

Congress Resolutions for the 2018 Holiday Edgy Debate.

A Bill to Mandate Public Service Among Young Americans

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. All citizens of the United States shall work a paid position in public service for at least 18 consecutive months between the ages of 18 and 30.

Section 2. Public service shall be defined as a service rendered in the public interest. Citizens that are deemed physically or mentally unfit during an induction physical shall be exempt from service. All citizens that have served or are serving in the military shall be exempt from this bill.

Section 3. The United States Department of Labor and the Selective Service System shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect on January 1, 2025.

Section 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hood River Valley High School.

A Bill to Abolish Gas-Powered Cars to Lower Emissions

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. The sale and use of gasoline powered vehicles shall be abolished.

Section 2. Gasoline powered vehicles include but are not limited to cars, motorcycles, and trucks. Airplanes and small, gas-powered toys (such as model airplanes, boats and cars) shall be exempt from this legislation.

Section 3.

The Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Transportation shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

SECTION 4. This bill will go in effect on July 1, 2025.

Section 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hood River Valley High School.

A Bill to Incorporate Women in the Draft

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. The Military Draft shall enforce all citizens of sufficient age and capacity to enter the military service of the country as required by the government.

Section 2. Conscription drafts all citizens, including women, ages 18 to 35, sending them to the Armed Services. Conscription grants student deferments (deh-fur-mehnts) (postponements), and ends them upon either a student's completion of a four-year degree or their 24th birthday, whichever comes first. (Similar to the Military Selective Service Act.)

Section 3. The Selective Service System shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect immediately.

Section 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hood River Valley High School.

A Bill to Abolish Facial Recognition to To Ensure Privacy of Citizens

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. Abolish the creation, usage, and distribution of facial recognition software.

Section 2. Facial recognition shall be defined as a biometric software application capable of uniquely identifying or verifying a person by comparing and analyzing patterns based on the person's facial contours. Facial recognition is mostly used for security purposes, though there is increasing interest in other areas of use.

Section 3. The Department of Homeland Security shall oversee the implantation of this bill.

SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2022.

Section 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hood River Valley High School

A Resolution to Relieve the Opioid Epidemic by Pushing the Cancellation of a Patent

1 WHEREAS, Richard Sackler, whose family owns and operates Purdue Pharma,
2 was granted a patent for a new formulation of buprenorphine, a
3 drug that helps relieve cravings for opioids. Purdue Pharma has
4 marketed opioids in the past; and
5 WHEREAS, more than 115 people in the United States die after overdosing on
6 opioids every day; and
7 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate the
8 economic burden of prescription opioid misuse to total \$78.5 billion
9 per year; and
10 WHEREAS, granting Richard Sackler the patent to this new formulation of
11 buprenorphine would allow his family to profit from the opioid crisis
12 they helped begin; now, therefore, be it
13 RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled advise the United States Patent
14 and Trademark Office to cancel the patent awarded to Richard
Sackler pertaining to the new formulation of buprenorphine.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lake Oswego High School.

A Resolution to Maintain the Clarity of the Executive Branch to Keep the Public Informed

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Members of the executive branch have posted messages to the public
2 on social media containing typos, causing confusion and creating
3 misinformation; and
4 **WHEREAS,** social media is an international platform used by several members of
5 the executive branch; and
6 **WHEREAS,** the president's words carry tremendous power; and
7 **WHEREAS,** simple typos in posts by members of the executive branch have
8 already spread misinformation; now, therefore, be it
9 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled advises the President to have an
 aide review their social media posts.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lake Oswego High School.

A Bill to Enact a Federal Carbon Tax

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS THAT:

SECTION 1. A tax of \$15 per metric ton of carbon dioxide emitted shall be paid by every commercial business operating within the United States.

SECTION 2. Taxable carbon dioxide emissions include those emitted in power generation, transportation, agriculture, manufacturing, or any other carbon-emitting practice. Taxable carbon emissions do not include those involved with personal transportation.

SECTION 3. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in coordination with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) shall be responsible for ensuring that companies abide by this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect at the beginning of fiscal year 2020.

SECTION 5. A legislation in conflict with this policy shall hereby be declared null and void.

Introduced by Cleveland High School

A Bill to End the Family Separations

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS THAT:

SECTION 1. Separations of children and parents at the United States-Mexico border shall be ended unconditionally.

SECTION 2. All instances wherein a parent or guardian and their child are separated, barring those cases in which the parent is deemed a danger to their child, are now illegal.

SECTION 3. United States Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) shall immediately cease and desist; the US department of justice shall oversee this stop.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect immediately following ratification.

SECTION 5. A legislation in conflict with this policy shall hereby be declared null and void.

Introduced by Cleveland High School

A Bill to End the Death Penalty

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS THAT:

SECTION 1. Death shall not be utilized as a punishment for crime by the government of the United States, any of the 50 states, or within any area under US jurisdiction.

SECTION 2. Area under US jurisdiction shall include the unincorporated territories of: Puerto Rico, Guam, The Northern Mariana Islands, The US Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and any territory or base governed by US forces, both in times of peace and war.

SECTION 3. The US department of justice shall be tasked with seeing that this legislation is followed. The US Department of Defense shall oversee their forces.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect immediately following ratification, all inmates currently awaiting execution shall be removed from death row and granted a hearing to determine their proper placement within the prison system.

SECTION 5. A legislation in conflict with this policy shall hereby be declared null and void.

Introduced by Cleveland High School

A Bill to Divide the States of California and Texas

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS THAT:

- SECTION 1.** The states of California and Texas shall be divided into new states each to safeguard the democratic process.
- SECTION 2.** Division of the states of California and Texas will entail the creation of new independent states with their own governments, economies, and populations.
- SECTION 3.** States shall divide themselves in a manner to better represent diverse political communities. Division plans shall be ratified by each state's congress with a two-thirds majority vote. After ratification, division plans shall be submitted to US congress for final approval.
- SECTION 4.** States shall consider this issue immediately in their next congressional session and plans for division must be submitted by the beginning of fiscal year 2022.
- SECTION 5.** A legislation in conflict with this policy shall hereby be declared null and void.

Introduced by Cleveland High School

A Bill to Hold Social Media Companies Accountable

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS THAT:

SECTION 1. Social media companies shall be held accountable for serious misinformation and libel that originates or spreads on their site.

SECTION 2. Misinformation and libel shall include those cases where shared contents pose a harm to security, personal privacy, or integrity of a process including but not limited to: local, state, and federal elections.

SECTION 3. The United States department of justice shall be tasked with bringing suits against media companies if they deem harmful content is being spread on those sites.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect immediately following ratification.

SECTION 5. A legislation in conflict with this policy shall hereby be declared null and void.

Introduced by Cleveland High School

A Resolution to Realign US Partnerships in Asia

- WHEREAS,** China continues to violate international laws and wishes and verges on destabilizing their sphere of influence; and
- WHEREAS,** India continues to be one of the fastest-developing nations and will soon be a world leader in many respects; and
- WHEREAS,** Ignorance of India's rise and complacency with Chinese actions will be detrimental to the security and economy of the United States; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** By this Congress that: diplomatic ties with India shall be prioritized over US-Chinese relations.

Introduced by Cleveland High School

A Resolution to Realign US Partnerships in the Middle East

- WHEREAS,** Saudi Arabia has continuously violated human rights, undermined democratic values, and posed a threat to their region; and
- WHEREAS,** American influence with another influential nation in the region, Iran, has needed reparations; and
- WHEREAS,** US complacency with Saudi Arabian actions and failure to make good with Iran will lessen US influence in the Middle East and undermine US foreign policy; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** By this Congress that: diplomatic ties with Iran will be strengthened, while simultaneously working to reduce our ties with Saudi Arabia.

Introduced by Cleveland High School

A Bill to Reduce the Carbon Emissions to Stop Climate Change

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1: The United States shall reduce their metric tonnage of carbon emissions by 10 percent by the year 2050.

SECTION 2: “Carbon emissions” shall be defined as all greenhouse gases from human industrial sources.

SECTION 3: The Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Department of Energy shall be responsible for the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4: This legislation shall take effect immediately upon its passage. The Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Department of Energy must notify all human industrial sources of this agreement within one month of the passage of this legislation.

SECTION 5: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Westview High School

A Bill to Auto-File Federal Taxes

- Section 1:** A return-free filing tax system should be implemented at a federal Level and should be available to all American taxpayers.
- Section 2:** Return-free is defined as a tax system using the information that the federal government has access to fill in information about taxpayers on their paper work. Taxpayer is defined as someone living in America that pays their taxes each year.
- Section 3:** This law will be under the surveillance of the IRS. Each tax-paying American citizen will have the option to “opt out” of this tax system with a small fee of \$500.
- Section 4:** This legislation will take effect at the beginning of the next tax year after its passage and will be gradually implemented over the course of 3 years, starting with the highest tax bracket and moving down after 1 tax year at the latest.
- Section 5:** The funding of this bill will be taken from the taxes of American citizens collected using this system.

Introduced by Westview High School

A Bill to Forbid Discrimination in Donation Funded Non-Profit Businesses

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Any non-profit business that receives 50% or more of their funding from public donations must provide proof of distributing promised aid without regard to race, sex, sexual orientation, gender orientation or religion.

SECTION 2. A nonprofit business is defined as a business or corporation receiving tax exemption from the IRS according to the Internal Revenue Code (IRC).

SECTION 3. The IRS will be responsible for overseeing the enforcement and authentication of the businesses in following the new guidelines. A clause shall be added to the IRC stating the nondiscrimination requirements and thus ensuring all new businesses looking to apply for nonprofit status will be held accountable of inclusive actions.

SECTION 4. This bill will take effect as of January 1, 2018 upon passing.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Westview High School

A Bill To Protect American Interests In Space

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A separate Department of Space Affairs shall be created so as to better regulate, coordinate, and fund American aerospace interests and to better protect American citizens.

SECTION 2. “Department of Space Affairs” shall be the name given to the newly formed organization that encompasses both **(1)** any and all operations in space formerly conducted by the Department of Defense, and **(2)** any and all Operations conducted in space not overseen, funded, or regulated by NASA. This organization shall be subordinate to the Department of the Air Force.

SECTION 3. The Department of Defense and the Department of the Air Force shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

SUBSECTION A. Funding for this new Department shall be drawn from both Department of Defense and Department of the Air Force budgets for space operations, totaling in 74.1 billion dollars for any operations and research and development.

SECTION 4. This bill shall be implemented no later than January 1st, 2022.

SECTION 5. Any laws in conflict with this legislation are henceforth declared null and void.

Introduced by Westview High School

Bill To Establish Grant Programs for Low Income Schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Secretary of Education must establish a competitive grant program to award grants to local and state educational agencies to address implicit bias in low income elementary and secondary schools.

A. The Secretary of Education shall conduct research in the effects of implicit bias and implicit bias training.

B. A competitive grant program will be established for local educational agencies to implement implicit bias training.

SECTION 2. A. "Implicit bias" is defined as attitudes or stereotypes that affect our understanding, actions, and decisions in an unconscious manner.

B. "Grant program" is defined as a financial award given by the state government to an eligible grantee of lower socioeconomic standing, in which the states can decide how often and how much money is given with a minimum of \$20,000. Grants will be based off schools with students from lowincome neighborhoods, and will be used to fund implicit bias training.

SECTION 3. The Department of Education will oversee the enforcement of this bill by conducting research, working with state governments, allocating funding, and determining which schools will receive grants.

SECTION 4. This bill will be implemented upon the next fiscal year.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Kyler Wang from Lincoln High School.

A Bill to Stop giving Handouts to Private Prisons.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Internal Revenue Code will be amended so that Private prisons will no longer be given tax breaks, under any circumstances.

SECTION 2. Private Prisons will be defined as any corporation that directly or indirectly: operates or manages a prison facility or provides services at or in connection with a prison facility; or provides to any other person (under a franchise, license, or otherwise) rights to any brand name under which any prison facility is operated, subject to specified exceptions. Tax Breaks will be defined as a tax concession or advantage allowed by a government.

SECTION 3. Federal Bureau of Prisons will oversee that no private prison is allowed tax breaks

SECTION 4. This Bill will be implemented starting the next fiscal year.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sadie Nelson of Lincoln High School.

A Resolution to Abolish Straight Ticket Balloting

- WHEREAS,** Some states still offer a straight ticket option on their ballots; and
- WHEREAS,** This allows a voter to mark a ballot for a party and the vote counts for that party in every partisan race; and
- WHEREAS,** The voter may not know who's in that slate of candidates or even look at the names of those running; and
- WHEREAS,** A candidate should not be able to count on receiving votes that they didn't earn; and
- WHEREAS,** Straight ticket voting gives partisans from all major parties a builtin edge over independents; and
- WHEREAS,** Straightticket voting is bad for the health of our political system and ; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for eliminating straight ticket ballots in all states.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by South Kitsap High School

Submitted for Congressional Debate by Lincoln High School

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Set Term Limits for Supreme Court Justices

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

RESOLVED, By twothirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following is proposed as an amendment to the ConsGtuGon of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislature of threefourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

Article 3

Section 1.

Supreme Court Justices shall maintain their position for twelve (12) years from the time of their appointment, unless the justice is found to be outside of the Constitutional standard of good behavior.

Section 2.

The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Puyallup High School

Submitted for Congressional Debate by Lincoln High School

A Bill to Protect American Youth

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Judges are henceforth disallowed from sentencing any people whosoever committed a criminal behavior as a minor to life without parole. Those minors already sentenced to life without parole will in turn be granted a resentencing hearing.

SECTION 2. Minors are defined as any person under the legal age of 18.

SECTION 3. The Federal Bureau of Prisons (FBI) will act as the overseer of the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This bill will take effect as of January 1, 2020 upon passing.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ari Lohr, Wilson High School.

A Bill to Fix Those Roads

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The gas tax will be raised nationally to 25 cents per gallon, with the increased revenue being donated to the Highway Trust Fund.

SECTION 2. These new regulations will be enforced by the US Department of Transportation.

SECTION 3. This bill will take place following its passage on January 2nd, 2019.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ari Lohr, Wilson High School.

A Resolution to Ban Standardized Testing

- WHEREAS,** The United States' education system is continuously failing millions of young adolescents and children;
- WHEREAS,** Standardized test scores harm US education and mental health
- WHEREAS,** Studies have proved time and time again that standardized testing harms education more than it helps it, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled call on the states to make the effort to remove standardized testing from their schools.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ari Lohr, Wilson High School.

A Resolution to Save the Earth

- WHEREAS,** Numerous countries have joined the Paris Climate Accord; and
- WHEREAS,** the Paris Climate Accord is most likely the planet's only chance at reducing climate change; and
- WHEREAS,** despite widespread opposition, President Donald Trump unilaterally pulled the U.S. out of the agreement; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled recommends that the United States rejoin the Paris Climate Accord.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ari Lohr, Wilson High School.