

Columbia Ivy League Championship

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Round 1 -- Wealth Inequality

TH, as the USFG, W institute a 100% estate tax.

Assuming limited resources, THW prioritize universal daycare over college debt forgiveness.

TH, as the USFG, W replace means-tested welfare programs with a fixed yearly payment per child in a family.

Means-tested programs are welfare programs that set income thresholds determining program eligibility (e.g., food stamps).

Round 2 -- Race

THBT the Black Lives Matter movement should embrace open carry gun laws and engage in armed community patrols.

THP violent protest for racial justice over non-violent protest in the 21st century.

THBT beauty companies should discontinue the production and sale of chemical hair relaxers. Chemical relaxers are products that permanently or semi-permanently straighten curly hair and are predominantly used by Black women. Their use often leads to chemical burns and long term hair loss.

Round 3 -- Art Museums

The Metropolitan Museum of Art is the largest art museum in the United States, and the fourth largest art museum in the world.

TH, as the Metropolitan Museum of Art, W return contested artifacts to their country of origin.

TH, as the Metropolitan Museum of Art, W make admission fees mandatory and higher instead of selling off artifacts for financial gain in times of financial strife.

Currently, admission fees are optional for residents of New York, Connecticut, and New Jersey.

Admissions fees are \$25 for adults; \$17 for seniors; \$12 for students.

TH, as the Metropolitan Museum of Art, W require that a majority of the artwork on display be created by women.

Round 4 -- Tech and Media

THW make social media platforms liable for user-based content.

THR the consolidation of local news stations under larger news corporations.

THP a world in which social media companies do not ban public figures.

Round 5 -- Feminism

THP a “neutral attitude” to the body over the narrative of “loving the body”.

TH, as the queer (LGBTQIA+) community, P the narrative that sexuality is a choice over the 'born this way' narrative.

Assuming feasibility, THW create a matriarchal state within each nation and allow anyone to move there.

Nov Quarters -- Education

THW require students to apply for specific major programs as opposed to selecting "major tracks" later in their college career.

THBT that construct of the Ivy League has done more harm than good.

THW abolish private universities.

Varsity Octas -- International Relations

THW grant the UN a permanent standing army

THR COVID-19 vaccine diplomacy.

Vaccine diplomacy is the use of vaccines to increase a country's diplomatic relationship and influence of other countries.

THS the trade war

In 2018, President Trump initiated a trade war with China to manage the U.S. balance of payments, win back fleeing manufacturing jobs, and place pressure on China for currency devaluation.

Varsity Quarters -- Sports

THW end sports recruitment at the college level.

In the status quo, many colleges admit students to fill roster spots for sports, instead of going through the standard admission process.

TH as the NCAA, W pay athletes.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association is a nonprofit organization that regulates student athletes from up to 1,268 North American institutions and conferences.

TH, as private universities, W develop e-sports programs.

Nov Semis -- Colonialism

TH, as a former colony, W ban the use or education of the language spoken by its former colonizers
Caveat the assumption that the former colony and colonial power have different native languages .

TH, as a global omnipotent agency, W require all former colonial powers to pay reparations to former colonies.

TH, as a recently decolonised nation, W prioritize economic development over meeting global environmental conservation targets.

Nov Finals -- Love

THBT dating apps should use AI to match individuals rather than allowing them free choice.

THP a world with only platonic love to one with only romantic love.

THR modern media representations of 'high school sweethearts'.

Var Semis -- TH, as a newly formed country, W

TH, as newly formed country, W embed the value of secularism in its founding documents

TH, as a newly formed country, W elect a benevolent dictator over a tyrannical president.
The election is fair, legitimate, with equal access to participation, and the electorate is well-informed.

TH, as a newly formed country, W choose a single chamber parliamentary democracy over a bicameral presidential democracy.

Round Var Finals

THP a world in which artificial super-intelligence is not developed to one in which it is.
Info slide: Superintelligence refers to an AI that can take into account more data inputs than a human being and decide more quickly than them with a capacity to learn and develop on its own

TH, as an art museum, W place art fabricated by AI alongside art fabricated by humans.

In a world where a hyper advanced artificial intelligence is fighting against remaining humans, the AI presents a human with amnesty in exchange for turning on their human companions. TH, as that human, W take the deal.