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Alright, all of the students shouldn't have made it to this page.

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1. How will the increasing use of AI in the art world impact the job market for artists?
2. Since AI text-to-image generators use pre-existing art as their data set to create new images, concerns have been raised about intellectual property theft. Do you feel that using living artists' works as the basis for AI-generated images is ethical?
3. How will the use of AI in art affect the concept of authorship? What are the implications of AI-generated art for copyright law?

1. Should AI-powered tutoring or teaching systems be used in higher education, and what potential effects will it have on educators?
2. Predict the ways in which ChatGPT and other AI engines will change the way students learn and the skills they will need to succeed in the future.
3. How can universities prevent students from using AI-powered writing tools to cheat on written assignments?

1. As AI technology advances, it becomes easier for bad actors to use AI and deepfake technology to spread false information. How can we ensure that the public can differentiate between real and fake information?
2. What role should governments play in regulating the use of deepfakes in political campaigns and the entertainment industry?
3. The ability to create realistic deepfakes raises ethical questions about consent and control over one's own image. How should society navigate this issue?

1. Can AI-generated art ever truly be considered 'original'?
2. Argue for or against the use of AI-powered systems in the creation of educational materials and the potential effects on the quality of education.
3. What are the most effective ways to counteract the spread of disinformation on social media platforms?

Impromptu Round 1 Topics

**Speaker One**

Albert Einstein  
Profit  
The Universe

**Speaker Seven**

Florence Nightingale  
Advertising  
Fruit

**Speaker Two**

Joseph Stalin  
Welfare  
Candy

**Speaker Three**

Martin Luther King Jr.  
Investment  
Clock

**Speaker Four**

Amadeus Mozart  
Loans  
Art

**Speaker Five**

LeBron James  
Savings  
Castle

**Speaker Six**

C.S. Lewis  
Trade  
Animals

Impromptu Round 2      Topics

**Speaker One**

Spongebob Squarepants  
Tyranny  
Activity

**Speaker Seven**

The Nutcracker  
Secession  
Laugh

**Speaker Two**

The Mona Lisa  
Government Regulations  
Meditation

**Speaker Three**

Harry Potter  
War  
Obedience to Conscience

**Speaker Four**

Star Wars  
Courts  
Learning

**Speaker Five**

Cinderella  
Human Rights  
Exploration

**Speaker Six**

Romeo and Juliet  
Equal Opportunity  
Expression



## Impromptu Round 3 Topics

### **Speaker One**

Terrorism  
Smoking  
Fence

### **Speaker Seven**

Artificial Intelligence  
Waste  
Ceiling

### **Speaker Two**

School Shootings  
Self Deception  
Ring

### **Speaker Three**

Super Bowl  
Body Image  
Mirror

### **Speaker Four**

Protests  
Anxiety  
Picture

### **Speaker Five**

Climate Change  
Road Rage  
Door

### **Speaker Six**

Joe Rogan  
Hypocrisy  
Stairs

Impromptu Round 4 Topics

**Speaker One**

Self Driving Cars  
Mars  
Chess

**Speaker Seven**

Facebook  
Whitehouse  
Self Defense

**Speaker Two**

Internet Piracy  
Las Vegas  
Conversation

**Speaker Three**

Minecraft  
Statue of Liberty  
Gambling

**Speaker Four**

Public Transportation  
Desert  
Weaving

**Speaker Five**

3D Printers  
Disneyland  
Camping

**Speaker Six**

Organ Donations  
Mexico  
Sarcasm

## **Presidential Debate Round 1**

### **Question #1**

How much of a role should the federal government play in enacting environmental regulations as opposed to state governments?

### **Question #2**

Fracking is the process of injecting liquid at high pressure into subterranean rock so as to force open existing fissures and extract oil or gas. Do you support or oppose fracking, and why?

### **Question #3**

Many oil reserves in the United States lie within national parks or monuments. Should lesser used portions of these areas be opened up for drilling?

### **Question #4**

The EPA estimates that the number one contaminant of U.S. water sources is contaminants originating from agricultural activities. What sort of regulations would you place on agriculture to protect U.S. water sources?

### **Question #5**

The United States is the world's largest producer of power from nuclear energy, but it still accounts for less than 20% of total energy use. Would you encourage or discourage further investment in nuclear power? How so?

### **Question #6**

A 2021 National Academy of Sciences study found that the US produces more plastic waste than any other nation - about 42 million metric tons per year. In total, the country produces almost twice as much as China, and more than all the countries in the EU combined. As President, would you support limiting or banning single-use plastic containers and utensils?

### **Question #7**

Are there any natural resources you perceive to be in danger in the United States? If so, what should be done to preserve them?

### **Question #8**

According to the EPA, aging infrastructure, such as leaky pipes and water mains, is estimated to result in the loss of 2.1 trillion gallons of treated drinking water in the U.S. each year. What would you do as President to ensure we waste less freshwater in the US?

### **Presidential Debate Round 3**

#### **Question #1**

Can you identify a policy you would like to pursue as president that meets the following two criteria: First, that it aims at limiting global warming. Second, that it could be widely accepted by both republicans and democrats in Congress?

#### **Question #2**

A Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) is a mandate that requires electricity providers to supply to their customers a minimum amount of power from renewable sources. Various states have passed RPS laws. Would you support such a law on a national scale?

#### **Question #3**

According to a report by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, the US has the potential to generate 10% of its electricity from geothermal energy. What steps would you take to develop geothermal energy in the US?

#### **Question #4**

Cobalt is a major component of modern batteries. It is notoriously dirty to extract, and most of the current world supply comes from mines in the Congo known for harsh and unethical conditions. As President, what would you do about America's sourcing of cobalt?

#### **Question #5**

Drip irrigation is an irrigation method where water is dripped onto the roots of plants, rather than being sprayed over the entire field. Some projections claim that switching to drip irrigation instead of flood or sprinkler irrigation would reduce agricultural water use by 30-70%. Would you be in favor of subsidizing this expensive method of irrigation to preserve US freshwater supplies?

#### **Question #6**

The New York Times reports in 2016 that the U.S. produced 6.9 million tons of toxic e-waste. What can we do better as a nation to reduce and properly take care of e-waste?

#### **Question #7**

The Colorado River reservoirs of Lake Powell and Lake Mead are currently at their lowest level in decades, and may soon be unable to produce power due to lack of stored water. What, if anything, should be done by the federal government to ensure that the Colorado River is not overused?

#### **Question #8**

Many in America view urban sprawl as a major contributor to poor air quality and greenhouse gas emissions. Does America need to rethink the way that its cities are structured, or are American cities fine the way they are?

## Presidential Debate Round 2

### Question #1

A 2019 report by global risk consulting firm Verisk Maplecroft states that America recycles 35% of its municipal waste, almost half as much as the world's most efficient nation, Germany, at 68%. What would you do as president to encourage more efficient management of U.S. waste?

### Question #2

Consumers who purchase alternatively-fueled cars often receive a tax credit from the federal government. Would you expand or limit these credits, or leave them untouched?

### Question #3

A common complaint of opponents of measures directed at combatting climate change is that these measures have been politicized to advance traditionally liberal causes. Do you agree with this assessment? Is this a sufficiently good argument to oppose action on climate change?

### Question #4

Controversies about the building and expansion of oil pipelines have filled the news over the past decade. Should the United States approve and build additional petroleum pipelines? Why or why not?

### Question #5

The US currently imports most of the lithium used in making battery cells, and many in the US would like to see increased domestic production of this valuable resource. Would you support additional lithium mining in the US, despite environmental concerns?

### Question #6

A 2017 report by the National Academy of Sciences found that 84% of all wildfires in the US were human-caused. How can the US better limit the damage and frequency of wildfires?

### Question #7

The EPA reports that in 2017 and 2018 that air pollution in the U.S. as measured by 'particulate matter 2.5' saw a significant increase after two decades of significant decreases. In addition researchers at Carnegie Mellon estimate that this increase can be linked to 10,000 additional deaths in 2018. Are you concerned about this trend? What would you do as president to ensure that Americans have access to clean air?

### Question #8

Fusion power has been researched for decades now, but no one has yet produced an energy-positive commercial reactor yet. How much should the United States invest in this still-experimental technology?

## **Presidential Debate Round 4**

### **Question #1**

How do you think the federal government can best strike the appropriate balance between regulations to protect our environment and economic freedom to provide our citizens with opportunities for prosperity?

### **Question #2**

Many in America would like to see the United States leave behind coal as an energy source in the U.S. because of its impact on the environment. Do you believe that coal has a place in the U.S. energy production system? If so, what is that place?

### **Question #3**

How important for national security is domestic oil production and storage? Should energy independence be prioritized even at the cost of subsidizing local oil production?

### **Question #4**

The US is now a net exporter of petroleum and petroleum products. Is this overall good, or bad?

### **Question #5**

The production of biofuels, such as ethanol, is subsidized by the United States government. Should this industry receive federal subsidies? Why or why not?

### **Question #6**

Should the United States invest in additional hydroelectric power plants, even if the required dams submerge large quantities of land?

### **Question #7**

Do you believe the federal government owns too much, too little, or just about the right amount of property in the form of federal lands such as national parks, Bureau of Land Management Land, US Fish and Wildlife Lands, etc.?

### **Question #8**

In your opinion, which harmful product, substance, or practice currently used in the United States is most in need of a ban or increased regulation?

## Spar Topics Round 1

### First Pair

Resolved: All public schools in the U.S. should operate under the same curriculum

Resolved: Government ought to require motorcyclists to wear a helmet.

Resolved: There should be no government restrictions on the legal age to work.

### Second Pair

Resolved: Teachers in public schools ought to be able to bring guns to school.

Resolved: Government ought to ban extremely violent video games.

Resolved: People who cannot vote should not have to pay taxes.

### Third Pair

Resolved: Public school choirs ought not be able to perform religious songs.

Resolved: Illegal drugs should be made legal.

Resolved: Parents ought to be able to choose the grade level of their students in public schools.

### Fourth Pair

Resolved: Libraries ought not be publicly funded.

Resolved: Government ought not provide welfare to poor citizens.

Resolved: A citizenship test, not age, ought to determine when a U.S. citizen can vote.

### Fifth Pair

Resolved: The government ought to pay tuition for anyone who wants to attend a community college.

Resolved: Governments ought to test homeschooled students to determine if they are being well educated.

Resolved: Minimum wage for workers under the age of 18 should be \$5 per hour.

## Spar Topics Round 2

### First Pair

- Resolved: Government should attempt to remove cyberbullying from the internet.
- Resolved: Stairs are better than escalators.
- Resolved: It is wrong to kill animals for sport.

### Second Pair

- Resolved: Libraries should only purchase electronic materials from now on.
- Resolved: Tacos are better than sandwiches.
- Resolved: It is morally acceptable to steal back something that has been stolen from you.

### Third Pair

- Resolved: Overall it is best for a 12 year old to own a phone.
- Resolved: A dictionary is better than a thesaurus.
- Resolved: It is wrong to look at your friend's email if they left it open on your computer.

### Fourth Pair

- Resolved: Overall families should not own video games.
- Resolved: Music is better entertainment than sports.
- Resolved: The death penalty should be illegal.

### Fifth Pair

- Resolved: Tablets are superior to laptops.
- Resolved: Animated movies are better than live action movies.
- Resolved: It is morally wrong to break into another person's house to clean it.



## Spar Topics Round 3

### First Pair

- Resolved: All students should take a cooking class in school at some point.  
Resolved: There should be no minimum wage.  
Resolved: Bread is better than houses.

### Second Pair

- Resolved: Schools ought not let students use smartphones in class.  
Resolved: Employers should consider who needs the job more when hiring.  
Resolved: Horses are better than prisons.

### Third Pair

- Resolved: Teachers ought to be able to fine students for breaking class rules.  
Resolved: It is better to own your own business than to work for someone else.  
Resolved: Smartphones are better than couches.

### Fourth Pair

- Resolved: Schools ought not begin classes earlier than 9:00am.  
Resolved: It is better to have a high paying job than a job that gives a lot of personal satisfaction.  
Resolved: Carpet is better than pencils.

### Fifth Pair

- Resolved: Boys and girls ought to attend separate schools before college.  
Resolved: It is better for a boss to be loved than feared.  
Resolved: Cars are better than books.

## Spar Topics Round 4

### First Pair

- Resolved: Parents should primarily be friends with their children.
- Resolved: Bikes are better than longboards.
- Resolved: It would be better to have a longer summer than a longer winter.

### Second Pair

- Resolved: People should give gifts to those who come to their birthday parties.
- Resolved: Overall it is better to not own a motorcycle.
- Resolved: It would be better if people had longer arms than if they had longer legs.

### Third Pair

- Resolved: It is better to have many siblings than few siblings.
- Resolved: There should be no speed limits on freeways.
- Resolved: It would be better if Valentine's day wasn't celebrated.

### Fourth Pair

- Resolved: Online friends can't be considered real friends.
- Resolved: All neighborhoods should have a bike lane.
- Resolved: It would be better if people didn't need water than if they didn't need food.

### Fifth Pair

- Resolved: People should not allow dogs to live inside.
- Resolved: It would be better if fewer people owned cars in America.
- Resolved: It would be better to have enhanced hearing than to have enhanced smell.