

Vassar Invitational 2018

Motions by Round

Preliminary Rounds

Round 1: Education

THBT affirmative action is counterproductive for reducing inequalities.

THBT more gifted students should be given more difficult exams.

THS the use of “tiger parenting”. (“Tiger parenting” is a term that refers to strict or demanding parents who push their children to succeed academically.)

Round 2: Technology/Social Media

THR the widespread proliferation of social media among young people.

THBT government surveillance of internet traffic is warranted.

THBT public figures should be held legally responsible for the accuracy of their claims on social media.

Round 3: China

THBT the Chinese model of development is superior to the Western model of development.

THBT the US should cede regional hegemony in East Asia to China.

THBT a trade war with China is necessary.

Round 4: Art

THBT museums should be required to sell pieces or artefacts that are kept in long term storage and not on display.

THW prohibit private ownership of art deemed to be culturally or historically significant.

THBT public funding should not be used to support artists whose work the government finds objectionable.

Round 5: Philosophy

THW prefer a world where all humans speak the same language.

THBT violent civil disobedience is never justified.

THW prefer a world in which one can't lie.

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Elimination Rounds

Novice

Semifinals: THW ensure the right for incarcerated criminals to vote.

Finals: THBT Western States should irrevocably remove citizenship of citizens who join the so-called Islamic State.

Varsity

Quarterfinals: THW prioritize poverty reduction over environmental protection.

Semifinals: THBT Supreme Court justices should be elected, not appointed.

Finals: TH, as the United States, would discontinue the current domestic policy of granting citizenship.

(The current policy in the United States concerning citizenship is to automatically grant citizenship to any child born in the United States, whether born to a citizen, a legal immigrant, or an illegal immigrant.)