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| Team Rd. 1:  International Relations | |  | | --- | | The United Nations should denounce Xi Jingping’s consolidation of power. | | The international community should do more to stop the spread of neo-fascism. | | World War 3 is imminent. | | Sanctions are not enough to stop North Korea’s nuclear ambitions. | | “The supreme art of war is to subdue the enemy without fighting.” – Sun Tzu | |
| Team Rd. 2:  Billy Graham Quotes | |  | | --- | | “Every human being is under construction from conception to death.” | | “Nothing can bring a true sense of security into a home except true love.” | | “Courage is contagious.” | | “Old is authentic. Old is genuine. Old is valuable.” | | “It seems the only way to gain attention today is to organize a march and protest something.” | |
| Team Rd. 3:  Agriculture | |  | | --- | | GMOs do more harm than good. | | The estate tax is an unfair burden on farmers. | | It ought to be legal to sell unpasteurized milk. | | Congress ought to remove SNAP from the farm bill. | | The United States Federal Government should increase subsidies for domestic farmers. | |
| Team Rd. 4:  American Politics | |  | | --- | | The GOP should not nominate Donald Trump in 2020. | | The “winner-take-all” system violates the Constitution. | | The steel tariff will do more harm than good. | | Executive orders are bad for American democracy. | | “Art, freedom, and creativity will change society faster than politics.” – Victor Pinchuk | |
| Team IPDA  Quarterfinals | |  | | --- | | Aliens probably exist. | | The United States Federal Government should significantly invest in infrastructure. | | Products that contain GMO’s should be labeled. | | Alexander the Great was a better general than Julius Caesar. | | Outsourcing is the new colonialism. | |
| Team IPDA  Semifinals | |  | | --- | | NAFTA is bad for domestic agriculture. | | YouTube is a dying platform. | | Russia is currently the greatest threat to U.S. hegemony. | | All Rock-Paper-Scissors games should be best two out of three. | | “The human heart is the same world over.” – Billy Graham | |
| Team IPDA Finals | |  | | --- | | Sex robots are a bad idea. | | *The Bee Movie* needs a sequel. | | Immigrants should learn English before moving to the United States. | | China will be the next superpower. | | Puppy breeding is immoral. | |
| Rd 1A:  Economics & Finance | |  | | --- | | Environmental protection ought to be valued over economic growth. | | Cryptocurrency is a bad investment. | | The United States should return to the gold standard. | | Socialism is better than capitalism. | | “There’s no such thing as a free lunch.” – Milton Friedman | |
| Rd. 1B:  Economics & Finance | |  | | --- | | Globalism has done more harm than good. | | The United States Federal Government should significantly reform student debt. | | States ought not promote corporate welfare. | | The United States is not prepared for the next market crash. | | “When a country (USA) is losing many billions of dollars on trade with virtually every country it does business with, trade wars are good . . .” – Donald Trump | |
| Rd. 2A:  Fine Arts | |  | | --- | | Public education should place more emphasis on fine arts. | | *Hamilton* is the greatest musical of our generation. | | The Met should reconsider its decision to charge out-of-state guests. | | Artists ought not portray the killing of public officials. | | The United States Federal Government should abolish the National Endowment for the Arts. | |
| Rd. 2B:  Fine Arts | |  | | --- | | Musicians are out of ideas. | | The Catholic Church should sell part of its art collection. | | Today, the average television series is better than the average movie. | | Modern art is an oxymoron. | | “The purpose of art is washing the dust of daily life off our souls.” – Pablo Picasso | |
| Rd. 3A:  Pop Culture | |  | | --- | | Memes are getting out of control. | | Kobe Bryant did not deserve the Oscar. | | Ronda Rousey’s WWE career will be a failure. | | We ought to value artists’ work despite their personal lives. | | Disney should return to 2D animation. | |
| Rd. 3B:  Pop Culture | |  | | --- | | Live action *Mulan* will flop. | | The FCC should relax is enforcement of indecency on television. | | Movie makers should stay out of politics. | | When playing “Survivor,” crossing ethical lines is acceptable. | | Wonder Woman is not a feminist. | |
| Rd. 4A:  Immigration | |  | | --- | | Indigenous Peoples’ Day is better than Columbus Day. | | The United States should establish an open-borer policy with Canada. | | We should build the wall. | | Immigration is a human right. | | It is just to deny refugees asylum in the interest of public safety. | |
| Rd. 4B:  Immigration | |  | | --- | | The courts ought to allow DACA to expire. | | The European Union should have stricter border policies. | | Immigration ought to be based on merit. | | Congress lacks the resolve to fix immigration. | | The United States should focus more on fixing Syrian than resettling refugees. | |
| Rd. 5A: Philosophy and Religion | |  | | --- | | The good of the many ought to outweigh the needs of the few. | | Meaning is necessary to live a fulfilled life. | | Churches should give up tax breaks in exchange for more political influence. | | The more things change, the more things stay the same. | | “[Religion] is the opium of the people.” – Karl Marx | |
| Rd. 5B: Philosophy and Religion | |  | | --- | | Religion in the United States promotes social structure more than faith. | | Moral relativism is preferable to moral absolutism. | | Pleasure is the focus of life. | | It is acceptable to punch a Nazi in the face. | | “Life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated.” – Confucius | |
| Rd. 6A:  Gun Control | |  | | --- | | A conceal carry license in one state ought to be honored in all states. | | Colleges and universities should not be gun free zones. | | The Second Amendment is more important than the First Amendment. | | The age to buy a rifle should be increased to twenty-one. | | Shootings are an issue of mental health, not gun control. | |
| Rd. 6B:  Gun Control | |  | | --- | | Congress should re-adopt the ban on assault weapons. | | An armed citizenry is beneficial in a free society. | | The National Rifle Association has too much influence in Washington. | | States should allow teachers to carry concealed firearms. | | Firearm owners should be required to purchase liability insurance. | |
| Rd. 7A: Science and Technology | |  | | --- | | Consumers should stop using the self-checkout line. | | All states should recognize a “right to repair.” | | Facebook has a duty to regulate fake news on its website. | | Virtual reality is a passing fad. | | Aliens would not be impressed by humans. | |
| Rd. 7B: Science and Technology | |  | | --- | | Universal basic income will become a necessity in an automated world. | | Electric cars are the future of transportation. | | The market, not government subsidies, should dictate energy use and production. | | Loot boxes are a form of gambling. | | The United States should prohibit the cloning of pets. | |
| Rd. 8A:  Debate | |  | | --- | | Themed rounds are bad for debate. | | Wit is an important part of persuasion. | | The IPDA community ought to adopt four-round tournaments. | | Debaters who win the coin flip should pick negative. | | IPDA should adopt new speech times. | |
| Rd. 8B:  Debate | |  | | --- | | IPDA ought to allow mavericks in Team IPDA. | | Weighing mechanisms are overemphasized in IPDA debate. | | Debaters should have to qualify for the IPDA National Championship. | | Non-resolutional kritiks should not be used in debate. | | Debaters should be drug tested. | |
| Elim. Rd. 1 | |  | | --- | | States should regulate the ownership of backyard chickens. | | President Trump should not meet with Kim Jong Un. | | Anime is problematic | | The United States federal government should significantly reform the federal prison system. | | “Everybody has a little bit of Watergate in him.” – Billy Graham | | |
| Elim. Rd. 2 | |  | | --- | | The Axis Powers would have won World War II without U.S. intervention. | | We are currently living in a simulation. | | The world would be better off without religion. | | China will be the world’s next superpower. | | The deficit spending has to stop. | | |
| Elim. Rd. 3 | |  | | --- | | Space exploration is overrated. | | A world government would be desirable. | | Public schools have failed our children. | | Nuclear weapons are a necessary evil. | | The United Kingdom should exit Brexit. | | |
| Elim. Rd. 4 | |  | | --- | | When couples dispute over frozen embryos, courts should favor their preservation over their destruction. | | Robots should not be allowed for combat. | | Public officials should not be allowed to block followers on Twitter and Facebook. | | Video games are partially responsible for the increase in violence. | | The United States Federal Government should privatize the space exploration industry. | | |