

Yale Invitational 2019

Parliamentary Debate Motions

Round 1: Elections

THW require citizens to pass a test to vote.

THR the use of primaries to select party candidates for office.

THW prohibit elected officials from engaging in fund raising activities while in office.

Round 2: International

THS tariffs on China.

THR US military power.

TH, as a Western democracy, would act to raise the birth rate.

Round 3: Broad Statements

TH agrees that meritocracy is a myth invented by the rich.

("meritocracy" is a system or belief that the most able rise to the top through talent and hard work)

THBT democracies ultimately commit suicide.

(comment made by John Adams, one of the authors of the Declaration of Independence and second President of the United States)

THS direct democracy.

("direct democracy" would put all major policy, legislative and/or judicial questions to a popular vote, which would be decisive)

Round 4: Internet/Technology

THW require all internet and social media services to verify the identity of their users.

THW ban the use of the internet and social media in political campaigns.

THW forbid Amazon from selling its own products on its system.

Round 5: Society

THW subsidize news organizations.

THW ban contact sports.

THW put a citizenship question on the census.

Partial OctoFinals: Corporate/Business

THS a substantial increase in the minimum wage.

THW ban non-compete agreements.

THR the emergence of the “sharing” economy.

QuarterFinal: Government

THW eliminate the Presidential veto.

THW place US environmental policy in the hands of an independent body similar to the Federal Reserve.

THW replace impeachment with an independent prosecutor for misconduct by elected officials.

SemiFinal: Education

THW require each college to accept students at random from those applicants who meet that school’s minimum standards.

THBT colleges and universities should be able to accept faculty, research staff and students world-wide without government interference.

THR colleges spending on student amenities.

Final: Law and Justice

THW not exclude at trial evidence obtained improperly.

THBT a juror should vote to acquit if they believe a law is unjust or unjustly applied.

THR the proliferation of surveillance cameras.