



2021 STUDENT AUTHORED LEGISLATION

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A Bill to Legalize and Regulate Mutual Combat

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Mutual Combat shall be legal within the United States for those who meet
3 all of the requirements which are specified by this law.

4 **SECTION 2.** County governments shall be responsible to monitor and regulate this
5 legislation. County clerks (or the equivalent) are charged with making sure
6 that all parties meet all specified requirements within this legislation.
7 Requirements that must be met in order for mutual combat to be legal
8 shall be: written consent, or an audio clip, from all parties involved with
9 the exact specifications of the duel prior to combat, supervised in person
10 by a county clerk (or the equivalent) of the current county in which all
11 parties are present. Combatants must meet the following requirements
12 which are to be checked by the county clerk (or the equivalent) prior to the
13 signing of the affidavit: There shall be none of the following substances in
14 the body of the combatants: opioids, sedatives, agonists, barbiturates,
15 narcotics, hypnotics, anesthetics, hallucinogens, or depressants;
16 Combatants also must have their own power of attorney and must be free
17 from outside pressures or influences..

18 **SECTION 3.** Local county governments will be charged with implementation of this
19 legislation.

20 **A.** If the county is unable to fulfill the needs of the population, the duty
21 falls upon the nearest city government.

22 **B.** Violations of this law by combatants or county clerks will be treated at
23 maximum equivalent to 1st degree murder.

24 **SECTION 4.** This Legislation will take effect 18 months after passing. All laws in
25 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Idaho Falls Chapter.

A Bill to Grant Statehood to Puerto Rico

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill will grant United States statehood to the United States Territory
3 of Puerto Rico, granting them the same duties but also privileges given to
4 the other states. This includes voting rights, representatives in congress,
5 the payment of federal taxes, etc.

6 **SECTION 2.** Statehood will be defined as: the status of being a state in the U.S. having
7 to maintain all of the duties required by states by the federal
8 government.

9 **SECTION 3.** The implementation of this bill will be overseen by Congress

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 202. All laws in conflict with
11 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Thunder Ridge High School.

A Bill to require self-defense training as Physical Education in Schools

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Both middle and high schools of the United States will be required to
3 teach a minimum of five hours of self-defence training as a part
4 of Physical Education curriculum.

5 **SECTION 2.** Self-defence training will be defined as training and techniques necessary
6 to defending yourself when targeted by crime or violence. Physical
7 Education classes will be defined as instruction in physical exercise in
8 schools.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee this legislation.

10 A. Any funding necessary for this legislation will be given by the
11 Department of Education from both state and federal levels.

12 B. Any schools not abiding to this law will be fined \$500 per
13 school year in which the curriculum isn't taught.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect beginning with the 2021-2022 school year.
15 All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Kimberly High School.

A Bill to Amend the Federal Election Campaign Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This act will be known as the Federal Election Commission Act of 2020.

3 **SECTION 2.** The Federal Election Campaign Act will be amended to modify the 1974
4 amendment to the Act changed the membership of the Federal Election
5 Commission from six members to seven members.

6 **SECTION 3.** This bill will implement changes in section 310 of the S. 3044 Federal
7 Election Campaign Act Amendments of 1974, line 4 changing the 6 to a 7.

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2022. All laws in conflict
9 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Madison High School.

A Resolution to Condemn Democracy in the United States of America

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The state of democracy in America and throughout the world is quickly
2 becoming incompatible with trends of modern society driven by
3 inextricable aspects of human nature; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** This schism between democratic governments and less tangible societal
5 themes has rotted democratic ideals and removed the practical benefits of
6 such governments, necessitating immediate and decisive action; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Without a radical shift in society’s perceptions of democracy the status
8 quo will continue to play out until the natural and unavoidable downfall of
9 democracies; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** This downfall of democracies will lead to the rise of uncontrolled and
11 unpredictable authoritarianism or anarchy on an immense scale; now
12 therefore be it
- 13 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled decisively condemns democracy as a
14 form of government for pragmatic reasons and urges the American people,
15 academics, and leaders to pursue alternative sociopolitical systems.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hillcrest High School.

A Bill to LEGALIZE DUELING

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Dueling will be made legal in the US between consenting citizens over the age of 21 with the
3 purchase of a dueling permit for the purpose of decreasing gang violence.

4 **SECTION 2.** Dueling is defined as combat between two consenting individuals, potentially to the death, for the
5 settlement of a serious dispute.

6 **SECTION 3.** Duels will be prohibited in public spaces and on public land. Duels will be prohibited from being
7 recorded for display in any way..

8 **SECTION 4.** A dueling contract stating rules, reasons, and methods of the duel will be laid out and signed by all
9 witnesses, participants, and a notary prior to the issue of a dueling permit. The date of a duel must
10 be set at minimum 30 days after the issue of a dueling permit. If 90 days passes after the
11 maturation of a dueling permit the permit will expire and require renewal for the duel to take
12 place.

13 **SECTION 5.** Dueling permits will be issued by a US legal judge.

14 **SECTION 6.** Duels will be conducted on private ground with the consent of the landowner in the presence of
15 designated witnesses, a consenting law enforcement officer and consenting coroner. No person(s)
16 shall be forced to witness a duel. A dueling location must be approved by the judge issuing the
17 permit and not endanger or disturb non-participants.

18 **SECTION 7.** Cruel, unusual, and spectacular dueling methods are prohibited at the discretion of the judge
19 issuing the permit. The judge issuing the permit may deny a dueling permit at their own discretion.

20 **SECTION 8** Dueling permits will cost \$100 per combatant. This fee will go directly to the funding of this
21 legislation. This fee will not cover the cost of hiring a lawyer, witnesses, law enforcement officer,
22 notary, and coroner.

23 **SECTION 9.** Any violation of the dueling contract and/or the regulations here set forth will result in the full
24 persecution of the law. Any death resulting from an illegitimate duel will be persecuted as murder
25 in the first-degree.

26 **SECTION 10.** Funding for this legislation will be provided for through dueling permit fees. Initial funding for
27 this legislation will be taken from the budget of the United States Department of Justice.

28 **SECTION 11.** The United States Department of Justice will oversee the implementation and enforcement of this
29 legislation.

30 **SECTION 12.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2022. All laws in conflict with this legislation are
31 hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Teton High School.

A Bill to Ban Third-Trimester Abortions to Protect the Sanctity of Human Life

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** It will now be illegal to perform abortions after week 27 of pregnancy,
3 including partial-birth and after birth abortions unless new medical
4 information concludes that the life of the mother or child is in danger upon
5 delivery.

6 **SECTION 2.** Abortion shall be defined as: The deliberate termination of a human
7 pregnancy. Partial-birth abortion shall be defined as: Dilation and
8 extraction, removing the fetus intact by dilating a pregnant woman's
9 cervix, then pulling the entire body out through the birth canal. After birth
10 abortions shall be defined as: The termination of a child's life after its
11 successful live delivery.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the
13 enforcement of this bill. Physicians and any others who are found
14 violating this law shall be subjected to fine determined by the HHS or a
15 minimum of 2-year imprisonment, or both.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rigby High School.

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution A Resolution to Add a 28th Amendment to the Constitution to Limit the Number of United States Supreme Court Justices

1 **RESOLVED**, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
2 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which
3 shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
4 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within
5 seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

ARTICLE --

7 **SECTION 1:** “The number of Supreme Court Justices shall be set to nine
8 (9) individuals.” In doing so, the power of a president to
9 nominate additional judges (outside of the set number of 9)
10 would not be allowed. Approval of this resolution would
11 set the number of United States Supreme Court at nine (9).

12 **SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
13 appropriate legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Skyline High School.

A Bill to Implement Ranked Choice Voting in All Federal Elections

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All federal elections shall utilize a ranked choice voting system.

3 **SECTION 2.** Ranked choice voting is defined as a system of voting in which voters
4 rank candidates by preference on their ballots. If a candidate wins a
5 majority of first-preference votes, he/she is declared the winner. If no
6 candidate wins a majority of first-preference votes, the candidate with the
7 fewest first-preference votes is eliminated. The second-preference choices
8 indicated on those ballots will then be considered. A new tally is
9 conducted to determine whether any candidate has won a majority of the
10 adjusted votes. The process is repeated until a candidate wins an outright
11 majority.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Committee shall oversee the enactment of this bill.

13 **SECTION 4.** This piece of legislation shall go into effect January 1, 2022.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by American Falls High School.

A Bill to Revise the Justice for All Reauthorization Act of 2016 to Fortify the Infrastructure of the Forensic Science DNA Analysis Sector

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Justice for All Reauthorization Act of 2016 will be revised to fortify the
3 infrastructure of the forensic science DNA analysis sector including:

4 C. The removal of the backlog of DNA evidence.

5 D. The increase of training for DNA analysis.

6 **SECTION 2.** Backlogged DNA will be defined as any DNA evidence that has been submitted
7 to a crime laboratory but has not been analyzed and sent back to the submitting
8 agency within 30 days.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice, the National Institute of Justice and the Federal
10 Bureau of Investigation will oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

11 A. Subsections may be used to elaborate further details, but only needed if you
12 need to have more than one subsection.

13 B. Any other necessary funding will be taken from the Department of Justice,
14 National Institute of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation's Forensic
15 Science funds.

16 C. A system to track all sexual assault kits.

17 D. One crime laboratory per 1.5 million people.

18 E. Storage facilities for sexual assault kits.

19 F. A requirement to test all sexual assault kits and submitted DNA evidence
20 unless otherwise specified by the victim.

21 G. Testing all backlogged DNA evidence.

22 H. Remove the authority of prosecutors and law enforcement to decide whether
23 or not to submit DNA evidence for testing.

24 I. Provide grants to increase the capabilities and personnel of all crime
25 laboratories.

26 J. Triple the training of lab personnel.

27 K. Require at least one training facility in every state.

28 L. Provide grants to help law enforcement with investigations specifically
29 regarding sexual assault and training on how to properly address victims of
30 rape and other crimes as well as investigate cold cases.

31 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage. All laws in conflict
32 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pocatello High School.

A Bill to Ban the Advertisement of Commercial Drugs

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill will ban the advertisement of commercial drugs. All
3 advertisements of all name brand drugs will be banned from the public.

4 **SECTION 2.** Production will be defined as the action of making or manufacturing from
5 the components or raw materials or the process of being so manufactured.

6 Advertisement will be defined as a notice or announcement in a public
7 medium promoting a product, service, or publicizing a job vacancy.

8 Commercial drugs will be defined as name brand drugs.

9 **SECTION 3.** Doctors and other pharmaceutical personnel will have knowledge of these
10 drugs and their properties, rather than the general public.

11 **SECTION 4.** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will oversee the enforcement of
12 this legislation. This bill will be implemented December 2021 and
13 enforced in January 2022. All laws in conflict with this legislation are
14 hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Snake River High School.

A Bill to Ban the Sale of Fish Bowls for the Sake of Animal Welfare

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

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3 **SECTION 1.** The sale, ownership, and redistribution of fishbowls in the United States is hereby
4 banned.

5 **SECTION 2.** Fish bowls shall be defined as any tank advertised for aquatic animals that do not
6 reach a filled water capacity of at least 2.5 gallons.

7 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be enforced by the Department of Agriculture.

8 **A.** Those who are found violating this legislation without valid reason (e.g. shall be fined 175\$
9 for each half gallon that is cut from the required tank size.

10 **B.** Funding will be taken from as much as deemed necessary from the Department of Defense,
11 but will not exceed more than 15 million US dollars.

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

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Kimberly High School

A Bill to Legalize Recreational Marijuana

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Marijuana can be sold, bought, and used, if 21 years or older, without
3 legal repercussions. If in violation, the violator will be fined up to \$1,000.

4 **SECTION 2.** . Recreational marijuana is defined as cannabis which is either inhaled or
5 consumed by the user without medicinal purposes.

6 **SECTION 3.** A federal tax will be placed on the marijuana sales with means to cover
7 any cost of regulation.

8 **SECTION 4.** Sellers of marijuana will be required to obtain a license to ensure that the
9 seller will source and sell marijuana that is safe for consumption. This
10 regulation on safe marijuana will be under the U.S. Food and Drug
11 Administration (FDA).

12 **SECTION 5.** This bill is in no way connected to the usage of medicinal marijuana and
13 any legislation prohibiting the selling and using of recreational marijuana
14 is rendered null and void.

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16 **SECTION 6.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2022. All laws in conflict
17 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Teton High School.

A Bill to Incentivize Corporate Media to Eliminate Dishonest Journalism

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States government fine Corporate Media for acts of dishonest
3 journalism.

4 **SECTION 2.** The following definitions will apply: Corporate Media is defined as any
5 media that is published by a company or on behalf of a company that
6 carries their message to a specific audience. Dishonest Journalism is
7 defined as falsification of news to fit a specific agenda.

8 **SECTION 3.** The FCC will oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

9 A. Acts of dishonest journalism by corporate media performed after the
10 enactment of this legislation shall be fined as the FCC deems
11 necessary.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect January 1, 2022.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rigby High School

A Bill to Lower Prices of Cardiac Medication Manufactured in the U.S.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All types of Cardiac Medication manufactured in the U.S. will be priced
3 no more than 20% above the price it costs to create the medication.

4 **SECTION 2.** Cardiac Medication: Heart medication used to help prevent clotting in
5 patients who have had a heart attack, unstable angina, ischemic strokes,
6 TIA (transient ischemic attacks) and other forms of cardiovascular disease.

7 **SECTION 3.** The FDA (Food and Drug Administration) will oversee and enforce this
8 bill.

9 A. If any manufacture of this medication fails to meet the requirements of
10 this bill by the time this bill goes into effect. Manufacturer will be
11 fined the price of \$5,000.

12 B. If manufacturers choose to ignore this regulation, they will receive an
13 additional \$5,000 fine each month.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect within the beginning of the year 2022
15 upon passage.

16 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pocatello High School

A Bill to Ban the Requirements Of Shoes in Public Settings

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** People will be free to choose their own footwear or lack thereof in all
3 public places and places of education. No one will be refused service
4 based on their lack of footwear or footwear choices.

5 **SECTION 2.** Footwear shall be defined as anything worn on the feet. Bare feet are
6 considered acceptable footwear

7 **SECTION 3.** All public places will remove signs requiring shoes. K-12 and higher
8 education settings will modify dress codes to allow for personal footwear
9 choice. Businesses will face fines and penalties for being noncompliant.
10 Any persons receiving injury due to their footwear choices shall not
11 indemnify any business, institution, or facility, nor hold anyone liable. The
12 Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Justice will
13 provide further monitoring if necessary.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on October 1, 2021. All laws in conflict
15 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Snake River High School.