TIPDA R1

President Trump should pardon Edward Snowden

It is not the responsibility of the American citizens to pay to reduce greenhouse emissions

God exists.

President Obama should have done more to close the prison in Guantanamo Bay.

The appointment of Ajit Pai will spell the end of net neutrality

TIPDA R2

Torture is never justified

Humanitarian organizations have done more harm than good to Africa

The United States federal government should substantially curtail its domestic surveillance

The health of the public is more important than individual rights

“The concept of global warming was created by and for the Chinese in order to make U.S. manufacturing non-competitive. - Donald J. Trump

TIPDA R3

In American electoral politics, demographics are destiny

Quote resolutions are beneficial to academic debate

The USFG should make voting compulsory in the United States

“We are living in a post-factual society” - Farhad Manjoo

“The historian is a backward-looking prophet.” - Friedrich von Schlegel

TIPDA R4

The USFG should replace the American welfare state with a negative income tax

This House would ban the sale of homeopathic remedies.

The NFL should implement a stricter domestic abuse policy

The global community should do more to assist with the drought in Bolivia

“Even the dead will not be safe from the enemy if he wins.” - Slavoj Zizek

TIPDA Octos

Science leaves no room for free will

This House would place pictures of suffering animals on all animal tested products

Donald did not drain the swamp

Mexico will pay for the wall

“To rely upon conviction, devotion, and other excellent spiritual qualities; that is not to be taken seriously in politics.” - Vladimir Lenin

TIPDA Quarters

The United States is responsible for the creation of ISIL

Universities should not condone safe spaces

We need paid sick leave

Julian Assange should keep his word

“The school and the home are losing their educational function of preparing men for life in society” - Max Horkheimer

TIPDA Semis

The declining abortion rate reflects the power of *Roe v. Wade* for women’s reproductive rights

The United States should adopt a more isolationist foreign policy strategy

Paternity leave should be provided for the United States workforce

Sponsorship funding in professional sports should be donated to charity

President Trump will be able to bring American jobs back

TIPDA Finals

The USFG should implement patent reform for pharmaceuticals

Professional fact-checkers are systematically biased against conservatives.

It was smart for Trump to enact a hiring freeze

Protest has become an ineffectual tool for change in the United States

“We are moving toward a dictatorship of relativism which does not recognize anything as definitive and has as its highest value one's own ego and one's own desires.” — Joseph Ratzinger

IPDA Flight A R1

Capitalism is the most just economic system

Retreat from global hegemony is in America’s national interest

BLM is not a violent movement

The trash left behind by the Women’s March undermines everything it stood for

“Integration is the price which individuals and groups have to pay in order to flourish under capitalism” - Max Horkheimer

IPDA Flight A R2

Videos games are the cause of America’s increase in violence

FCC should change advertising regulations

Security is preferable to liberty

Brexit will be more beneficial than not

“Great men are they who see that spiritual is stronger than any material force - that thoughts rule the world.” - Ralph Waldo Emerson

IPDA Flight A R3

The USFG should ban direct-to-consumer marketing of prescription-only pharmaceuticals

Tampons should be provided to inmates

Trump will be in violation of the emoluments clause

Except to save the mother’s life, abortion should be illegal.

“Reason is the negation of the negative” - Herbert Marcuse

IPDA Flight A R4

The primary election system should be reformed

A ranking system should be implemented in the national voting process

The 435-member cap on the House of Representatives should be lifted.

Fake news is the cause of the current American political situation

“In school, the hierarchy of sport and gymnastics triumphs over the classroom hierarchy.” - Max Horkheimer

IPDA Flight A R5

The pentagon should end its 1033 program

You should have a terminal degree in order to be Secretary of Education

Internships should be mandatory for college degrees

Donald Trump is not a legitimate president.

Institutions of higher education should do more to foster an inclusive environment

IPDA Flight A R6

This House regrets Mark Zuckerberg’s use of the “quiet title and partition” legal maneuver in Hawaii.

The confederate flag is a symbol of hatred

Hillary Clinton would have been worse than Donald Trump

Universities should leave the investigation of alleged incidents of sexual assault to the police

“Our scientific power has outrun our spiritual power. We have guided missiles and misguided men.” - Martin Luther King, Jr.

IPDA Flight B R1

Christianity is the one true religion

Cutting the NEA will hurt Trump’s tenure

The USFG should replace the Affordable Care Act with a single-payer healthcare system

Corporations ought to value their responsibility to shareholders over the public interest when

the two conflict

“The most radical revolutionary will become a conservative the day after the revolution.” - Hannah Arendt

IPDA Flight B R2

The USFG should implement a flat tax

Affirmative Action is no longer necessary in American society

An increased focus on agriculture would help strengthen America’s economics

China will take the lead in the global economy.

“Protection is the archetype of domination” - Max Horkheimer

IPDA Flight B R3

It is morally justifiable to punch a nazi in the face.

It is better to be a social activist than a political activist

The mass media failed the the Women’s March rallies by including interviews with male celebrities

Protecting native rights are more important than the Keystone Pipeline

“Storytelling reveals meaning without committing the error of defining it.” - Hannah Arendt

IPDA Flight B R4

The USFG should increase its focus on infrastructure

Bilateral trade deals are preferable to multilateral trade deals

It is likely that Donald Trump will be impeached at some point in the next 4 years.

State governments ought to defund sanctuary cities

The Falcons will win the Super Bowl

IPDA Flight B R5

The United States should pull out of the United Nations

Repealing Obamacare is not feasible

E-Sports is a fad

Title IX encroaches too much on due process

History will view President Obama favorably.

IPDA Flight B R6

The FCC should reinstate the Fairness Doctrine

The NFL should end the Pro Bowl

The Women’s March will be as lasting as the Occupy movement

Investors should expect a good 2017

The junior varsity division has been beneficial to IPDA

IPDA Elim #1 - Flight A

Halting the work of the EPA is not the solution

The FCC should do more to reduce the power of media conglomerates

The “kkk” is a bigger problem than the KKK

For-profit prisons do more harm than good

Manufacturing jobs aren’t coming back

IPDA Elim #1 - Flight B

The forgotten men and women of this country will be forgotten no longer.

The media should refuse to normalize the Trump administration

The Trump Administration should reinstate “wet foot, dry foot.”

Professors should ban laptops from the classroom.

“This was the largest audience to ever witness an inauguration, period.” - Sean Spicer

IPDA Elim #2

The United States ought to limit qualified immunity for police officers

The United States should significantly reduce the number of people who are incarcerated

President Donald Trump’s use of Twitter makes him seem more human

Textbooks ought to be included in college tuition

As a speech communication activity, IPDA should do more to emphasize oral feedback from judges after debates

IPDA Elim #3

Political correctness is a major problem in America today

Supreme court justices should have twenty year terms

The United States ought to guarantee the right to a minimum basic income for all citizens

The EU has been detrimental to Europe

“The republic is lost” - Cicero

IPDA Elim #4

The role of standardized testing in American education should be substantially reduced

Sex work should not be illegal

Full affirmative disclosure should be required at IPDA debate tournaments

The USFG should show more concern towards South America

The national election should be a national holiday

IPDA Elim #5

The United States Federal Government should enact significant regulations to prevent predatory pricing of pharmaceuticals and medical devices

The United States should welcome every Syrian refugee seeking asylum

Defunding Planned Parenthood will reduce the abortion rate

This House appreciates President Obama’s commutation of sentences.

The National Endowments for the Arts should be eliminated