

# **Yale Invitational 2025**

## **Parliamentary Debate Motions**

### **Round 1: Government/Elections**

#### **Round 1 Flight 1**

THW permit betting on election outcomes.

THR the way Kamala Harris received the Democratic nomination for President.

Faced with two candidates one did not like, THW withhold its vote.

#### **Round 1 Flight 2**

THW elect judges rather than appoint them.

THP professional politicians to newcomers.

THW require candidates to engage in public debates.

### **Round 2: International**

#### **Round 2 Flight 1**

THBT the US should establish a sovereign wealth fund.

*A sovereign wealth fund is used by a government to invest in companies to promote the national interest.*

The US appears to excel in innovation, China in implementation. THW rather be China.

THR the antitrust actions against US big tech companies.

#### **Round 2 Flight 2**

The EU appears to excel in social policy, the US in economic productivity and growth. THW rather be Europe.

THBT the state should have more, rather than less, control of the economy.

THW use tariffs to protect US industry from foreign competition.

### **Round 3: Education**

#### **Round 3 Flight 1**

THW require students to take a year off after high school before they attend college.

THS institutional neutrality by colleges and universities.

*“Institutional neutrality” states that the entity should not comment or take a position on public matters.*

THBT parents have a right to decide the content of their children’s education.

### **Round 3 Flight 2**

Surveys show that most college faculty and administrators trend liberal. THBT colleges should be required to promote intellectual diversity.

THBT students are better off taking real jobs rather than internships.

China has recently added military education in all grades as part of its school curriculum. THW provide military education as an option in all schools.

## **Round 4: Technology**

### **Round 4 Flight 1**

THW not use artificial intelligence programs designed to detect cheating.

THW ban dynamic pricing algorithms.

*“Dynamic pricing algorithms” use artificial intelligence to adjust prices to each buyer to maximize sales or profit.*

THW implement a biometric national identifier system.

### **Round 4 Flight 2**

THR the use of artificial intelligence as a grading tool.

THW ban the use of algorithms to recommend or promote content to users on social media.

THBT all internet users should be identifiable to law enforcement upon presentation of a warrant.

## **Round 5: Sports**

### **Round 5 Flight 1**

THR “travel teams”.

*“Travel teams” are non-school sports for middle and high school students where parents pay to play.*

THR “name, image, and likeness” deals in college sports.

THW require colleges to pay athletes.

## **Octofinals**

THR tourism.

THW forbid dual citizenship.

In civil suits, THW forbid one party from spending significantly more than the other in support of their case.

## **Quarterfinals**

THW provide sanctuary to dictators who agree to cede power peacefully.

THW allow the UN General Assembly to overrule the UN Security Council.

THW deny economic aid to countries that violate human rights.

## **Semifinals**

TH, as a country, prefers a relatively older rather than a younger population.

THBT a government official should not compromise their personal morality to serve their country, even if their role in government requires it.

Assuming it will one day be possible, THBT terra-forming Mars would be immoral.

*“terraforming” is the act of creating an Earth-like environment.*

## **Finals**

If immortality were possible, THW not choose immortality.

If it were possible to know the exact moment of your death, THW choose not to know.

THBT the ability to see the future would be a curse, not a blessing.