### List of Topics Used at the 2013 John Brown Tournament

IPDA Round 1A

1. Our technology has surpassed our humanity.
2. The Family Medical Leave Act should be amended to provide for paid maternity leave.
3. Trophies are better than plaques.
4. Don't have children.
5. Teachers should not be allowed to go on strike.

IPDA Round 1B

1. Smartwatches will be a passing fad.
2. Chris Christie is the GOP's best hope.
3. The federal government should ban the sale of flavored cigars.
4. Debaters shouldn't be laughed at for citing Wikipedia.
5. Men and women should share the cost of a first date.

IPDA Round 2A

1. The Wii U will be Nintendo's last home console.
2. Congress has set itself up for failure.
3. The American dream is more of a nightmare.
4. The pill should be available over the counter to adults.
5. College rankings hurt more than help.

IPDA Round 2B

1. The Xbox One will be better than the PS4.
2. The individual mandate should be delayed.
3. Underpopulation is a bigger concern than overpopulation.
4. "Keeping it real" is overrated.
5. Multiple choice is better than essay.

IPDA Round 3A

1. Microsoft Windows should be free.
2. The law should prohibit discrimination based on physical appearance.
3. Jon Stewart is too hard on Fox News.
4. Ben Affleck won't be the worst Batman.
5. NAFTA has done more good than harm.

IPDA Round 3B

1. Video game companies should stop remaking classic games.
2. Obamacare has been an embarassment.
3. The States should ratify the Equal Rights Amendment.
4. The Star Wars prequels weren't that bad.
5. Scholarship lotteries do more harm than good.

IPDA Round 4A

1. Grambling football players were justified in refusing to play last week.
2. The "Hastert Rule" is anti-democratic.
3. Corporations should be able to claim religious exemptions to the ACA.
4. October 31 should be just another day.
5. Schools should not send "fat letters" to parents.

IPDA Round 4B

1. Neither Kobe nor LeBron will win MVP this season.
2. Appointed judges are better than elected judges.
3. "The Onion" should do more to let readers know that it is satire.
4. Cable companies should offer channels a la carte.
5. CEOs are paid too much.

IPDA Round 5A

1. The sanctions against Miami's football program are too lenient.
2. Religious institutions should not be exempt from discrimination laws.
3. The FCC should reinstate the Fairness Doctrine.
4. Walter White is an anti-hero.
5. A default would not have been so bad.

IPDA Round 5B

1. The St. Louis Cardinals will win the World Series.
2. The shutdown will not have a negative effect on the GOP in 2014.
3. African conflicts are best handled by African countries.
4. "The Voice" is better than "The X Factor."
5. Bitcoin can be a viable form of currency.

IPDA Round 6A

1. College teams with low graduation rates should be banned from postseason play.
2. The "Right to Die" should be protected by the Constitution.
3. All nations have the right to pursue nuclear technology.
4. Board games are better than video games.
5. Black Friday will be a disappointment this year.

IPDA Round 6B

1. European football clubs should do more to combat racism.
2. Voter ID laws are unconstitutional.
3. The African Union will one day be as successful as the European Union.
4. British television is better than American television.
5. "Capitalism: God's way of determining who is smart and who is poor." (Ron Swanson)

IPDA Octafinals

1. MLB should ban collisions at the plate.
2. The United States should substantially reduce its nuclear arsenal.
3. "Believe in the argument you're advancing. If you don't you're as good as dead" (LBJ)
4. The G8 has lost is clout.
5. Jay Pritchett is TV's "Father of the Year."

IPDA Quarterfinals

1. The National League should adopt the designated hitter.
2. "We can't win without obsession. They care, we don't. They win." (Douglas Adams)
3. This is the cold winter after the Arab Spring.
4. Netflix is better than HBO.
5. The United States is still a good investment.

IPDA Semifinals

1. All felons over the age of fourteen should be tried as adults.
2. "When you believe in things you don't understand, then you suffer." (Stevie Wonder)
3. Former colonial powers should pay raparations to their former colonies.
4. Tony Stark should turn his Iron Man technology over to the military.
5. Unemployment will be below 7% by the end of the year.

IPDA Finals

1. The NFL should require the Washington Redskins to change its name.
2. America can only be brought down from within.
3. The United States should normalize relations with Iran.
4. Toddlers should not wear tiaras.
5. The UK should adopt the Euro.

Team IPDA Round 1

1. The Rams should acquire Tim Tebow.
2. Congress should pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act.
3. Multitasking is the art of doing twice as much as you should half as well as you could.
4. The United Nations remains our most important global actor.
5. "Without the roots of love . . . Your education ain't complete." (Jackson 5)

Team IPDA Round 2

1. Fantasy teams are bad for sports.
2. Congressional districts should be drawn by nonpartisan commissions.
3. None of us is as dumb as all of us.
4. Malala Yousafzai should have won the Nobel Peace Prize.
5. Children do not need to learn how to write cursive.

Team IPDA Round 3

1. Pro wrestling is better than Olympic wrestling.
2. John McCain should retire.
3. Society is overmedicated.
4. Competition at an early age is detrimental to children.
5. The federal government should regulate data mining companies.

Team IPDA Round 4

1. The NCAA is worse than Congress.
2. Kathleen Sebelius should resign.
3. If the children are our future, we should be terrified.
4. Schools have the right to know if students are HIV positive.
5. All states should allow the sale of raw milk.

Team IPDA Semifinals

1. Man is responsible for global climate change.
2. States should adopt an Alternate Vote electoral system.
3. Mormons will never be accepted as mainstream Christians.
4. Prenuptial agreements undermine marriage.
5. Full retirement age should be raised to seventy.

Team IPDA Finals

1. Big government isn't so bad.
2. IPDA debate should incorprate in-round prep time.
3. Celebrities should adopt American children.
4. Schools should segregate students by gender.
5. Mutual funds are better than ETFs