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Alright, all of the students shouldn't have made it to this page.

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3. Should the use of AI in hiring processes be banned due to potential biases, or can these biases be mitigated through proper training and oversight?

1. Is the proposed 30-day ceasefire a genuine step towards peace, or is it a strategic pause for military regrouping?
2. Should the peace agreement include provisions for war crimes investigations and reparations, and if so, how can these be enforced?
3. How can the peace negotiations address the root causes of the conflict, such as territorial disputes and security concerns, to ensure a lasting peace?

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3. Is it possible to achieve a peace that satisfies both sides, or is the Russia-Ukraine conflict likely to persist in some form?

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1. If an AI system, like an autonomous vehicle, causes an accident, who should be held responsible—the manufacturer, software developer, or user—and why?
2. How should societies protect democratic processes from AI-generated misinformation and deepfakes?
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Impromptu Round 1

Speaker One

Pre-prepared meals
Vaccines
News

Speaker Seven

Love
Laptops
Budgeting

Speaker Two

Guns
Gossip
Planes

Speaker Three

Books
Jogging
TV

Speaker Four

Microwaves
Invisible hand
Gardening

Speaker Five

Prison
Salt
Libraries

Speaker Six

Minimum wage
Boredom
Internet

Impromptu Round 2

Speaker One

Paper
Books
Social media

Speaker Two

Creativity
Winter
Cooking

Speaker Three

Independance
Nature
Sports

Speaker Four

Confidence
Police
Piano

Speaker Five

Exercise
Cleanliness
Space

Speaker Six

Movies
Time
Walmart

Speaker Seven

Dependence
Goals
Gratitude

Impromptu Round 3

Speaker One

Vladimir Putin
Textbooks
Milk

Speaker Seven

Promise
North Korea
Service

Speaker Two

Summer
Energy
Happiness

Speaker Three

Trials
Hair
Vote

Speaker Four

Support
Android
Child

Speaker Five

Star Wars
Water
School

Speaker Six

Friends
Electricity
Commitment

Impromptu Round 4

Speaker One

Moral relativism
Medication
Laugh

Speaker Seven

Interest
Story
Loyal

Speaker Two

Abortion
Dessert
Light

Speaker Three

Judge
Home
Defend

Speaker Four

Weight
Control
Stove

Speaker Five

Seek
Texting
Music

Speaker Six

Fight
Soap
Blame

Presidential Debate Round 1

Question #1

Several states have faced lawsuits over the construction of religious monuments such as the ten commandments in public spaces (for example outside a courthouse). Do you believe that such religious monuments violate the establishment clause of the first amendment?

Question #2

First, do you believe that a ban specifically on private ownership of semi automatic firearms would be unconstitutional under the second amendment? Second, if you believe it is not unconstitutional, would you favor such a ban?

Question #3

If you could amend the constitution in any way, what would change and why?

Question #4

Some political pundits have argued that giving Supreme Court Justices a limited term would make battles of Supreme Court nominations less acrimonious and overall would be a benefit to the nation. Do you agree with this position?

Question #5

Should members of certain religious sects be given exemption from military service or the draft for reasons of conscience?

Question #6

What sorts of regulations on public political assemblies, such as protests, rallies, and strikes, are reasonable and constitutional?

Question #7

What general principles should guide our thinking about when warrants are or are not required to conduct a search?

Question #8

Should the government be allowed to restrict freedom of assembly during times of crisis or emergency? If so, what principles should govern these restrictions?

Presidential Debate Round 2

Question #1

Many law enforcement agencies across the country currently use the practice of civil asset forfeiture. Is this practice a violation of the fifth amendment right to due process?

Question #2

Many have argued that the decision reached by the Supreme Court in the famous Citizens United Case inappropriately granted free speech rights to corporations. Do you agree with this view? To what extent should corporations be given rights under the constitution?

Question #3

The fifth amendment guarantees that eminent domain can only be exercised if citizens are given just compensation. Do you believe that this right is generally well protected in America? Are there any reforms which you believe would be helpful?

Question #4

Should facial recognition technology use by law enforcement be regulated? What constitutional principles should guide this?

Question #5

Does the Fifth Amendment's protection against self-incrimination extend to physical evidence, such as blood or DNA samples?

Question #6

Is qualified immunity necessary to protect police officers from frivolous lawsuits or does it hinder police accountability?

Question #7

Should the double jeopardy clause of the fifth amendment prevent an individual tried in a state court from being tried in a federal court for the same crime?

Question #8

To what degree do you believe the protections afforded by the Bill of Rights ought to be applied to undocumented immigrants living in the United States?

Presidential Debate Round 3

Question #1

The United States Congress has not declared war since World War Two. Is there any harm in the United States waging wars without a technical declaration by congress?

Question #2

Should the Constitution be amended to promote a multi-party system? How?

Question #3

Is the Electoral College good for American Democracy? Would you advocate changing it, or leaving it as is?

Question #4

The 10th amendment was written to establish a division and balance of powers between the federal and state governments? Do you feel that our current system has maintained that balance appropriately? Are there any policy changes you would pursue in this regard?

Question #5

How do you think the U.S. can best balance the important concerns of religious freedom in the first amendment to the constitution with desires to protect people from identity based discrimination (for example, discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation)?

Question #6

Should law enforcement officers seek and obtain a warrant before looking in the windows of a vehicle parked along a public road?

Question #7

Do you believe it would violate the fourth amendment if the U.S. government conducted a warrantless wiretap of a phone outside of the borders of the United States and belonging to a citizen of a foreign nation if that wiretap were to record a conversation between the owner of the phone and a U.S. citizen?

Question #8

If religious practice comes into conflict with local, state, or federal law (for example in cases of religious drug use, practice of religious rites in prisons, etc.) what principles should guide when such religious practices are or are not protected by the first amendment?

Presidential Debate Round 4

Question #1

Should the death penalty be considered "cruel and unusual punishment"?

Question #2

A commonly proposed amendment to the constitution would require the congress to balance the budget on an annual basis with a limited number of exceptions. Do you believe this amendment would be good for America?

Question #3

A number of states have recently passed resolutions calling for an Article Five convention of the states to pass amendments to the constitution. Some have argued that an Article Five convention of the states is too dangerous because it could be used to radically change the constitution. Do you think that an Article Five convention of the states is a good way to make changes to the constitution?

Question #4

The U.S. constitution lays out a system of checks and balances. Some have argued that both the judicial and executive branches have upset that balance by taking on legislative powers that belong to the legislative branch. Do you agree or disagree?

Question #5

Do you believe that senators or representatives should have a constitutional term limits like the president?

Question #6

What's your stance on government regulation of social media content moderation?

Question #7

In your administration, were you elected, would you encourage private tech companies to build "backdoors" into their devices to aid law enforcement conduct searches allowed by warrant? If so, how, and if not, why not?

Question #8

Can you identify a right guaranteed by the Bill of Rights which is not currently well protected by government? Is there anything you would do as President to resolve this issue?

Spar Topics Round 1

First Pair

- Resolved: Raising animals is an important part of child's education.
Resolved: Government should require businesses to give full time employees some amount of paid vacation.
Resolved: Hard cover books are better than soft cover books.

Second Pair

- Resolved: A child is more likely to gain scientific knowledge through camping than through reading a textbook.
Resolved: Teachers should be allowed to carry handguns in public schools.
Resolved: Gambling should be illegal.

Third Pair

- Resolved: For young children, imaginary friends are better than real friends.
Resolved: The United States Government should stop producing pennies.
Resolved: Reading poetry is better than reading biographies.

Fourth Pair

- Resolved: Physical fighting can be a positive way to resolve conflicts.
Resolved: The government should pay for inmates to receive education in jail.
Resolved: Writing a book is better than building a treehouse.

Fifth Pair

- Resolved: Dogs are the best pets.
Resolved: Reading the dictionary should be considered interesting.
Resolved: Reading a mystery book is better than reading a fantasy book.

Spar Topics Round 2

First Pair

- Resolved: It is wrong for fast food companies to advertise on children's channels.
Resolved: It would be better to be able to jump ten feet in the air than to be able to hold your breath for an hour.
Resolved: Working as a safari guide would be better than working as a school teacher.

Second Pair

- Resolved: Facebook should block racist posts on their site.
Resolved: Playing video games is a good source for education.
Resolved: It is better to be fast than strong.

Third Pair

- Resolved: It should be illegal to threaten to beat up another person.
Resolved: It would be better to have a self driving car than a personal flying suit.
Resolved: Learning math past Algebra is unimportant for most people.

Fourth Pair

- Resolved: It should be illegal to publish a sequel to another living author's book without that author's consent.
Resolved: It would be better to have someone to cook your food, than to have someone to clean your house.
Resolved: If you had to be a villain, a pirate would be the best choice.

Fifth Pair

- Resolved: Government should not be able to punish a person for burning a flag.
Resolved: Access to a smartphone makes one's life better.
Resolved: It would not be fun to be king of America.

Spar Topics Round 3

First Pair

- Resolved: People who have committed serious crimes should still be able to vote.
Resolved: Owning a car is generally a necessity in American society.
Resolved: Cinderella would make a better police officer than the Sleeping Beauty.

Second Pair

- Resolved: The very wealthy should have to pay a higher fine if they get a speeding ticket.
Resolved: If you could only own one pair of shoes, tennis shoes would be the best choice.
Resolved: Jack from Jack and the Beanstalk would be a better best friend than Rapunzel.

Third Pair

- Resolved: It would be better if cities didn't allow pandhandlers (you may define this term for students) to ask for money in public.
Resolved: Public schools should not sponsor sports teams.
Resolved: If one had to turn into a toy, it would be better to become Mr. Potato Head than to become a remote control helicopter.

Fourth Pair

- Resolved: Students should be allowed to bring a small pocket knife to public schools.
Resolved: Paper maps are better than a GPS.
Resolved: Traveling over the ocean by boat is better than traveling over the ocean by airplane.

Fifth Pair

- Resolved: The U.S. should replace the dollar bill with a dollar coin.
Resolved: It is more important to learn to type than to learn how to write by hand.
Resolved: Skiing is better than snowboarding.

Spar Topics Round 4

First Pair

- Resolved: Government should ensure that every person has access to internet service.
Resolved: Our world would be better if superheroes were real.
Resolved: Stores should not be able to sell very violent video games.

Second Pair

- Resolved: It should be illegal to spit in public.
Resolved: It would be better if gravity on earth were slightly stronger than if gravity were slightly weaker.
Resolved: Fall is better than Spring.

Third Pair

- Resolved: Parks should not be owned and maintained by government.
Resolved: It would be better to live life as a giant sized human than to live life as a mouse sized human.
Resolved: Single level homes are better than multiple level homes.

Fourth Pair

- Resolved: It should be illegal to talk on the phone while driving.
Resolved: It is better to have imaginary enemies than to have imaginary friends.
Resolved: Flying a kite is more fun than riding a bike.

Fifth Pair

- Resolved: Government should put an extra tax on sugary drinks.
Resolved: It would be better if humans had hands for feet.
Resolved: Pinatas are more fun than sidewalk chalk.