

## **Vassar Invitational**

November 2-3, 2019

### **Motions by Round**

#### **Round 1**

TH, as a professional sports league, would encourage its athletes to be politically active.

An “influencer” is a celebrity who has acquired or developed their fame or notability through the internet or social media. They often function as lifestyle gurus and many are recruited to promote products.

THR the rise of influencers.

THW return or refuse donations from disgraced individuals.

#### **Round 2**

THW permit each US State to set its own immigration policy.

THBT individual US States should be allowed to set their own environmental standards.

THBT California is the most important State in the United States.

#### **Round 3**

THBT the state should pay a salary to stay-at-home parents.

THS a wealth tax.

THBT homeless individuals have the right to sleep on the streets.

#### **Round 4**

THS (this house supports) the complete withdrawal of US troops from the Middle East.

Some 60% of international financial transaction occur in US dollars. Any transaction that uses the US dollar must at some point involve the US financial system. The US has used this as a foreign policy tool threatening to cut off access to the US financial system for those that don't do its bidding, e.g. companies trading with Iran or Russia.

THR US use of the dollar payment system as a weapon in foreign policy.

TH, as a Western liberal democracy, would penalize states that discriminate against LGBTQ.

#### **Varsity Octos/Novice Quarters**

THW allow the free movement of people among countries.

THW exclude non-citizens from the population count when apportioning legislative seats.

THBT the main focus of US foreign policy should be human rights.

### **Varsity Quarters/Novice Semis**

TH, as the Democratic Party, would formally support Medicare for all.

THW prefer an America with a three-party system, representing the left, the center, and the right.

Mark Zuckerberg has publicly stated that Facebook will not refuse or edit any political ad regardless of perceived accuracy or other consideration. Most broadcast and print media will refuse ads that do not meet accuracy or fairness standards.

THS Facebook's policy.

### **Varsity Semis/Novice Final**

THW forbid the use of private counsellors by students applying to college (i.e., they would be restricted to school counsellors and school approved resources).

THBT drug companies that follow government regulations should not be held responsible for the failure or misuse of their products.

### **Varsity Final**

THP (this house prefers) a world where conception of the afterlife is based on karmic balance, rather than divine mercy.

THBT moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue. (Barry Goldwater, Senator from Arizona, in his acceptance speech of the Republican Presidential nomination in 1964)