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| Team Rd. 1: Education | |  | | --- | | A college degree has become irrelevant. | | Montessori education should be adopted by public schools. | | On balance, Teach for America is bad for education. | | Sex education ought to start in kindergarten. | | Schools should eliminate teacher tenure. | |  | |
| Team Rd. 2: Philosophy | |  | | --- | | Existence precedes essence. | | It is better to fail than to not try at all. | | The individual ought to value the sanctity of life above the quality of life. | | Violent revolution is a just response to oppression. | | When in conflict, it is better to be moral than to be utilitarian. | |  | |
| Team Rd. 3:  Foreign Affairs | |  | | --- | | ASEAN should do more in the South China Sea. | | Muhammadu Buhari will be good for Nigeria. | | Saudi Arabia's bubble is about to burst. | | South Korea should increase military power. | | The UN needs to do more to combat sexual assault by peacekeepers. | |  | |
| Team Rd. 4:  Healthcare | |  | | --- | | "Hamsterdam" districts are a good idea. | | Congress should extend funding for the Precision Medicine Initiative. | | Immunotherapy is better than chemotherapy. | | On balance, Obamacare has been good for American healthcare. | | We need shorter on-duty hours for medical residents. | |  | |
| Team IPDA  Semifinals | |  | | --- | | An oppressive government is better than no government. | | False rape accusers should be held civilly liable. | | FCC's set-top box initiative is a good idea. | | Maria Sharapova should retire. | | The Oscars were too political. | |  | |
| Team IPDA Finals | |  | | --- | | Bollywood is better than Hollywood. | | Syria is a lost cause. | | The GOP needs a brokered convention. | | The IRS should be abolished. | | The Silicon Prairie is more important than Silicon Valley. | |  | |
| Rd 1A: Politics | |  | | --- | | #blacklivesmatter has failed. | | Jury nullification does more harm than good. | | Presidential candidates ought to have previous military service. | | The United States is not ready for Bernie Sanders | | The Constitution should be amended to limit executive authority. | |  | |
| Rd. 1B: Politics | |  | | --- | | In the U.S., cultural unity ought to be valued over cultural diversity. | | Americans should support Frank Underwood over Donald Trump. | | Political parties are becoming obsolete. | | The police are too militarized. | | The deliberate use of deadly force is a just response to repeated domestic violence. | |  | |
| Rd. 2A: Geek Culture | |  | | --- | | "Star Trek: The Next Generation" was better than The Original Series. | | 2016 is DC's year. | | Hearthstone is better than Magic: The Gathering | | Time travel could be done ethically. | | Valve should not have fired 2GD. | |  | |
| Rd. 2B: Geek Culture | |  | | --- | | Legion can't save World of Warcraft. | | Miles Morales is better than Peter Parker. | | Neo should have taken the blue pill. | | The comic book industry needs to be more competitive. | | Twitch is bad for gaming. | |  | |
| Rd. 3A: Econ/Finance | |  | | --- | | Brexit would hurt the United Kingdom. | | Economic equality should be valued over economic liberty. | | Government institutions should accept cryptocurrencies. | | Mario Draghi is the hero of the European financial crisis. | | There needs to be more fiscal integration in South America. | |  | |
| Rd. 3B: Econ/Finance | |  | | --- | | Foreign direct investment needs to increase in China. | | Labor unions do more harm than good. | | Orderly liquidation is a better alternative to bankruptcy. | | The Fed should promote asset sales. | | The TPP will be beneficial to the US economy. | |  | |
| Rd. 4A: Sports | |  | | --- | | Golden State will win the Championship. | | John Cena should retire. | | NASCAR needs to reinvent itself. | | Novak Djokovic was the best athlete of 2015. | | Sports are the opiate of the masses. | |  | |
| Rd. 4B: Sports | |  | | --- | | FIFA is irreparably corrupt. | | Nike was right in dropping Manny Pacquiao. | | Rory McIlroy will be the next Tiger Woods. | | ESPN should not cover professional wrestling. | | The WNBA should fold. | |  | |
| Rd. 5A: Environment | |  | | --- | | Congress should reexamine the Clean Air Act. | | Adaptation is the best response to climate change. | | A cap-and-trade system is preferable to a carbon tax. | | State GMO labeling should be banned. | | The EPA should be dissolved. | |  | |
| Rd. 5B: Environment | |  | | --- | | Electric cars do more harm than good. | | PVC should be banned in electronics. | | The USFG should do more to regulate the duck curve. | | Obama's oil tax is desirable. | | Developing countries should value economic prosperity over the environment. | |  | |
| Rd. 6A: Entertainment | |  | | --- | | "Black-ish" is the best sitcom on TV today. | | Leo didn't deserve the Oscar. | | The courts should allow Kesha out of her contract. | | The X-Files reboot was a bad idea. | | Broadway needs to be more accessible. | |  | |
| Rd. 6B: Entertainment | |  | | --- | | #grammyssowhite | | A Seinfeld reunion would be better than "Fuller House." | | We're in another Golden Age of television. | | George was not justified in shooting Lennie. | | The USFG should increase grants for filmmaking. | |  | |
| Rd. 7A: Honoring  Justice Antonia Scalia | |  | | --- | | [T]hrere is no such thing as too much speech. | | I and my court owe no apology whatever for Bush v. Gore. | | It is difficult to maintain the illusion that we are interpreting a Constitution, rather than inventing one. | | The mere possession of monopoly power . . . is an important element of the free-market system. | | The Constitution is not a living organism; it is a legal document. | |  | |
| Rd. 7B: Honoring  Nancy Reagan | |  | | --- | | [A] woman gets more if she acts more feminine. | | A woman is like a tea bag; you cannot tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water. | | Play the hand that's been dealt to you. | | The time for a woman to serve as our President has come. | | The Sixties, of course, was the worst time in the world to bring up a child. | |  | |
| Rd. 8A: Debate | |  | | --- | | Casual attire should be acceptable in IPDA. | | Trophies are better than plaques. | | IPDA debaters rely too much on the Internet. | | Debate is not a life skill, but a hobby. | | Tournament directors should not use vague topics. | |  | |
| Rd. 8B: Debate | |  | | --- | | IPDA is straying from its roots. | | IPDA should reform its speech times. | | Kritiks are beneficial to debate. | | Partners should not speak to each other during their opponent's speeches. | | The negative should have the last speech. | |  | |
| Octafinals | |  | | --- | | Accreditation for nonprofit organizations is too tedious. | | American slavery could have ended without the Civil War. | | Assad should be removed from power. | | The USFG should recognize a right to be forgotten. | | Uber should do more to protect its customers from sexual assaults. | |  | |
| Quarterfinals | |  | | --- | | China's economy will continue to decline. | | FDR receives too much credit for ending the Great Depression. | | Limitations on high school publications by administrators are justified. | | Primary care should be provided at psychiatric facilities. | | We should eliminate off-cycle school board elections. | |  | |
| Semifinals | |  | | --- | | Children should receive government-appointed attorneys in immigration hearings. | | Foreign terrorists should be given constitutional rights. | | On balance, Obamacare has been good for America. | | Plea bargaining in exchange for testimony is unjust. | | The U.S. corporate tax system should be reformed. | |  | |
| Finals | |  | | --- | | IPDA has become too evidence based. | | Republicans should support Clinton over Trump. | | The Black Panther Party deserves its bad reputation. | | The EU will be the next global hegemon. | | The United States should not have removed Saddam Hussein. | |
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