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| **Round 1A** | Your next smartphone should be an iPhone. |
| We should no longer recognize Black History Month. |
| We are closer to a *Brave New World* than *1984*. |
| The USFG should do more to stop telemarketers. |
| The Senate correctly silenced Senator Warren. |
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| **Round 1B** | The border wall will be full of cracks. |
| States should adopt universal basic income. |
| Driverless cars ought to protect the lives of pedestrians over passengers. |
| Leslie Knope would make an amazing President. |
| In 2017, gold is a good investment. |
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| **Round 2A** | Churches should not be tax exempt. |
| Home ownership is not part of the modern American Dream. |
| Tom Brady is the greatest NFL QB in history. |
| State legislators ought to meet biannually only. |
| The pursuit of artificial intelligence is a bad idea. |
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| **Round 2B** | The USFG should cut all funding from Planned Parenthood. |
| We should expect the deployment of a nuke in our lifetime. |
| Samsung should retire the Note. |
| You can't be brave if you've only had wonderful things happen to you. |
| All criminals over the age of 14 should be tried as adults. |
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| **Round 3A** | Without the roots of love, your education ain’t complete. |
| The USFG should allow for pre-filled tax returns. |
| The media has been unfair to President Trump. |
| State governments should end corporate welfare. |
| Passwords are off limits, even between couples. |
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| **Round 3B** | We say “All Lives Matter,” but they don’t. |
| The USFG should repeal the “Fiduciary Rule.” |
| The arts would be better off without public funding. |
| Rey will be “The Last Jedi.” |
| Judges ought to be elected, not appointed. |
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| **Round 4A** | The USFG should reduce legal immigration. |
| The last thing the Democratic Party needs is Chelsea Clinton. |
| States with capital punishment should use firing squads. |
| On balance, NAFTA is good for the United States. |
| Judge Gorsuch’s nomination to the Supreme Court should be confirmed. |
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| **Round 4B** | We have moved from patriotism to nationalism. |
| The United States should convert to the metric system. |
| Songs honoring America ought to only be sung in English. |
| Public schools ought to be able to teach courses about the Bible. |
| History softens the sins of American Presidents. |
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| **Round 5A** | When someone shows you who they are, believe them. |
| The U.S. should amend the Constitution to ban flag burning. |
| The GOP stole the Supreme Court seat. |
| SNAP beneficiaries should not be allowed to purchase unhealthy foods. |
| Offense wins games; defense wins championships. |
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| **Round 5B** | We have been too harsh on 2016. |
| The USFG should phase out social security. |
| Protectionism will lead to great prosperity and strength. |
| Hillary Clinton should retire from politics. |
| Employers have the right to have access to employees’ social media accounts. |
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| **Round 6A** | “La La Land” will win Best Picture. |
| Colleges should convert to a four-day week. |
| It is better to be lucky than to be good. |
| States should do more to help the wrongfully convicted. |
| The Trump Administration should enforce federal marijuana laws in all states. |
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| **Rund 6B** | All-Star Games are a waste of time. |
| Healthcare should not be tied to employment. |
| Nordstrom ought to reconsider its decision to cut Ivanka Trump’s clothing line. |
| Home economics should be a high school graduation requirement. |
| We should transition away from public education. |
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| **Octafinals** | Sanctuary cities are a threat to national security. |
| All of the New England Patriots should accept the invitation to the White House. |
| Felons should have their voting rights reinstated upon the completion of their sentence. |
| All colleges should adopt a plus/minus grading system. |
| A man dies when he refuses to stand up for that which is right. |
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| **Quarterfinals** | President Trump’s tax returns are irrelevant. |
| “American Idol” should not be revived. |
| Congress should split the 9th Circuit. |
| Canada does freedom better than the United States. |
| College sports undermine academics. |
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| **Semifinals** | Girl scouts should get out of the cookie business. |
| The Big XII is fine with ten teams. |
| The courts should allow President Trump’s ban on people from Muslim countries. |
| Professors should have no tolerance for cell phones in the classroom. |
| Email is a dying form of communication. |
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| **Finals** | The USFG should eliminate funding for PBS and NPR. |
| Couples should not go to bed angry. |
| L.L. Bean should maintain its generous return policy. |
| Gamers will turn the Nintendo Switch off. |
| Betsy DeVos is unqualified to be Secretary of Education. |
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| **Team Rd. 1** | A "Scarface" remake is a bad idea. |
| Civil forfeiture laws ought to be repealed. |
| Prosecutors should charge people who make false sexual assault accusations. |
| Russia should send Snowden to the United States. |
| Jon Stewart and John Oliver have harmed legitimate news. |
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| **Team Rd. 2** | A couple ought to pay their own way on the first date. |
| Congress should dissolve the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. |
| Televangelism is detrimental to Christianity. |
| Artificial intelligence is a false concept. |
| High school should start no earlier than 8:30 a.m. |
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| **Team Rd. 3** | A husband ought to be able to stop his wife’s abortion. |
| Drivers should be required to retake the driver's exam once every ten years. |
| President Trump should fire Sean Spicer immediately. |
| Technology is advancing too fast. |
| Watching professional e-sports is better than watching professional sports. |
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| **Team Rd. 4** | Augmented reality could be as big as the iPhone. |
| Congress should pass a carbon tax. |
| The Pornhub Sexual Wellness Center is a bad idea. |
| The Trump Administration ought to support net neutrality. |
| We are in “The Bad Place.” |

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| **Team Qtrs.** | Buildings named after white supremacists ought to be renamed. |
| IPDA should stop the practice of power matching. |
| The Patriots didn't win; the Falcons lost. |
| Science is broken. |
| The Boy Scouts should allow girls to join. |
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| **Team Semis** | Change comes from large groups of angry people. |
| Law school is a terrible investment. |
| Time travelers have an affirmative duty to preserve history. |
| The USFG should regulate, not criminalize, gambling websites. |
| The NBA should move back the 3-point line. |
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| **Team Finals** | Chromebooks will never become mainstream. |
| Marvel's depictions of mental illness are harmful to those suffering from mental illness. |
| Student who arrive to class late should not be allowed to attend. |
| The USFG should provide reparations for broken Native American treaties. |
| Rock and Roll is dead. |