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**Round 1 (Theme: Syria)**

The United Nations should draft a new plan to assist Syrian refugees.

In regards to Syria, the United States ought value humanitarian goals over military action.

Obama should disregard Putin’s plan for Syria.

The United States cannot afford to intervene in the Syrian conflict.

Bashar Al-Assad should be removed from power.

**Round 2 (Theme: Russia)**

Russia should free the Greenpeace 30.

The safety of a child ought be valued above diplomatic immunity.

The International Olympic Committee should relocate the 2014 Winter Olympics to protect LGBT athletes.

Russia’s increased military presence in the Arctic is a threat to stability in the region.

Offshore Arctic drilling will result in an oil independent Russia.

**Round 3 (Theme: Fed Reserve Chair)**

The United States Senate should confirm Janet Yellen.

Now is the time for a democratic appointee to lead the Federal Reserve.

Yellen’s economic policy is better for the country than Bernanke’s.

Upon appointment, Yellen should slow quantitative easing.

Obama should pull back Yellen’s nomination and nominate someone else.

**Round 4 (Theme: Shutdown)**

Harry Reid is right not to compromise with the GOP

John Boehner is right to like the ACA to ending the shutdown

The US House of Representatives should hold a vote on a clean continuing resolution

Sign the discharge petition

Labeling workers’ nonessential dehumanizes them

**Round 5 (Theme: Marijuana Laws)**

The United States Federal Government should amend the Controlled Substances Act to place marijuana on Schedule III.

The Supremacy Clause is a valid justification for the Obama administration to overrule state marijuana laws.

Marijuana legalization will result in more agribusiness than co-op farming.

The United States Government should focus more on regulating legal drugs than maintaining marijuana as an illegal substance.

Weed is the new black.

**Round 6 (Theme: Fossil Fuels)**

Profit from hydraulic fracturing outweighs environmental concerns.

China’s demand for oil will result in continued price increases.

The international community should develop a new plan to reduce the use of fossil fuels.

Obama is a bigger friend to the oil and gas industry than Bush.

The United States Federal Government should construct a plan for oil and gas Independence

**Partial Octos (Theme: UN)**

The United Nations should abandon peace keeping efforts in the Central African Republic.

The United Nations can play a significant role in reducing chemical weapons.

The United Nations has caused more problems for Haiti than it has solved.

The United Nations should pay its monetary debts.

The United Nations has failed to uphold Article 1 of its Charter.

**Quarter Finals (Theme: U.S. Military)**

The Pentagon should suspend military academy extra-curricular activities during the shutdown.

Services to veterans are not “non-essential”.

The United States Federal Government should implement significant military budget reductions.

Support for military families and veterans should be a shared effort.

United States domestic infrastructure ought be funded before military aid.