Osterweis 2016 Motions

Varsity Round 1

This House would pay single parents who choose not to work. This House believes that the West should lead the fight against ISIS. This House would punish parents who fail to vaccinate their children.

Varsity Round 2/Novice Round 1

This House would boycott professional sports teams with controversial, culturally-appropriated mascots. This House would not invest in companies in the fossil fuel industry. This House supports civil disobedience in response to police brutality.

Varsity Round 3/Novice Round 2

This House believes developed countries are morally obligated to fight climate change. This House would fund art that depicts the struggles of marginalized groups. This House believes people should not celebrate the deaths of their enemies.

Varsity Round 4/Novice Round 3

This House would institute a gun buyback program in the United States of America. This House would permit terminally-ill patients to take drugs which have not yet completed testing. This House would support extensive Russian military involvement in Syria.

Semi-Finals

This House would prioritize vocational education over the liberal arts in high schools.

Novice Finals

This House believes that you, as an American voter, should vote for your favorite candidate regardless of their electability.

Varsity Final

Information: In American politics, Democratic Party superdelegates include distinguished party leaders, and elected officials, including all Democratic members of the House and Senate and sitting Democratic governors. Democratic superdelegates are free to support any candidate for the nomination. This contrasts with convention "pledged" delegates who are selected based on the party primaries and caucuses in each U.S. state, in which voters choose among candidates for the party's presidential nomination. Because they are free to support anyone they want, superdelegates could potentially swing the results to nominate a presidential candidate who did not receive the majority of votes during the primaries.

This House would abolish superdelegates.