

Topics

YODL #1 F25

Rd 1: Resistance

1. Resistance is futile.
2. This House believes that it should be possible to pardon individuals convicted of treason by national referendum.
3. In states at risk of democratic backsliding and where anti-democratic politicians have won through legitimate elections, violent resistance to the transfer of power is justified.
4. [INFO] "Bureaucratic activism" refers to the practice of nonpartisan, nonelected state officials resisting executive actions they perceive to be unjust or contrary to the principles of their agency. [MOTION] This House supports bureaucratic activism.
5. Democrats will ultimately regret rejecting Republican demands and the resulting government shutdown.

Rd 2: NATO

1. NATO should fast-track Ukraine's membership despite Russian objections.
2. This House regrets the expansion of NATO to post-Soviet states.
3. In the event of a Russian attack, the United States should not come to the armed defence of any NATO member currently spending below NATO's required defense budget allocation.
4. NATO should prioritize climate-related security threats over military threats.
5. NATO will regret the US' decision to allow Ukraine to use US weapons for offensive military operations

Rd 3: Women in Politics

1. This House regrets narratives of women in politics that highlight overcoming barriers (e.g. trailblazer, breaking the glass ceiling).
2. The US should institute gender quotas to ensure women proportional representation in Congress
3. This House regrets Kamala Harris as the 2024 Democratic nominee.
4. Increased numbers of women in politics would lead to a better society
5. This House, as the feminist movement, would support conservative female politicians

Rd 4: Taxes & Taxation

1. This House supports a 100% tax on inheritance.
2. Tax evasion is a legitimate response to one's disapproval of their government.
3. This House would apply a lower rate of income tax to women.
4. Carbon taxes are the most effective climate policy.
5. This House prefers user fees over general taxation as a way to fund public goods.

Elim #1: China

1. Latin America should prefer establishing economic ties with China over the US.
2. The US should acknowledge Taiwan as an independent nation, ending the official policy of "strategic ambiguity."
3. This House, as the Communist Party of China, hopes Russia loses the Russia-Ukraine war
4. This House regrets the international community's failure to hold China accountable for its actions in Hong Kong.
5. This House believes that China's strategy of non-interventionism is ethically superior to Western interventionism.

Elim #2: Fiat Currency

1. Fiat currency is on an inevitable path to failure.
2. This House regrets the global dominance of the US dollar as the primary reserve currency.
3. This House regrets switching off the gold standard.
4. Bitcoin is the future.
5. This House, as the UN, would establish a global currency.

Elim #3: Natalism

1. Prospective parents should be required to obtain a parenting license.
2. This House regrets the narrative that motherhood is an intrinsically fulfilling experience.
3. [INFO] The UN World Population Prospect has been estimating when the human population will hit its peak for decades. Most estimates argue that the population will hit a peak of 10-11 billion by the end of the 21st century. [MOTION] This House believes that stabilization efforts should be undertaken to prevent the human population from rising above 9 billion.
4. From behind the veil of ignorance (i.e., without knowing where you will be placed in society), This House would choose not to be born.
5. The feminist movement should adopt anti-natalist messaging.