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THW—This House would

THBT—This House believes that

Round 1 Motions

- THW instruct jurors to acquit when they believe that a law conviction would be against the public interest.
- THW ban all advertising.
- THBT the average couple seeking to have a child should adopt.

Round 2 Motions

- THW remove licensing requirements for the practice of law.
- THBT Western liberal democracies should ban their citizens from visiting illiberal countries whose economies depend on tourism.
- THW not give foreign aid to oppressive governments, even if they use the aid efficiently.

Round 3 Motions

- THW legalize drugs.
- THBT the government should deny tax exemptions to religious organizations that discriminate on race, gender or sexual orientation.
- THBT given a machine that could perfectly diagnose mental illness, the government should require all citizens to get tested with the machine.

Semi-finals

In 1954 the United States Supreme Court ruled that racial segregation in public schools was unconstitutional, ending segregationist practices that had persisted in parts of the U.S., including Arkansas, since the end of the Civil War. The Governor of Arkansas threatened to defy this decision using the National Guard and State law enforcement, leading to a stand-off with the Federal Government in which President Eisenhower promised Marine guards to any student agreeing to forcibly integrate the all-white Little Rock Central High School for the 1957-58 school year. As a Black parent living in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1957 with no supernatural knowledge of the outcome, THBT you should volunteer your child to forcibly integrate the high school.

Finals

This House would be vegetarian.