should join in reconstituting the League of Nations.
- **1942-1943**
- Resolved: That a federal world government should be established.
- **1941-1942**
- Resolved: That every able-bodied male citizen in the United States should be required to have one year of full-time military training before attaining the present draft age.
- **1940-1941**
- Resolved: That the power of the federal government should be increased.
- **1939-1940**
- Resolved: That the federal government should own and operate the railroads.
- **1938-1939**
- Resolved: That the United States should establish an alliance with Great Britain.
- **1937-1938**
- Resolved: That the several states should adopt a unicameral system of legislation.
- **1936-1937**
- Resolved: That all electric utilities should be governmentally owned and operated.
- **1935-1936**
- Resolved: That the several states should enact legislation providing for a system of complete medical service available to all citizens at public expense.
- **1934-1935**
- Resolved: That the federal government should adopt the policy of equalizing educational opportunity throughout the nation by means of annual grants to the several states for public elementary and secondary education.
- **1933-1934**
- Resolved: That the United States should adopt the essential features of the British system of radio control and operation.
- **1932-1933**
- Resolved: That at least one half of all state and local revenues should be derived from sources other than tangible property.
- **1931-1932**
- Resolved: That the several states should enact legislation providing for compulsory unemployment insurance.
- **1930-1931**
- Resolved: That chain stores are detrimental to the best interests of the American public.
- **1929-1930**
- Resolved: That installment buying of personal property as now practiced in the United States is both socially and economically desirable.
- **1928-1929**
- Resolved: That the English cabinet method of legislation is more efficient than the committee system is in the United States.
- **1927-1928**
- Resolved: That a federal department of education should be created with a secretary in the president's cabinet.

- March/April – Resolved: the intervention of one nation in the domestic affairs of another nation is morally justified.
- January/February – Resolved: violent juvenile offenders ought to be treated as adults in the criminal justice system.

- November/December – Resolved: the use of economic sanctions to achieve U.S. foreign policy goals is moral.
- September/October – Resolved: when they conflict, respect for cultural sensitivity ought to be valued above the commercial use of free speech.

1998-1999

- 1999 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: capitalism is superior to socialism as a means of achieving economic justice.
- 1999 NCFE Nationals^o – Resolved: the objectives of democracy are best fulfilled through a separation of executive, legislative and judicial powers.
- March/April – Resolved: human genetic engineering is morally justified.
- January/February – Resolved: in the United States, a journalist's right to shield confidential sources ought to be protected by the First Amendment.
- November/December – Resolved: capital punishment is justified.
- September/October – Resolved: the individual ought to value the sanctity of life above the quality of life.

1997-1998

- 1998 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: in the United States' justice system, due process ought to be valued above the pursuit of truth when they are in conflict.
- 1998 NCFE Nationals^o – Resolved: individuals ought to sacrifice their ideals for the sake of compromise.
- March/April – Resolved: civil disobedience is justified in a democracy.
- January/February – Resolved: a just social order ought to place the principle of equality above that of liberty.
- November/December – Resolved: an adolescent's right to privacy ought to be valued above a parent's conflicting right to know.
- September/October – Resolved: global concerns ought to be valued above conflicting national concerns.

1996-1997

- 1997 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: the public's right to know is of greater value than the individual's right to privacy.
- March/April – Resolved: on balance, individuals ought to have a greater obligation to themselves than to their community.
- January/February – Resolved: in United States policy, the principle of universal human rights ought to take precedence over conflicting national interest.
- November/December – Resolved: when they are in conflict, a business' responsibility to itself ought to be valued above its responsibility to society.
- September/October – Resolved: when in conflict, society's goal of eliminating discrimination ought to transcend an individual's right to participate in exclusive, voluntary associations.

1995-1996

- 1996 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: That limiting constitutional freedoms is a just response to terrorism in the United States.
- March/April – Resolved: when in conflict, American cultural unity ought to be valued above cultural diversity.
- January/February – Resolved: an oppressive government is more desirable than no government.
- November/December – Resolved: the pursuit of feminist ideals is detrimental to the achievement of gender equality.
- September/October – Resolved: individuals with disabilities ought to be afforded the same athletic competition opportunities as able-bodied athletes.

1994-1995

- 1995 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: when in conflict, the safety of others is of greater value than the right to privacy of those with infectious diseases.
- March/April – Resolved: on balance, institutional censorship of academic material is harmful to the educational development of the students.
- January/February – Resolved: laws which protect citizens from themselves are justified.
- November/December – Resolved: when in conflict, community standards are of greater value than individual liberty.
- September/October – Resolved: an individual's freedom of expression is of greater value than political correctness.

1993-1994

- 1994 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: when in conflict, protection of the innocent is of greater value than prosecution of the guilty.
- March/April – Resolved: terminally ill patients have the right to die when and how they choose.
- January/February – Resolved: when called upon by one's government, individuals are morally obligated to risk their lives for their country.
- November/December – Resolved: the public's right to know is of greater value than the right to privacy of candidates for public office.
- September/October – Resolved: secondary education in the United States ought to be a privilege, not a right.

1992-1993

- 1993 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: the protection of domestic order justifies the curtailment of First Amendment rights.
- March/April – Resolved: the principle of majority rule ought to be valued above the principle of minority rights.
- January/February – Resolved: when in conflict, the spirit of the law ought to take priority over the letter of the law.
- November/December – Resolved: in the criminal justice system, truth seeking ought to take precedence over privileged communication.
- September/October – Resolved: the U.S. military interference in the internal affairs of other countries is justified.

1991-1992

- 1992 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: the United States government ought to provide for the medical care of its citizens.
- March/April – Resolved: the possession of nuclear weapons is immoral.
- January/February – Resolved: a victim's deliberate use of deadly force is justified as a response to physical abuse.
- November/December – Resolved: human genetic engineering is morally justified.
- September/October – Resolved: a liberal arts curriculum is preferable to an employment-readiness curriculum in U.S. secondary schools.

1990-1991

- 1991 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: members of the United States Congress ought to value the national interest above constituent's interests when the two are in conflict.
- March/April – Resolved: the pursuit of scientific knowledge ought to be limited by a concern for societal good.
- January/February – Resolved: showing disrespect for the American flag is antithetical to fundamental American values.
- November/December – Resolved: government limits on the individual's right to bear arms in the United States are justified.
- September/October – Resolved: competition is superior to cooperation as a means of achieving excellence.

1989-1990

- 1990 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: individual obedience to law plays a greater role in maintaining ethical public service than does individual obedience to conscience.
- March/April – Resolved: development of natural resources ought to be valued above protection of the environment.

- January/February – Resolved: communities in the United States ought to have the right to suppress pornography.
- November/December – Resolved: all United States citizens ought to perform a period of national service.
- September/October – Resolved: that the United States ought to value global concerns above its own national concerns.

1988-1989

- 1989 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: the American criminal justice system ought to place a higher priority on retribution than on rehabilitation.
- March/April – Resolved: the public's right to know ought to be valued above U.S. national security interests.
- January/February – Resolved: limitations upon the content of student publications by secondary school administrators are justified.
- November/December – Resolved: affirmative action programs to remedy the effects of discrimination are justified.
- September/October – Resolved: the individual ought to value the sanctity of life above the quality of life.

1987-1988

- 1988 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: violent revolution is a just response to oppression.
- March/April/May – Resolved: when they are in conflict, the principle of privileged communication ought to be subordinate to the maintenance of law and order.
- December/January/February – Resolved: the protection of society's health interest through broad based mandatory testing of AIDS ought to be more important than personal privacy rights.
- September/October/November – Resolved: the protection of public safety justifies random, mandatory drug testing throughout society.

1986-1987

- 1987 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: when they are in conflict, the right to a free press is a higher priority than the right to a fair trial.
- March/April – Resolved: a parliamentary system of government would better fulfill the values underlying the American Constitution.
- January/February – Resolved: That decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court in criminal cases ought to reflect the values of the American people.
- November/December – Resolved: an unjust government is better than no government at all.

1985-1986

- 1986 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: giving sanctuary to illegal refugees in the United States justifiably places moral law above positive law.
- March/April – Resolved: allowing innocent people to be harmed is preferable than giving into terrorists' demands.
- January/February – Resolved: the restriction of civil liberties in the United States for the sake of combating terrorism is justified.
- November/December – Resolved: the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations.
- September/October – Resolved: the use of sanctions to achieve U.S. foreign policy goals ought to be immoral.

1984-1985

- 1985 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: the American media works against the best interest of the American public.
- March/April – Resolved: a just social order ought to place the principle of equality above that of liberty.
- January/February – Resolved: nothing is politically right that is morally wrong.
- Resolved: U.S. immigration policy is inconsistent with American ideals.

1983-1984

- 1984 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: uniformity in education leads to mediocrity.

- March/April – Resolved: civil disobedience is justified in a democracy.
- January/February – Resolved: even in a democratic society morality can be legislated.

1982-1983

- 1983 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: Liberty is more precious than law.
- March/April – Resolved: protection of the environment should take precedence over the development of natural resources.
- January/February – Resolved: funding for human services programs should take precedence over a balanced budget.
- Resolved: the right to a free press outweighs the right to a fair trial.
- Resolved: the right to die takes precedence over other ethical and moral considerations.

1981-1982

- 1982 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: the economic health of a nation is more important than the social programs for its citizens.
- March/April – Resolved: it is undesirable to expend societal resources on the enforcement of laws against victimless crimes.
- January/February – Resolved: the rights of the victim should take precedence over the rights of the accused in felony cases.

1980-1981

- 1981 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: That the protection of human rights should have a higher priority in shaping America's foreign policy.
- March/April – Resolved: military conscription is a superior alternative to a voluntary army.
- January/February – Resolved: it is morally unjustifiable to require an individual to join a labor organization as a condition of employment.

1979-1980

- 1980 National Speech & Debate Tournament – Resolved: The strength of the present methods of funding the social security system outweighs the weaknesses.

2015-2016

April 2016

Sample Prepared Motions:

- THW eliminate all occupational licensing requirements for practicing the law.
- TH supports the creation of LGBT schools.
- THW establish an international cap and trade system for refugees.
- THBT a two party system is preferable to a multi party system.
- TH supports the privatization of all government owned energy companies.

Sample Impromptu Motions:

- THW place pictures of suffering animals on all animal based products.
- THW relocate the 2016 Rio Olympic Games.
- THW compensate individuals who are criminally prosecuted and found not guilty.
- THBT developed nations should pay developing nations to not exploit their natural resources.
- THW require a quota of voters be met to consider national elections legitimate.

March 2016

Sample Prepared Motions:

- THW institute a basic minimum income equal to a national living wage.

- THW ban alternative medicine.
- THW begin experimenting on non-viable human embryos through CRISPR.
- THB the FBI should stop attempting to force Apple to betray its own encryption system.
- TH supports the Brexit.

Sample Impromptu Motions:

- THBT memes are a detriment to politics.
- THW gender de-segregate public bathrooms.
- THBT needle exchanges benefit society while harming addicts.
- THBT E-Sports are the future of competitive entertainment.
- THBT predictive policing is unethical.

February 2016

Sample Prepared Motions:

- TH prefers high oil prices to lower oil prices.
- THBT drug companies would rather treat the symptoms than cure the disease.
- THW create graffiti areas in public spaces.
- THBT digital currencies will cause more harm than good.
- THW ban the sale of military weapons between countries.

Sample Impromptu Motions:

- THBT people who vote against their own interests are a sign of a failed democracy.
- THBT arranged marriages are better than finding love by chance.
- THBT workaholics should seek therapy.
- THBT man-made climate change denial should be a justification for impeachment of those holding public office.
- THBT discussing feminism as “the feminist movement” is counterproductive.

January 2016

Sample Prepared Motions:

- TH regrets the embargo on Cuba.
- THBT the sharing economy will lead to a more socially just marketplace.
- TH opposes the militarization of police departments.
- THW eliminate plant biotechnology patents.
- THBT illegal immigrants create a net gain in the economy.

Sample Impromptu Motions:

- THBT the climate summits are a waste of time.
- THW not bring a child into this world.
- THBT imperialists have an obligation to aid their former colonies.
- THW trust Iran.
- THBT equal opportunity is more important than equal outcomes.

December 2015

Sample Prepared Motions:

- THBT the war on terror can only be won through the use of soft-power.
- THW ban direct advertising by drug companies to consumers.
- THBT the International Criminal Court should be abolished.
- THBT universities have an obligation to reject students applying to low demand employment areas.
- THW ban the ownership of drones for private use.

Sample Impromptu Motions:

- THBT Bert and Ernie should get married.
- THBT Democracy may not be the best form of government for developing countries.
- THBT Facebook is on its way out.
- THW require that all student athletes that practice with the team are given equal playing time.
- THW support space colonization.

November 2015**Sample Prepared Motions:**

- THBT the Arab Spring has done more harm than good.
- THW ratify the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP).
- THW prohibit prisons from requiring or allowing prisoners to perform labor in exchange for money or other benefits.
- THW ban the use of artificial turf by student athletes.
- THW present a military challenge to China's artificial islands.

Sample Impromptu Motions:

- THW press criminal charges against individuals who intentionally put themselves in danger if they require first responder's assistance (refusing to evacuate, mountain climbing, extreme sports, etc.).
- THBT parents have a moral obligation to buy their children genderless toys.
- THW allow persons to legally identify with a race they were not born into.
- THBT that there is an Illuminati-like group that controls world politics.
- THBT employers and universities have no right to see a candidate's personal social media accounts.

October 2015**Sample Prepared Motions:**

- THW support the Kurds in their plight for self-determination.
- THBT African problems require African solutions.
- THBT the rise of Socialism has not served Latin America well.
- THBT the West should join Iran and Russia in resolving the conflict in Syria.
- THBT cultural appropriation is a positive aspect of globalization.

Sample Impromptu Motions:

- THBT political correctness has gone too far.
- THBT Banksy's crimes should be forgiven.
- THW require the state to pay for elective sexual reassignment surgery for convicted prisoners.

- THBT the music industry is all about the industry and not about the music.
- THW ban all big game hunting for sport.
-