

Debate Topics Spring 2021

Political 1. <u>Protests</u> - Are protests effective? (think about Hong Kong; Iranian revolution protests; USA protests, etc) 2. <u>Minimum wage</u> - should the federal minimum wage be increased? 3. <u>Felon voting</u> - should felons who have completed their sentences (incarceration, probation, or parole) be allowed to vote? 4. <u>Social media</u> - should social media posts be protected by free speech? 5. <u>Internet privacy</u> - should the government be able to monitor internet use and what is done with it? 6. <u>Interrogation</u> - is it ethical for physical means to be used as an interrogation tactic? 7. <u>Welfare</u> - should drug testing be required for people who receive welfare services? 8. <u>Death Penalty</u> - Should the death penalty be allowed to continue?	Healthy Living/Planet 1. <u>Milk</u> - is drinking milk healthy for humans? 2. <u>Alternative Energy vs Fossil Fuels</u> - can alternative energy effectively replace fossil fuels? 3. <u>Plastic ban</u> - should plastic be banned? 4. <u>Cell phone radiation</u> - are cell phones safe to use in the long run? 5. <u>Prescription drug ads</u> - should prescription drugs be advertised directly to consumers? (cigs are not prescription drugs) 6. <u>Recycling</u> - should people be fined for not recycling? 7. <u>Physician-assisted suicide</u> - should doctors be allowed to assist in suicide for terminally ill patients? 8. <u>Vaccinations</u> - should vaccinations be mandatory by law? 9. <u>Food</u> - is organic food really the better option? 10. <u>Drinking age</u> - should the drinking age be lowered? 11. <u>Vaping</u> - is vaping with e-cigs a safer option? 12. <u>Food</u> - is a vegetarian lifestyle healthier for humans overall?
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