

IPDA Round 1 - Flight A

1. Hacktivism is a force for good.
2. Churches that do not use their funds to help the needy should lose their tax-exempt status.
3. The Millennial Generation has been unfairly maligned.
4. Public high schools should allow students to use the bathroom that corresponds to their gender identity.
5. "The goal of all life is death." - Sigmund Freud

IPDA Round 1- Flight B

1. College athletes should receive monetary compensation.
2. Donald Trump is right about Fox News.
3. The Hillary email incident will end her campaign.
4. It is a shame that John Boehner is resigning from Congress.
5. "Every four years in the presidential election, some new precedent is broken." - Nate Silver

IPDA Round 2 - Flight A

1. Hillary Clinton's email server is a legitimate campaign issue.
2. Sex addiction should be recognized as a mental illness rather than as a moral failing.
3. The role of standardized testing in American education should be substantially reduced.
4. 'There is only one race: the human race,' is an unacceptable microaggression against people of color.
5. "It is absurd for a man either to commend or depreciate himself." - Plutarch.

IPDA Round 2 - Flight B

1. In the United States, campaigns that support candidates for public office ought to be financed exclusively by public funds.
2. The Dallas Cowboys should pick up Tim Tebow.
3. It is sometimes a legitimate political tactic for the opposition party to threaten government shutdown.
4. The Emmy Awards are no longer relevant.
5. "Pop culture is a reflection of social change, not a cause of social change." - John Podhoretz

IPDA Round 3 - Flight A

1. Edward Snowden is an American hero.
2. Capitalism is a just economic system.
3. Unauthorized immigration is seriously detrimental to the United States.
4. The United Nations should extend full membership to a Palestine State.
5. "See that in avoiding cinders you step not on burning coals." - Latin proverb

IPDA Round 3 - Flight B

1. The United States federal government should substantially curtail its domestic surveillance.
2. The rise of selfies is a troubling cultural phenomenon.
3. Conservative Catholic politicians are wrong to criticize the Pope.
4. When voting for President, domestic policy positions should be valued over foreign policy positions.
5. "Ignoring science isn't just a Republican problem. It's an American problem." - Dan Rather

IPDA Round 4 - Flight A

1. *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* should be overruled.
2. Political correctness has gone too far.

3. Torture is never justified.
4. The United States ought to promote democracy in the Middle East.
5. "History repeats itself, first as tragedy, second as farce." - Karl Marx

IPDA Round 4 - Flight B

1. It is better to rent than to own.
2. Bioprospecting will do more harm than good.
3. Obama should confront President Xi Jinping.
4. The USFG should execute a complete overhaul of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
5. "Rules of taste enforce structures of power." - Susan Sontag

IPDA Round 5 - Flight A

1. The United States Federal Government should discontinue its use of drone strikes abroad.
2. Direct-to-consumer marketing of prescription-only pharmaceuticals should be banned.
3. #BlackLivesMatter
4. Sex work should not be illegal.
5. "Rhetoric is the art of ruling the minds of men." - Plato

IPDA Round 5 - Flight B

1. The minimum wage in the United States should be at least \$15/hour.
2. IPDA should change its format
3. OTEC should be the energy of the future
4. In the United States, private ownership of handguns ought to be banned.
5. "I am not worried about the deficit. It is big enough to take care of itself." - Ronald Reagan

IPDA Round 6 - Flight A

1. Religious liberty is insufficiently protected in the United States.
2. Retreat from global hegemony is in America's national interest.
3. Violence is a justified response to political oppression.
4. The United States should allow any refugee fleeing Syria's civil war to become a permanent resident.
5. "Convictions are more dangerous enemies of truth than lies." - Friedrich Nietzsche

IPDA Round 6 Flight B

1. The United States ought to promote democracy in the Middle East.
2. Ghostwriters should be given proper attribution.
3. Harry Potter World is better than Disney World.
4. The US should substantially increase its renewable energy portfolio.
5. "Think for yourselves and let others enjoy the privilege to do so, too." - Voltaire

IPDA Quarterfinals (Varsity/JV/Novice)

1. The EPA should have caught the Volkswagen emissions issue sooner.
2. The price of pharmaceuticals should be more strictly regulated.
3. Defunding Planned Parenthood is not the solution.
4. The right to privacy should be valued over national security
5. "Wherever the art of medicine is loved, there is also a love of humanity." - Hippocrates

IPDA Semifinals (Varsity/JV/Novice)

1. The Iran Nuclear Deal serves the interests of the United States.
2. Pro-ISIS messages on social media should not be protected by the First Amendment.

3. Reducing inequality is more important than increasing overall prosperity.
4. Corporations ought to value their responsibility to shareholders over the public interest when the two conflict.
5. "No eternal reward will forgive us now for wasting the dawn." - Jim Morrison

IPDA Finals (Varsity/JV/Novice)

1. Health care is a human right.
2. The current populist moment in American politics is dangerous.
3. Professional athletes should be allowed to use performance enhancing drugs.
4. The United States should significantly reduce the number of people who are incarcerated.
5. "The seeds of knowledge may be planted in solitude but must be cultivated in public." - Samuel Johnson

TIPDA

TIPDA Round 1

1. Donald Trump's candidacy is good for America.
2. Intellectual property rights hinder innovation.
3. The United States should reduce its commitment to Israel.
4. Recent changes in the music industry are degrading the artistic quality of music.
5. "To know nothing is the happiest life." - Euripides

TIPDA Round 2

1. The Ashley Madison leak was morally justified.
2. Monsanto is a force for good.
3. Cooperation is better than competition.
4. The United States should significantly reduce the size of its military.
5. "Money is the fruit of evil, as often as the root of it." - Henry Fielding

TIPDA Round 3

1. Russia is an enemy of the United States.
2. Tom Brady and the Patriots were let off too easy.
3. Protection of the environment is a more important goal than the satisfaction of energy demands.
4. Gender reassignment surgery should be available to young children.
5. "Time is the herald of truth." - Cicero

TIPDA Round 4

1. Repealing the Glass-Steagall Act was a mistake.
2. It is immoral to watch NFL games.
3. The state should get out of the marriage business.
4. The war on terror is counterproductive.
5. "The manner of speaking is as important as the matter." - Philip Chesterfield

TIPDA Quarterfinals

1. The United States should continue to screen Liberian passengers for Ebola.

2. The EU should do more to help those fleeing Syria.
3. In this instance an isolationist approach is preferred .
4. The arrest of Ahmed Mohamed was justified.
5. "Pandemic influenza is by nature an international issue; it requires an international solution." - Margaret Chan

TIPDA Semis

1. Facebook needs a 'dislike' button.
2. Public-sector unions should be banned.
3. Sex offender registration does more harm than good.
4. The Federal Reserve should raise the federal funds rate before the end of the year.
5. "Too much wisdom is folly." - German proverb

TIPDA Finals

1. The United States Federal Government should shut down the 1033 program.
2. It is immoral for uninformed citizens to participate in elections.
3. The sale of human organs should be legal.
4. In the United States criminal justice system, jury nullification ought to be used in the face of perceived injustice.
5. "The man who would be truly happy should not study to enlarge his estate, but to contract his desires." - Plato

Parliamentary Debate

NPDA Round 1

The USFG should reconsider the Iran Nuclear Deal

NPDA Round 2

This House believes that the Pontiff will help normalize the relationship between the United States and Cuba

NPDA Round 3

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management should take steps to substantially increase its cybersecurity

NPDA Finals

The USFG should execute a complete overhaul of the Department of Veterans Affairs
*Consequentialism is superior to deontological moral theories