

Connecticut Debate Association Extemporaneous Debate Resolutions 1996-2024

The attached list of tournament resolutions is incomplete. The full resolution is stated when available. If only the topic area is known, the entry is listed as “Topic:....” Where neither is available, question marks (“???”) appear.

Common Parli motion abbreviations:

- TH: This House
- THBT: This House believes that
- THW: This House would
- THP: This House prefers
- THR: This House regrets
- THS: This House supports

2023-24 School Year

Tournament	Resolution
September / Scrimmage	This House, as a teacher, would permit the use of Chat GPT and other generative AI for class assignments.
October	THW (This House would) set maximum age limits for elected office.
November	THBT (This House believes that) college is overvalued.
December	THP (This House prefers) that Ukraine pursue a negotiated peace with Russia.
January	THR (This House regrets) climate lawsuits
February	THBT the Chevron deference should be overturned.
March	THW require asylum applications be approved before entry into the US.
State Finals	THW implement a wealth tax.

2022-23 School Year

Tournament	Resolution
September / Scrimmage	TH, as a soccer fan, would boycott the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar.
October	THBT the reopening of federal land and water for oil and gas drilling will do more harm than good.
November	THP open primaries.
December	THBT the college admissions process should be based on objectively measured student performance.
January	THP a world in which Artificial Intelligence generally surpasses humans in intellectual activities.
February	THW allow public sector workers to strike.
March	This House Would release all frozen assets to Afghanistan’s central government.
State Finals	This House supports a policy of containment with respect to China.

2021-22 School Year

Tournament	Resolution
September / Scrimmage	This House regrets General Milley's reported actions with respect to China.
October	This House would reduce the power of the Supreme Court.
November	This House regrets the rise of space tourism.
December	This House believes that the United States should not defend Taiwan.
January	This House would overturn Times vs Sullivan.
February	This House, as NATO, would admit Ukraine as a member.
March	This House would require all towns to build low-income, multi-family housing.
State Finals	This House would get tough on crime.

2020-21 School Year

Tournament	Resolution
September / Scrimmage	The US Presidential election should be decided by a simple majority vote.
October	The US should treat Chinese and US social media companies equally.
November	Big tech companies (e.g., Amazon, Facebook, Google) should be broken up.
December	Police officers should face civil liability for their actions.
January	College admission in the United States should be significantly reformed.
February	The news media should strive to be moral rather than objective.
March	Corporations should serve the interest of all stakeholders, not simply shareholders.
State Finals	The United States should have an open immigration policy.

2019-20 School Year

Tournament	Resolution
September / Scrimmage	Assuming Amazon would accept, Connecticut should provide an incentive package comparable to New York City's.
October	The US should significantly limit the use of facial recognition systems.
November	Impeachment should be based solely on criminal offenses and tried through the judicial system.
December	The US should forbid companies from complying with China's political demands.
January	The US should not target and kill foreign government officials.
February	The US should permit state aid—including tuition—to religious schools.
March	The US should adopt a "no first use" policy for nuclear weapons.
May	College education should primarily be conducted online.

2018-19 School Year

Tournament	Resolution
September / Scrimmage	The US should strongly support and work through the UN.
October	Cash bail should be eliminated.
November	Elite schools should prioritize ability over alternatives methods of selecting students.
December	Internet companies should not moderate users and content unless such content is illegal.
January	Third parties should not be permitted to invest in lawsuits.
February	Genetic modification of species in the wild is on balance unethical.
March	No tournament due to weather
State Finals	The US Supreme Court should be significantly reformed.

2017-18 School Year

Tournament	Resolution
September / Scrimmage	Every citizen should complete one year of national service.
October	The US should expand and modernize its nuclear arsenal.
November	The US should prioritize protecting the domestic economy in future trade negotiations.
December	No tournament due to weather
January	The US should institute a universal basic income.
February	Colleges should not invite speakers likely to result in disruption.
February Makeup	Geoengineering should be used to combat global warming.
March	A sitting President should be indictable.
State Finals	Individuals should be paid for the use of their personal data.

2016-17 School Year

Tournament	Resolution
September / Scrimmage	The US Electoral College electors should vote their conscience.
October	The Courts should set State education policy.
November	The Dakota Access Pipeline should not be built.
December	The US Should join the International Criminal Court.
January	No tournament due to weather.
February	Internet sites should be required to remove fake news.
March	Student loans should be limited to those students and amounts that are highly likely to be repaid in full.
State Finals	Executive orders should require Congressional review.

2015-16 School Year

Tournament	Resolution
September / Scrimmage	Cities, states and other local governments should cooperate fully with Federal authorities to enforce Federal immigration laws and policies.
October	The US should significantly raise the minimum wage.
November	The US should approve the Trans-Pacific Partnership treaty.
December	Parents should have the right to “opt out” of standardized tests for their children.
January	Children should not have “intelligent” or internet-enabled toys.
February	Federal lands should be largely turned over to the States.
March	Apple should cooperate with the FBI to unlock Farook’s iPhone.
State Finals	The US should resettle a significant share of Mideast refugees.

2014-15 School Year

Tournament	Resolution
September / Scrimmage	The West should provide direct military aid to the Ukraine.
October	Nations should permit secession and self-determination.
November	The US should increase the availability of economically and socially integrated affordable housing.
December (Parli format tournament)	This House Would prohibit the emigration of medical personnel from less developed to developed countries. This House Would ignore experimental drug testing protocols to fight deadly epidemics. This House Would implement aggressive screening and quarantines to prevent international disease transmission.
January	Police should be required to wear body cameras when on duty.
February	The government should provide free community college education.
March	Technology companies should fully encrypt their products.
State Finals	Businesses should have the right to freely exercise their religious beliefs.

2013-14 School Year

Tournament	Resolution
September / Scrimmage	The US should not prosecute Edward Snowden.
October	All schools in the United States should be required to teach to a common academic standard.
November	The United States should imprison only those who commit violent crimes.
December	No tournament due to weather.
January	States and municipalities should not provide economic subsidies or incentives to corporations.
February 1	The use of drones for targeted killing of individuals should be prohibited.
February 15	No tournament due to weather
March 1	Rich countries should compensate poor countries adversely affected by climate change.
State Finals	We (Russia) should actively seek to reincorporate those former Soviet territories with a substantial Russian population.

2012-13 School Year

Tournament	Resolution
September / Scrimmage	Schools should adopt a “bring your own device” (byod) policy to technology.
October	Inflammatory speech and publications should not be protected under the First Amendment.
November	The United States should adopt a “no-first strike” policy for cyber warfare.
December	No tournament
January	The government should not fund reconstruction of private property after natural disasters.
February 2	College financial aid should be based on merit and/or expected future earnings.
February 16	Cities and towns should have the final decision on whether to permit drilling and “fracking” for oil and natural gas.
March 2	The US should not intervene militarily in foreign countries.
State Finals	NAFTA should be expanded to permit the free movement of labor.

2011-12 School Year

Tournament	Resolution
October 1	The US should significantly increase taxes on the rich.
October 15	Connecticut should eliminate the death penalty.
November	The US should adopt legislation substantially similar to the DREAM Act.
December	The U.S. should significantly increase investment in microgeneration.
January	College athletes should be paid competitive salaries.
February	The UN should accept Palestine as a member state.
March 3	The Chinese system of “state capitalism” is better than the US system of “free market capitalism.”
State Finals	All US residents should be required to purchase health insurance.

2010-11 School Year

Tournament	Resolution
October 2	The U.S. should repeal all estate and inheritance taxes.
October 16	The U.S should legalize the sale and use of “illicit” drugs.
November	Developing nations should privatize their water systems
December	Wikileaks should be suppressed and anyone associated with it prosecuted.
January	No tournament due to the weather.
February	No tournament due to the weather
February 12	Teacher pay, promotion and tenure should be based primarily on measured student performance.
March 5	U.S. foreign policy should prioritize democracy ahead of stability.
State Finals	The U.S. should ban collective bargaining by public sector labor unions.

2009-10 School Year

Tournament	Resolution
October	The US should implement a “public option” as part of comprehensive health care reform.
November	Iran should comply with the UN-sponsored uranium exchange agreement.
December	All accused terrorists should be tried by military tribunals.
January	The US should respond to global warming by instituting a significant reduction in carbon emissions.
February	No tournament due to the weather.
March 6	The patenting of human DNA should not be permitted.
State Finals	The U.S. should significantly limit corporate spending on federal elections.

2008-09 School Year

Tournament	Resolution
October	Connecticut should adopt high school education reforms substantially similar to the McQuillan Initiative.
November	That the media in the United States should be required to abide by the Fairness Doctrine.
December	The United States should repeal the United States-India Nuclear Cooperation Approval and Nonproliferation Enhancement Act.
January	No tournament due to the weather
February	That soft drinks with added sugar should be taxed to discourage their consumption.
March 7	The U.S. should withdraw all regular combat forces from Afghanistan.
March 28	The U.S. should significantly limit total compensation paid by corporations to individual employees.

2007-08 School Year

Tournament	Resolution
October	The United States should boycott the 2008 Beijing Olympics.
November	Aviation fuel for all domestic and international flights should be taxed for the purposes of combating global climate change.
December	No tournament due to inclement weather
January	In Connecticut illegal immigrant college students should be eligible to receive academic financial aid including in-state tuition rates.
February	That the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) should be significantly expanded.
March 3	In the US, state-sponsored gambling lotteries should be abolished.
March 29	U.S. federal budget funding for NASA (National Aeronautics & Space Administration) should be substantially decreased.

2006-07 School Year

Tournament	Resolution
October	Christopher Columbus' role in American history should continue to be celebrated in the U.S.
November	Federally standardized, electronically readable driver's licenses & ID cards and their associated federal database should be implemented throughout the United States.
December	In the U.S. a student's race is an appropriate factor in admissions policies & practices at public elementary and secondary schools.
January	In the United States the keeping of animals in zoos should be banned.
February	In the U.S., public high school athletes should undergo mandatory random drug testing.
March 3	The U.S. should actively pursue development and expansion of its nuclear power facilities.
March 24	The U.S. government should give Slavery Reparations to its African-American citizens.

2005-06 School Year

Tournament	Resolution
October	The "Pledge of Allegiance," as quoted below, should continue to be recited in US public schools.
November	Employer policies banning employees from smoking both on and off the job should be illegal.
December	All citizens of the United States should be required to register as post-mortem organ donors.
January	"Collaborative Drug Therapy Management" as proposed in MA Bill #2689 should be implemented in the US.
February	No tournament due to inclement weather.
March	The Supreme Court ruling on eminent domain in the case of Kelo v. New London should be overturned.
April	In the United States "bloggers" should be protected by the "Shield Laws" and "Journalistic Privilege" which protects U.S. journalists.

The Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Collaborative Drug Therapy Management

"Collaborative Drug Therapy Management" means the initiating, monitoring, modifying and discontinuing of a patient's drug therapy by a pharmacist in accordance with a collaborative practice agreement.

2004-05 School Year

Tournament	Resolution
October	All U.S. states' electoral votes should be proportionately distributed as proposed in Colorado's Amendment 36.
November	Topic: outsourcing of US jobs overseas.
December	Commencing in 2005, the U.S. selective service "draft" should be reactivated.
January	No tournament due to inclement weather.
February	Topic: opening of Alaskan National Wildlife Reserve to oil exploration
March	The United States Congress should enact legislation limiting non-economic (pain and suffering) compensatory damage awards in personal injury lawsuits to \$250,000.
April	The U.S. Supreme Court, in deliberating "Ashcroft v. Reich" should rule in favor of Reich, thereby upholding California's "Compassionate Use Act."

2003-04 School Year

Tournament	Resolution
October	The constitutional rights of Federal prisoners should be restricted for the protection of American society.
November	That the United States should immediately withdraw from Iraq.
December	The United States should normalize relations with the Cuban government by lifting its embargo.
January	Term limits for all elected officials should be abolished.
February	Topic: NASA space shuttle
March	The U.S. Constitution should be amended to define and protect marriage as a union of man and women as husband and wife.
April	In the United States physician-assisted suicide for the terminally ill should be legalized.

2002-03 School Year

Tournament	Resolution
October	The benefits of a war with Iraq outweigh the concerns related to such a war.
November	That government regulation of the media at the expense of freedom of the press is necessary for the protection of American society.
December	???
January	The Federal Government of the United States shall ensure that all American citizens are guaranteed quality health care.
February	Offshore drilling within U.S. territorial waters shall be banned.
March	The inherent costs of manned space exploration can no longer be justified.
April	In the United States capital punishment (the death penalty) should not be abolished.

2001-02 School Year

Tournament	Resolution
October	???
November	Topic: civil liberties in wartime
December	???
January	???
February	???
March	???
April	???

2000-01 School Year

Tournament	Resolution
October	Topic: Defense vs. environmental spending
November	Topic: Mastery testing for graduation
December	???
January	???
February	That fragile ecosystems need to be protected by laws to keep people out.
March	That people who play professional sports should be reminded, severely if necessary, of their responsibility to be good role models for their man fans, both young and old.
April	

1999-2000 School Year

Tournament	Resolution
October	U.S. First Amendment rights to free expression should be valued above a conflicting desire to protect certain societal and/or religious symbols from defamation.
November	Humankind should not engage in the genetic alteration of living things.
December	???
January	Teachers should be paid according to the success of their students, not according to the economic laws of supply and demand.
February	U.S. taxpayers must perform a minimum of 50 hours unpaid social service work per year or be required to pay an additional tax.
March	People who play professional sports should be reminded, severely if necessary, of their responsibility to be good role models for their many fans, both young and old.
April	The USA must provide military backing to democratic societies militarily threatened by undemocratic societies.

1998-99 School Year

Tournament	Resolution
October	Protection of the public health is more important than the civil liberties of people with HIV.
November	The election of an ex-professional wrestler to the office of Governor of Minnesota is a sign of the ongoing debasement of American electoral politics.
December	???
January	???
February	The actions of mentally disturbed individuals should not cause the courts to deprive an entire class of citizens of their basic rights.
March	Teachers in the future should have to be as knowledgeable about effective use of technology in the classroom as they need to be about their subject areas.
April	The United States should trade favorably and fully only with those countries which practice full democracy, with attendant human rights and individual freedoms.

1997-98 School Year

Tournament	Resolution
October	???
November	American presidents should be elected to one (and only one) six-year term.
November	That prison inmate labor is an acceptable manpower resource for American companies.
December	Many northeastern states (in the USA) need to change.
January	???
February	Urban areas have outlived their usefulness as economic centers in America. Our American society must do more to protect our citizens from themselves.
February	Our American society must do more to protect our citizens from themselves.
April	The free speech of minors (under 18 years of age) needs to be more restricted (by rule of law) than the free speech of adults (over 18 years of age).

1996-97 School Year

Tournament	Resolution
October	???
November	Spending U.S. federal funds in foreign humanitarian causes is worth every cent.
December	Americans should consider religion on the internet a viable alternative to traditional modes of worship.
January	???
February	???
March	In American schools where grade inflation has occurred, making grading standards more arduous will better serve such schools, their students and communities.
April	???