

# Columbia Ivy League Championship 2020

## Motions by Round

Abbreviations used:

- THP: This House prefers
- THR: This House regrets
- THS: This House supports
- THBT: This House believes that
- THW: This House would

### **Open Round 1** — *US Politics*

- TH, as the California state legislature, would vote to secede from the United States.
- TH, as the next Democratic president, would add four Supreme Court justices.
- THP a multi-party system in the US.
  - A multi-party system is a system with more than 2 political parties.

### **Novice Round 1** — *US Politics*

- THBT the Supreme Court should be abolished.
- THR the House Democrats' decision to impeach Trump.
- TH, as the California state legislature, would break up California into smaller states.
  - All newly created states would be admitted to the United States (ie, no debate can happen regarding whether or not they'd be admitted).

### **Open Round 2** — *Education*

- TH, as Columbia University, would abolish the “Core Curriculum”.
  - The Core Curriculum is a set of 6 courses, covering literature, philosophy, music, art, science, and writing, with standardized syllabi that focus on Western civilization. Each course is taught in seminar-style classes, and every student must complete the Core Curriculum to graduate.
- THP a tiered secondary education model.
  - A tiered secondary education model is a system which sorts students following junior high school into either a pre-college (a traditional AP / IB program) or vocational / technical training school.
- THR assigning grades to high-school students.

### **Novice Round 2** — *Education*

- TH, as an average High School senior who has been admitted into both Columbia and a flagship state school, would go to the state school.
- THS universities divesting from private prison corporations.
- TH, as an AP US History teacher, would not use a textbook in the curriculum.

- AP US History is a curriculum that covers US History from the European colonization of North America to Reagan’s presidency.

**Novice / Open Round 3 — Art**

- THBT the reconstruction of Notre Dame should be recognizably new instead of a replica of the original.
- TH, as Banksy, would reveal your identity.
  - Banksy is an anonymous England-based street artist, vandal, political activist, and film director, active since the 1990s. His satirical street art and subversive epigrams combine dark humour with graffiti executed in a distinctive stenciling technique.
- THBT Maurizio Cattelan’s “Comedian” is not art.



**Open / Novice Round 4 — Feminism**

- THS ecofeminism.
  - Ecofeminist analysis explores the connections between women and nature in culture, religion, literature and iconography, and addresses the parallels between the oppression of nature and the oppression of women. These parallels include, but are not limited to: seeing women and nature as property; seeing men as the curators of culture and women as the curators of nature; and how men dominate women and humans dominate nature. Ecofeminism emphasizes that both women and nature must be respected.
- THBT the feminist movement should work to define a positive version of masculinity.
  - A positive version of masculinity is where you must actively do feminist actions as opposed to refraining from doing non-feminist action.
- THBT social media has hurt the feminist cause.

### **Open / Novice Round 5 — *Philosophy***

- THS prescriptivism.
  - Prescriptivism is the belief that the way that someone speaks can be right or wrong.
- THBT in times of crisis that threaten the existence of a community (e.g., famine, war, plague, natural disaster, etc), capable individuals from the community have a moral obligation to dedicate their time directly towards ending the crisis instead of pursuing nonessential activities (e.g., playing sports, making non-propagandist/apolitical art, going on vacation to the beach, pursuing education irrelevant to the crisis, etc.)
- THR nation-states.

### **Open Octas — *You as Yourself***

- TH, as a high school student, would delete all of their social media accounts.
  - By deleting your accounts, you would also delete all past posts, data, metadata, etc.
- TH, as a high school student, would just, like, vibe.
- TH, as a high school debater, would not join a college debate team.

### **Open / Novice Quarters — *Social Justice***

- TH, as an animal rights organization, would condemn owning pets.
- THBT existing identity-related caucuses (eg the Congressional Black Caucus, the City Council LGBTQ Caucus) should admit members on the basis of policy platforms instead of identity.
- THW abolish pre-trial detention.

### **Novice Semis — *Animals***

- THBT drunken horse-riding should not be considered “Driving Under the Influence.”
- TH, as a dog, would befriend a cat.
- THS lizard rights.

### **Open Semis — *Historical Stuff***

- TH, as FDR, would use your wheelchair in public.
  - FDR had a paralytic illness that left him paralyzed from the waist down. This was well-known during his presidency, but he refused to be seen or photographed using his wheelchair. He could walk with assistance and stand with support.
- TH, as an omniscient god, would kill Gavrilo Princip before he kills Archduke Franz Ferdinand.
  - Gavrilo Princip was the individual who killed Archduke Franz Ferdinand — this was the event that is considered the start of World War I.
- You are a Roman commander. You just won a civil war against another Roman commander — he has fled to the outskirts of Roman controlled territory. During this civil war, this commander persecuted your supporters and took their stuff. THW persecute your opponent’s supporters and take their stuff.

### **Novice Finals — *Bananas***

- THBT Gwen Stefani’s “Hollaback Girl” is better representation for bananas than Raffi’s “Banaphone.”

- “Hollaback Girl” includes a bridge in which the word “bananas” is spelled out four times. “Bananaphone” is a children’s song about a man who calls his friends and family on a banana-shaped phone.
- THP banana republics to kangaroo courts.
  - A banana republic is a small nation dependent on one main source of national income. A kangaroo court is an unofficial court held by a group to hold someone guilty with limited or skewed evidence.
- THBT bananas are the best fruit.

**Open Finals** — *Teen Lit*

- TH, as Poseidon, would not have children with mere mortals.
  - Poseidon is the Greek god of the sea, earthquakes, and horses. The Greek faith-tradition is polytheistic.
- THBT the Sorting Hat should be random.
  - The Sorting Hat, in the status quo, sorts individuals based on personality traits or their express wishes into the houses of Hogwarts.
- You are a small town farmer in a magical world, a powerful magic user finds you in your small town and informs you that you are the chosen one. THBT you should run away rather than go on a quest with the powerful magician.