

TOPICS
YODL #2 F23
Nov 10-11, 2023

Rd 1: Indigenous Rights

1. This House believes that indigenous people who commit criminal offenses should be punished by their own communities.
2. [INFO]: Ownership of an Osage headright entitles the owner to a share of the profit from oil, gas, and other minerals found on Osage land. This payment can be in the thousands to tens of thousands of dollars per year. Currently, these headrights are owned by a variety of people and organizations (schools, churches, businesses, etc.) in addition to Osage Nation citizens. [MOTION] THBT it should only be legal for individuals who are members of the Osage Nation to own an Osage headright
3. Land acknowledgments do more harm than good.
4. Indigenous languages based on the land that the school resides on should be required for secondary education.
5. Appropriation of indigenous culture or cultural artifacts (to include design, imagery, etc.) should be banned to protect indigenous cultures.

Rd 2: D.I.M.E.

1. [INFO] In March 1981, Harvard professor Roger Fisher introduced the idea--known as the "Fisher Protocol"--that the President of the United States should be required to kill a volunteer to retrieve the nuclear codes required to launch nuclear bombs. The suggestion was to surgically place the code number to launch nuclear weapons in a capsule near the heart of a volunteer. The volunteer would carry a knife, and in the event the President decides to launch a nuclear strike, the President would use the knife to kill the volunteer and retrieve the codes. [MOTION] The US President should be required to follow the Fisher Protocol to retrieve nuclear codes.
2. Military non-interventionism and military isolationism are in the best interest of the US.
3. [INFO] The 1961 Foreign Assistance Act gives the President of the United States "Presidential Drawdown Authority." Through Presidential Drawdown Authority, the President can quickly send Department of Defense weapons/supplies to foreign countries and international organizations. Although Congress sets a financial cap on P.D.A., the President can utilize P.D.A. without seeking prior legislative approval or budgetary appropriations. In recent years, P.D.A. has been invoked to provide assistance to Ukraine and Taiwan. [MOTION] This House would end Presidential Drawdown Authority.
4. This house believes that economic sanctions are a more effective tool of D.I.M.E power than military intervention
5. [INFO] "Realpolitik" (pronounced ree-AL pol-i-TEEK) is the approach of conducting foreign policy based primarily on considerations of the most beneficial outcome for the actor, rather than strictly following explicit ideological norms or moral and ethical constraints. In this respect, it shares aspects of its philosophical approach with those of realism and pragmatism. [MOTION] Realpolitik is an inappropriate basis for foreign policy.

Rd 3: Lifestyle

1. This House prefers the gentle parenting movement to authoritative parenting
2. This House believes that WeightWatchers has done more harm than good
3. This House believes that increased leisure time as a result of automation will not be good for humanity.
4. This House would legally require all food establishments to provide dietary restriction-friendly options (vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, etc.)
5. Fame is more curse than blessing.

Rd 4: Comedy/Humor

1. This House believes humorous portrayals of Donald Trump do more harm than good.
2. This House would reinstate court jesters
3. Truthfulness (a.k.a. authenticity, accuracy, etc.) is an appropriate metric with which to judge comedy.
4. This House supports the usage of dark humor as a coping mechanism.
5. This House believes that we are amusing ourselves to death.

Nov. Sems, Open Quarterfinals: Religion

1. The LGBTQ+ Movement should prioritize a narrative of reinterpreting religions rather than a narrative against religions.
2. [INFO] With a push of a button, you can reveal to the entire world population that Heaven and Hell (in whatever religious tradition) do not exist. [MOTION] This House would push the button.
3. Children should be able to sue their parents for religious indoctrination.
4. This House regrets religion.
5. The invocation of religion in any form in a political campaign should be illegal.

Nov Finals, Open Semifinals: We regret to inform you . . .

1. This House regrets the rise of political messaging in entertainment
2. This House regrets the widespread belief that motherhood is a rewarding experience.
3. This House regrets US military bases in foreign countries
4. This House regrets the rise of globalism
5. This House regrets the emphasis on STEM education in US K-12 public schools..

Finals: Israel/Palestine

1. The United States' security interests in the Middle East require them to support Israel.
2. [INFO] A "Citizen's Congress" is a non-state deliberative body that functions as an alternative to official state deliberative bodies. In the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, a consortium of international entities could undertake a major, sustained effort to recruit average Israeli and Palestinian citizens to convene a high-profile Citizen's Congress charged with generating a mutually-acceptable solution to the ongoing conflict. While the Citizen's Congress doesn't have legal authority, their cooperation and an effort to publicize the Congress' operation would give weight and visibility to their proposed solution. [MOTION] This House believes a Citizen's Congress would contribute meaningfully to the search for a solution in the Israel-Palestine conflict.
3. [INFO] The "Three-state Solution," also called the Egyptian-Jordanian solution or the Jordan-Egypt option, is an approach to peace in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict by returning control of the West Bank to Jordan and control of the Gaza Strip to Egypt. [MOTION] This House supports the Three-state Solution.
4. This House believes that the Israel-Palestine conflict is more likely than not to escalate into a world war.
5. Colleges and universities should ban demonstrations and protests regarding the Israel/Palestine conflict.

List Randomizer

There were 7 items in your list. Here they are in random order:

1. Indigenous Rights
2. D.I.M.E.
3. Lifestyle
4. Comedy & Humor
5. Religion
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