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Parliamentary Division

These are the motions used in the 2012 Yale Invitational. All of the preliminary rounds were double flighted. There was no overall theme for the tournament, but the subject area changed for each round.

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Preliminary Rounds

ROUND 1 [BIOETHICS]

Flight A

THW legalize physician assisted suicide along Oregon's lines. (Specifically, patient has to be terminally ill, be expected to die within 6 months, be approved by two doctors, undergo a 15 day waiting period, provide written consent witnessed by two people, one of whom is not a relative).

THBT people should be required to donate blood.

THW ban abortion at all stages of pregnancy.

Flight B

THBT the very elderly have a duty to die.

THBT past alcoholism should be a negative factor in determining who gets liver donations.

THW overturn animal rights laws for the purposes of scientific testing.

ROUND 2 [EDUCATION]

Flight A

THW ban homeschooling.

THW prohibit unionized teachers from striking.

THBT all high schools should be single-sex.

Flight B

THW sacrifice arts and physical education for math and reading in schools.

THW abolish tenure for high school teachers.

THW mandate a year of community service after high school.

ROUND 3 [TERRORISM]

Flight A

THBT governments should never trade captured terrorists to acquire captured government soldiers.

THBT terrorism for a just cause is just.

THBT governments should be permitted to detain terrorists indefinitely.

Flight B

THW stop conducting targeted assassinations of terrorists.

THBT western liberal democracies should pull out of chemical weapons treaties.

THW racially and ethnically profile at airports.

ROUND 4 [TECHNOLOGY]

Flight A

TH supports international governance of the Internet.

THBT intellectual property rights should dissolve upon the original creator's death.

In a world where extraterrestrials entered our solar system but did not discover humanity, THW not reveal the existence of our species by reaching out to communicate.

Flight B

THBT the Internet should not be anonymous.

THBT Facebook has not been a force for good.

THBT Internet providers should not obey local censorship laws.

ROUND 5 [CRIMINAL JUSTICE]

Flight A

THW require all criminal defendants to use public defenders.

THW would criminally punish adult passengers in cars with drunk drivers.

THBT lifetime sentences for underage offenders are just.

Flight B

THW abolish state contracts with for-profit private prisons.

THW criminalize adultery.

THBT financial crimes should be punished as severely as crimes of violence.

Elimination Rounds

QUARTERFINALS [SOCIAL RELATIONS]

Flight A

THW ban gated communities.

THW institute individual wealth caps of 10M in net assets.

THBT western liberal democracies should ban all civilian firearm possession.

Flight B

THBT governments should not fund art.

THBT nations with a sizable Muslim population should place restrictions on depictions of Mohammed in the media.

THW abolish legacy admissions at universities.

SEMIFINALS [MILITARY]

THBT countries that use a draft should not provide an exemption for conscientious objectors. To clarify, conscientious objectors are those who object to violence for ethical or religious reasons.

THBT the military shouldn't use recruitment tactics targeting lower socioeconomic demographics.

THW not prosecute individuals who leak classified materials when uncovering military abuse.

FINALS

THW prosecute players who intentionally commit violent fouls in sports.

THW prohibit food stamp users from purchasing junk food.

THW institute gender quotas on corporate boards.