

**Vassar Invitational**  
**October 30-31, 2021**  
**Motions**

**Round 1 (Novice and Varsity)**

THBT developing countries should acquire, on the open market, large stakes in major publicly traded global corporations (e.g. Google, JP Morgan, Pfizer, etc.).

THBT microfinance organizations offering loans in developing countries should offer them exclusively to ventures led by women.

**Round 2 (Novice and Varsity)**

THS government funded stadiums and arenas for professional sports teams.

THBT the American high school sports culture does more harm than good.

**Round 3 (Novice and Varsity)**

THBT it is immoral for the rich to not publicly support and campaign for tax increases on themselves and their assets.

E-sports is a form of competition using video games. THR the glorification of e-sport celebrities.

**Round 4 (Novice and Varsity)**

Meta-studies have suggested that the majority of published research articles state conclusions which are incorrect. Replication studies are experimental attempts to reproduce previously published scientific findings.

THW require all research institutions to use at least half of their resources (e.g. time, staff, money, etc.) to complete replication studies.

Big data refers to the collection by online companies of huge volumes of data at a high velocity (i.e. in real time) covering a wide variety of detailed metrics from user search histories, mouse movement patterns, scrolling patterns, personal information, economic information, etc. Big data is used to create statistical models that predict various relevant outcomes such as product interest, resource consumption, etc.

THS governments significantly increasing their use of big data-based predictive models in decision making to replace human judgments (e.g. criminal justice policy, allocation of healthcare resources, housing development).

## **Varsity Octos**

THBT schools should have the right to punish harmful speech that occurs outside of school (e.g. cyberbullying, profanity, hate speech, etc.).

TH, as a parent, W actively encourage their daughter to pursue a career field where women are historically underrepresented (e.g. software engineering, construction industry, finance).

## **Varsity Quarters**

THW ban all individuals who have advocated or used violence to further a political cause from running in future political elections.

THBT multinational companies should be liable for human rights abuses that occur anywhere in their supply chain.

## **Novice Semis**

THW eliminate exam-based admissions for all high schools and universities.

THR the glorification of the concept of “genius.”

## **Varsity Semis**

The Fairness Doctrine was a policy under the US Federal Communications Commission (FCC) that required television and radio broadcasters, as part of the requirement for broadcasters to hold broadcasting licenses, to devote some of their airtime to discussing controversial matters of public interest and to air contrasting views on those matters in a manner that was honest, equitable, and balanced. However, this did not explicitly require devoting equal time to both sides.

THS the Fairness Doctrine.

TH, as the US, W give political independence to its inhabited, unincorporated territories (Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the US Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands) rather than provide them with full statehood status.

## **Novice Finals**

TH, as the United States, W prioritize economic engagement with North Korea instead of demanding nuclear disarmament.

THBT the EU should not interfere with the internal politics and policies of its members so long as these do not impact trade or foreign policy.