

YODL #4 S25 Topics

Round 1: Fringe Ideologies

1. This House believes that the industrial revolution has been a disaster for humanity
2. This House believes that governments should actively suppress fringe ideologies to protect social harmony.
3. [INFO] The 4B movement refers to an anonymous feminist group originating out of South Korea that abides by 4 rules: no childbirth, no marriage with men, no sex with men, and no dating men. The movement originated to protest unfair social and political protections for women in society. [MOTION] THW, as a female in the United States, join the 4B movement.
4. This House would abolish private property in favor of communal ownership.
5. This House believes individual states within the United States should have the right to secede.

Round 2: Inflation & Inflation Control

1. [INFO] Modern Monetary Theory is a macroeconomic theory that argues governments can print money to fund spending without concern for accumulated debt. [MOTION] This House supports Modern Monetary Theory.
2. This House believes that central banks should not be independent of political oversight during economic crises.
3. This House regrets ending the Gold Standard.
4. This House would adopt a universal basic income to protect citizens from the effects of inflation.
5. The US Government would nationalize Grocery Stores.

Round 3: The Business of Sports

1. The Olympics should permanently be held in one location to reduce costs and environmental impact.
2. [INFO] On May 14, 2018, in the case of *Murphy v. N.C.A.A.*, the Supreme Court struck down a decades-old federal law that effectively banned sports betting outside Nevada. Within weeks, New Jersey had established legitimate sports betting at its casinos and racetracks. Thirty-seven states quickly followed suit. [MOTION] Professional athletics will come to regret liberalized sports betting.
3. This house believes that the commercialization of sports has negatively impacted the integrity of athletic competition.
4. This house would ban nations that violate international legal norms from major international sporting contests.
5. This House opposes foreign ownership groups for sports teams (e.g., Abu Dhabi United Group's majority ownership of Manchester City football club, or American investment firm RedBird Capital Partners' ownership of AC Milan football club).

Round 4: Mexico

1. [INFO]: BRICS is an international organization that includes Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran and the United Arab Emirates. Through BRICS, member nations engage in multilateral coordination. [Motion:] This House, as Mexico, would prioritize engagement with BRICS over engagement with the United States.
2. [INFO] The Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) is a forum of 120 countries that are not formally aligned with or against any major power bloc. It was founded with the view to advancing interests of developing countries in the context of Cold War confrontation. [MOTION] This House, as Mexico, would join the Non-Aligned Movement as a member state.
3. This House supports Mexico's efforts to nationalize lithium mining operations.
4. The United Mexican States should leave the USMCA.
5. The Federal Government of Mexico should focus on policies that prioritize economic growth over environmental sustainability.

Elim #1: Urban Planning

1. This house would tax unused (either undeveloped or unoccupied) real estate at a higher rate.
2. This House would ban residential lawns from urban areas
3. This house supports the abolition of single-family zoning laws to address housing shortages.
4. This House would ban cars in urban centers
5. This House would ban facial recognition technology in public urban spaces.

Elim #2: International Organizations

1. [INFO] Universal jurisdiction is a legal principle that allows a country to prosecute certain crimes that occur outside its borders. It's based on the idea that some crimes are so serious that all countries have the right and responsibility to prosecute them. [MOTION] This House would apply universal jurisdiction to crimes against the environment.
2. This House would abolish the UN Security Council's veto power.
3. This House supports NATO expansion to include Ukraine and Georgia.
4. This House believes that international organizations (e.g., UN, WHO, IMF) have failed to adapt to 21st-century global challenges.
5. This House believes that international organizations should have the power to directly tax corporations to fund global initiatives.

Elim #3: AI & Copyright

1. This House believes that AI-generated content should always be labeled as non-human.
2. [INFO] Determining the extent to which copyrighted works influence the generative efforts of LLMs is nearly impossible, as both the amount of influence of particular copyrighted works and the process by which the LLM generated the content in question is obscured. [MOTION] All output of LLMs should be considered the collective property of all humanity.
3. This House Would hold the owners of LLMs trained on the "corpus of human knowledge" liable for copyright infringement
4. This House believes that AI creators (developers) should hold the copyright for works produced by AI systems.

5. This House believes that the rise of AI-generated content will lead to the devaluation of human creativity.