

## Elimination Round Format and Rules

*Eighty-four (84) contestants will advance to a Semifinal Round, which will feature four chambers of competition. Each of these chambers will be adjudicated by a panel of two Scorers and a Parliamentarian.*

At the conclusion of the Semifinal Round, each of the two *Scorers* and the *Parliamentarian* in each chamber will independently rank the top six students in the session on the basis of *Best Legislator*. The rankings by the *Scorers* and the *Parliamentarian* will be converted by the Tabulation Staff using a credit system as in the Preliminary Competition, with 1<sup>st</sup> place earning 6 credits, 2<sup>nd</sup> place earning 5 credits, and so on through the 6<sup>th</sup> place legislator who will receive 1 credit. The eight legislators whose names do not appear on a given rank form receive zero (0) credits from that *Scorer*. Two students will be selected for the Super Session from each Semifinal chamber on the basis of these judge credits. One student will also advance to the Super Session on the basis of the *Parliamentarian's* preference for *Best Legislator* in each chamber.

Independent of the above process, a *preferential ballot* election will be held from a slate of six candidates as determined by the rankings of the *Scorers*. Each legislator will cast one vote in this election, as will the *Parliamentarian* (whose ballot will be weighted at 2 student votes and will also serve as a tie-breaker). The top two students in the preferential balloting will advance to the Super Session.

Thus, five students will advance to the Super Session from each Semifinal Chamber as follows:

1. 2 students on the basis of *preferential balloting*
2. 2 students on the basis of *total judge credits*
3. 1 student selected as *Best Legislator* by the *Parliamentarian*

*Twenty (20) students will advance to the Yale Invitational Super Congress.*

A panel of five *Scorers* and one *Parliamentarian* will evaluate the Super Congress. At the conclusion of the Super Congress, each will independently complete a ranking form for *Best Legislator* listing a maximum of ten competitors. The ranking forms of the *Scorers* will be converted by the Tabulation Staff into a credit system as outlined in the section on the Semifinal Round above. Those ten legislators who receive the highest number of credits will comprise the top ten contestants at the Yale Invitational. Each legislator as well as the *Parliamentarian* will complete a blind preferential ballot at the conclusion of the Super Congress that includes the names of each competitor in the Super Congress. The Tabulation Staff will also convert each *Scorer's* ranking form into a preferential ballot; along with the *Parliamentarian's* ballot, each of these will carry a weight of 3 student votes. These preferential ballots will then be used to determine the Champion of the Yale Invitational, with the *Parliamentarian's* ballot being a tie-breaker.

**B/R #S1301**

**A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A NEW AGE OF CANDIDACY**

1 **WHEREAS**, The population of the United States continues to grow younger; and  
2 **WHEREAS**, An estimated fifty million citizens are eligible to vote, yet are not eligible  
3 to run for elected office due to age of candidacy restrictions; and  
4 **WHEREAS**, Partisan politics have largely silenced the voices of young people at the  
5 highest level of government; and now, therefore, be it  
6 **RESOLVED**, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is  
7 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which  
8 shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when  
9 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within  
10 seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

11 ARTICLE --

12 SECTION 1: The Age of Candidacy requirements shall be as follows:

13 A. For the House of Representatives: 18 years of age.

14 B. For the Senate: 22 years of age.

15 C. For the office of the Presidency: 30 years of age.

16 SECTION 2: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by  
17 appropriate legislation.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*The Yale Congress Tab Staff*

**B/R #S1302**  
**A BILL TO COMBAT THE SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall raise its current refugee quota from 85,000 to  
3 150,000. A minimum of 50,000 refugees from Syria shall be accepted  
4 under the new quota.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. A refugee shall be defined pursuant to Section 101(a)(42) of the  
6 Immigration and Nationality Act.

7 B. A refugee quota shall be defined as the maximum number of refugees  
8 to be resettled in the United States.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of US Citizenship and Immigration Services in  
10 conjunction with the Department of State shall enforce this legislation.

11 A. The Department of US Citizenship and Immigration services shall be  
12 responsible for processing all new refugee and asylum claims and  
13 determining whether a refugee is admissible to the United States.

14 B. The Department of State shall coordinate with the UN High  
15 Commissioner for Refugees and countries within the European Union  
16 to determine the best course for transport and resettlement of Syrian  
17 refugees in the United States.

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

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*The Yale Congress Tab Staff*

**B/R #S1303**  
**THE STUDENT LOAN RELIEF ACT OF 2016**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** \$100 billion dollars shall be allocated to the Department of Education to  
3 establish a relief fund for students financially overburdened by student  
4 loan debt.

5 **SECTION 2.** Students shall be considered “financially overburdened,” and thus, eligible  
6 for relief funds if any of the following conditions are met

7 **A.** The loan(s)’ interest rate is above 12%.

8 **B.** The loan holder is spending over 20% of his/her annual taxable  
9 income on loan repayments.

10 **C.** The loan holder files for and is granted Chapter 7 bankruptcy.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall be responsible for enforcing this  
12 legislation.

13 **C.** The Department of Education shall hire at least 50 full time and 50  
14 part time staff members to review applications for loan relief.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect for the fiscal year 2017.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*The Yale Congress Tab Staff*

**B/R #F1401**  
**A BILL TO REDUCE INCOME INEQUALITY**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** No full-time employee of a publicly traded company may be given direct  
3 compensation more than 500 times what the lowest paid full-time  
4 employee is compensated.

5 **SECTION 2.** Direct compensation is payment in the form of financial transfers of a  
6 wage or salary and is not inclusive of stock options or executive perks  
7 such as use of restricted facilities, company vehicles, or conference  
8 attendance.

9 **SECTION 3.** The FTC will oversee this legislation through the monitoring of tax  
10 documents of publicly traded companies.

11 A. Companies in violation will be fined the amount paid to the highest  
12 compensated full-time employee less 500 times the amount paid to the  
13 lowest compensated full-time employee.

14 B. Fines collected will be allocated to the Department of Education to  
15 disperse in the form of Pell Grants.

16 **SECTION 4.** All publicly traded companies must be in compliance by January 1, 2020.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*The Yale Congress Tab Staff*

**B/R #F1402**

**A BILL TO REDUCE THE ENTRENCHMENT OF MAJOR PARTIES**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Any tax-exempt organization hosting a presidential debate must offer to  
3 include any candidate polling above 5% on 3 or more major national polls  
4 taken within 3 weeks of the debate.

5 **SECTION 2.** Polls used for qualification of candidates must be national in scope,  
6 conducted by an independent organization not affiliated with or paid by  
7 any of the campaigns or parties in question, and must have a sample size  
8 of no fewer than 1,000 individuals with a margin of error at or below +/-  
9 3.

10 **SECTION 3.** The FEC will enforce this legislation in partnership with the Department  
11 of the Treasury's Internal Revenue Service.

12 A. The FEC will monitor and review all official communication and rules  
13 for presidential debates.

14 B. Organizations in question will immediately lose tax-exempt status  
15 retroactive to the most recent of the following: date of enactment of  
16 the legislation; the last debate that was in compliance; or the founding  
17 of the organization if no debate in compliance has taken place.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be enforced on all presidential debates beginning with  
19 the 2020 Presidential election.

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

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**B/R #F1403**  
**A BILL RESCUE THE WORLD BANK FROM AMERICA**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will formally renounce its unique power of structural  
3 veto in the International Bank of Reconstruction and Development.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Veto at object here refers to the power of the United States to block  
5 structural changes to the IBRD that would impact development priorities  
6 of the bank.

7 **SECTION 3.** The United States will formally renounce its veto power through:

8 A. A resolution to the governing body of the IBRD; and

9 B. A formal renunciation of the right to veto structural changes made to  
10 the other member shareholders of the IBRD.

11 **SECTION 4.** The United States will begin the process of renouncing its veto power  
12 within 2 weeks of this bill's enactment.

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

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*The Yale Congress Tab Staff*