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Parliamentary Division

Motions by Round and Flight

Round 1, Flight A

THW impose harsher sentences on celebrity criminals.

THS reduced criminal sentences for those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

THW not allow out of court settlements for workplace discrimination and/or harassment.

Round 1, Flight B

THBT police officers should be punished more harshly for their crimes.

THW prohibit criminals from publishing accounts of their crimes.

THW require all defendants in criminal trials to be represented exclusively by public defenders.

Round 2, Flight A

THW abolish permanent members on the UN Security Council.

TH, as Iran, would cease all support for military activities in other Middle Eastern countries.

THBT assassination is a legitimate tool of foreign policy.

Round 2, Flight B

THW give the International Criminal Court independent universal prosecutorial authority.

(Currently the ICC may only prosecute crimes committed in countries who are a party to the court, or crimes referred to it by the UN Security Council. Not all countries are members, and some have withdrawn when faced with likely prosecution.)

TH, as the US, would withdraw its military forces from the Middle East.

THBT the US and its allies should actively retaliate against cyber attacks.

Round 3, Flight A

THW require all non-managerial workers to be unionized.

In the event of another financial crisis, THW not rescue private firms.

TH supports job security legislation. (Alternatively: THW limit the right of corporations to fire workers.)

Round 3, Flight B

THW permit members of the armed forces to unionize.

THW require firms that outsource should be required to see these workers receive the same pay and benefits as direct employees. (“Outsourcing” is the hiring of temporary workers or subcontracting workers through another firm to do the same work as employees on the corporate payroll.)

THW not offer government incentives to private firms to relocate.

Round 4, Flight A

THW require all politicians to publicly retract false or misleading statements.

THW require all eligible and able adults to vote.

THBT all political campaign activity should be publicly funded.

Round 4, Flight B

THBT politicians should be required to open their private lives for review prior to seeking office.

THW give all able adult residents the right to vote, regardless of citizenship.

THW require all campaign and/or election activity and advertising to be funded by individual donations (with corporations and other organizations not considered as “individuals” in this instance).

Round 5, Flight A

THBT the largest internet firms should be broken up. (E.g., Amazon, Google, Facebook, Alibaba, Twitter, etc.)

THBT the source code for the software in any consumer product should be publicly available.

TH, as a parent of a school-age child, would see that their child spent more time reading books than using electronic devices.

Round 5, Flight B

THBT social media firms should not censor users unless posted content violates the law.

THBT the algorithms used by internet firms should be available for public inspection and review.

TH, as a parent of a school-age child, would allow their child to decide how much time to spend using electronic devices.

Round Octo-Finals, Flight A

THBT legal rights organizations (e.g., the ACLU), should refuse to defend the rights of those who deny the rights of others (e.g., white supremacists, neo-Nazis).

THBT technology is more of a threat than a benefit to human rights.

THW prioritize national security over individual rights.

Round Octo-Finals, Flight B

TH prefers the US approach to free speech over the European approach to free speech. (The US approach only suppresses speech likely to result in imminent violence, e.g., yelling fire in a crowded theater or inciting a riot. The European approach permits the suppression of speech likely to be harmful, e.g., “hate speech”, insults to religion, Holocaust denial.)

THBT government surveillance of public spaces is always justified.

THBT repression of civil rights justifies violent action.

Round Quarter Finals

THBT cultural appropriation is appropriate.

THBT art and artists should be judged on the work only, not the person.

THBT government should not support the arts financially.

Round Semi Finals

THW limit religious schools to religious instruction. (I.e., K-12 students would be required to attend non-religious schools for required secular education.)

THW remove the tax exemptions from religious institutions and organizations.

THW bar religious leaders from advocating for political causes or candidates.

Round Final

THBT elected officials should not be subject to criminal indictment and/or subpoena while in office.

TH, as a senior government official, would resign in protest rather than stay and influence policy.