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Round 1, Flight A

THB in a mandatory retirement age.

THBT healthcare is a business not a right.

TH, as a college, would not provide “trigger warnings” or “safe spaces” with respect to any course or course material.

Round 1, Flight B

THBT doctors should refuse to accept as patients families who do not agree to vaccinate their children.

THBT celebrity culture is on balance harmful.

THW make all medical records available for research purposes.

Round 2, Flight A

THBT direct democracy can and should be implemented. (“Direct democracy” means all substantive issues are put to the citizens for a vote.)

THW not permit early voting (that is, all voting should be done on election day).

THBT a parliamentary form of government is superior to a presidential form of government.

Round 2, Flight B

THBT referendums are, on balance, harmful to good government.

THW implement all voting through the internet.

THBT multiparty (more than two major political parties) systems are superior to two-party systems.

Round 3, Flight A

THBT governments should provide free life-long education.

THW withdraw government financial support from colleges with low graduation rates.

THBT elementary and high school students should be required to take courses in civics and citizenship.

Round 3, Flight B

THBT the rich should not be permitted to spend more on their children’s education than the poor.

THW base the amount of financial aid on the major selected by the student.

THBT elementary and high school children should not be suspended or expelled from school.

Round 4, Flight A

TH, as the United States, should declare that it would not be the first to use nuclear weapons in any situation.

THW allow civil law suits against governments that support terrorism.

THBT assassination is a legitimate tool of statecraft.

Round 4, Flight B

THBT terrorists do not deserve due process.

THW resume nuclear weapons testing.

TH supports universal jurisdiction for war crimes and crimes against humanity.

(N.B. “universal jurisdiction” means any country can authorize a court to try such a crime committed by anyone anywhere in the world.)

Round 5, Flight A

THW prosecute the use or publication of hacked material.

THW permit civil suits against fossil fuel companies for global warming.

THBT the United States should relinquish control over the internet.

Round 5, Flight B

THW take offensive steps against foreign hackers.

THW ban publication of material that denies global warming.

THW ban anonymous use of the internet.

Round Octo Finals, Flight A

THW ban non-compete clauses in employment contracts.

(N.B. “non-compete” clauses forbid an employee from working for a competitor for a certain period after leaving the company.)

THW eliminate cash.

THW not offer tax breaks or subsidies to corporations.

Round Octo Finals, Flight B

THW ban anonymous economic transactions.

THBT, on balance, government-sponsored lotteries and similar games of chance are harmful.

THW provide a guaranteed annual income for all citizens.

Round Quarter Finals

THBT all judicial proceedings, verdicts and settlements should be made public.

THBT criminal trials should be heard by judges not juries.

THBT, in a country where the government is weak, extra-legal killing of criminals is justified.

Round Semi Finals

THW require all immigrants to pass a loyalty test.

THBT social media is, on balance, harmful.

THW implement a full embargo on North Korea until it ended its nuclear weapons program.

(N.B., a “full embargo” means interdicting all traffic to and from ports, airports, etc.)

Round Final

THBT it is time to end birthright citizenship for non-citizens.

(N.B., “birthright citizenship” means if you are born in a country you are automatically a citizen.)

THBT technocracy is superior to democracy.

(N.B. “technocracy” means government officials are selected on the basis of training, ability and experience rather than elected or appointed.)

THW ban laptops, tablets, cell phones and similar devices from classrooms.