

2021 Yale Invitational: Parli Motions

Round 1: COVID

- THW provide COVID vaccines to developing countries before providing booster shots in developed countries.
- In a pandemic, THP government mandates to voluntary measures.
- Absent a documented medical exemption, THW put unvaccinated individuals at the back of the queue for treatment should they fall ill.

Round 2: Social Media

- THW follow China's lead banning online game play on school days.
- THW require social media companies to charge a fee for each post and re-post.
- THW forbid social media companies from removing posts or blocking accounts unless these are in violation of the law.

Round 3: Corporations

- THW hold fossil fuel companies legally liable for global warming.
- THW hold senior corporate officers criminally liable for corporate criminal activity, even if those officers were not directly involved.
- THW forbid corporations from penalizing employees for non-criminal activities outside of work.

Round 4: Government

- THW establish an independent review board to determine whether political appointees are qualified for their proposed positions.
- THP career government employees over those who move between private and government work
- THW eliminate Senate confirmation for all but cabinet secretary level positions.

Round 5: Afghanistan Revisited

- TH, as the US, would have stayed in Afghanistan
- THW recognize and cooperate with the Taliban
- THBT, on balance, the war on terrorism has been successful.

Octofinals: Foreign Policy

- Foreign journalists in non-democratic countries (e.g., Western journalists in China) generally operate under greater restrictions than vice versa (e.g., Chinese journalist in Western countries). THBT that democratic countries should put the same restrictions on foreign journalists as those journalists' home countries place on journalists from democratic countries.
- The US government has recently limited foreign academics and students access to US universities citing security reasons. THBT universities and their associated research institutions and not the US government should decide which foreign nationals can attend as students, academics and researchers.
- THW unilaterally enforce fishing regulations in international waters.

Quarters: Education

- THW require teacher certification for parents who wish to home school their children
- The NCAA now allows college athletes to accept money for the use of their image and likeness, e.g. through product endorsements and sale of merchandise. THBT money earned by college athletes should be shared among all students on the team.
- As of the latest academic year, female enrollment has increased to 60% of all students in higher education and male enrollment has declined to 40%. THW the relative decline in male enrollment in higher education.

Semifinals: Federalism

- THP uniform laws and regulations across all states
- THW permit constitutional amendments by popular referendum
- TH, as the United States, would permit states with large populations to break into multiple states.

Finals: Politics and social policy

- THBT a politician should take advantage of all legal means to advance their agenda.
- Globally, birth rates have tended to decline in proportion to economic development, so that the most advanced economies have, or would have, declining populations absent immigration. If below replacement, THW encourage higher birthrates.
- In the face of an oppressive but stable (i.e., unlikely to be overthrown) society, THW drop out rather than resist.