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#### Round 1 — Criminal Justice System

- 1. THBT lawyers should not be involved in jury selection
- 2. THBT police officers on regular patrol should not carry firearms
- 3. THW require all criminal defendants to use a government-provided lawyer.

#### Round 2 — Healthcare

- 1. THW criminally prosecute parents who refuse to give their child life-saving medication
- 2. TH, as the USFG, would require every citizen, on birth, to submit genetic material to the Government
- 3. THW ban advertising of prescription medication

#### Round 3 — Education

- 1. TH, as the USFG, would mandate classes on distinguishing fake new from real news in every public primary and secondary school.
- 2. TH, as the USFG, would mandate universities, with greater than \$1 Billion dollar endowments, have an undergraduate population match the economic makeup of the country.
  - a. At 38 American Universities, there are more undergraduate students in the top 1% than there are in the bottom 60% (New York Times)
- 3. THW ban private primary and secondary schools.

## **Round 4 — Regulating Tech**

- 1. THBT children's use of smartphones should be legally regulated
- 2. THW prohibit companies from creating "impenetrable" consumer devices that cannot be unlocked even by the manufacturer
- 3. THW institute a tax on automation. That is to say that any corporation that seeks to automate work that is conventionally performed by a human would be subject to an automation tax.

#### **Round 5 — Social Justice (Non-fem)**

- 1. THW ban hate speech in America
- 2. THBT employers should not be able to fire employees on the basis of engagement in violent political rallies (e.g. Charlottesville White Supremacist rally)
- 3. TH, as a developed nation, has an obligation to donate to all developing nations

#### Varsity Quarterfinals/Novice Semifinals — Feminism

1. THW aggressively prioritize the posting of female diplomats to countries with poor women's rights records.

- 2. THBT the world would be better if women from privileged backgrounds turned down any benefits arising from Affirmative Action programs
- 3. THBT individual feminist women should reject acts of chivalry (e.g. buying drinks for them, holding the door open, "ladies first" etc.)

# Varsity Semifinals — Refugees, Immigration

- 1. TH prefers a world where all borders are open
- 2. Assuming a cap on refugees, THW prioritize admitting refugees who have engaged in armed resistance against oppressive regimes.
- 3. TH, as the USFG, would add 'refugee status' as an affirmative action category for non-citizen refugees to federal work applications. This is to say that non-citizen refugees would get preferential treatment when applying to USFG jobs.

# Varsity Finals — Fun Stuff

- 1. TH, as a wealthy individual, would use that wealth to become a vigilante (e.g. Batman) in areas of high crime and a corrupt police force.
- 2. There exists a drug that increases empathy in individuals. TH, as the state, would lace their country's water supply with that drug.
- 3. TH supports state attempts to help their citizens find and sustain love (e.g. subsidizing subscriptions to matching agencies such as match.com, significant funding for research on what makes a relationship last, creating courses on how to woo and keep a spouse)

## Novice Finals — Less Fun Stuff

- 1. TH, as a critic, would advise the public not to consume works of music, film and art produced by artists that you deem morally reprehensible, regardless of the artistic merit of their work
- 2. TH regrets the creation of a moral and legal distinction between the use of chemical weapons and conventional weapons
- 3. THW allow parents to remove their children from specific classes at school (such as sports, religious studies, sex education and science) on moral, religious or political grounds