

# Yale Invitational 2020

## Parliamentary Debate Motions

### Round 1: Elections

THW provide for the popular election of Supreme Court Justices.

In the US, THP that party officials select candidates for office.

THW scrap the Presidential debates.

### Round 2: Pandemic

THW provide immunity from pandemic-related civil lawsuits for businesses that re-open while following official health guidelines.

Many parents or groups of parents have hired tutors or otherwise created a “bubble” to educate their children while keeping them safe from disease.

TH, as parents able to comfortably afford to do so, would not participate in an education bubble.

THS government cell phone tracking for contact tracing.

### Round 3: Law and Justice

“Qualified immunity” holds that law enforcement officers cannot be sued for harm that results from their performance of their jobs.

THW eliminate qualified immunity for law enforcement officers.

THR civil suits against fossil fuel companies for global warming.

THW require all criminal defendants to use public defenders.

### Round 4: China

China has recently expelled and/or severely limited the activities of foreign reporters. The US has responded by designating several Chinese news organizations as government agencies and restricted their number of employees in America.

THR the US action.

THW initiate a “cold war” policy of containment towards China.

THBT US targeting of Chinese technology companies will backfire.

### Round 5: College Admissions

Medical school graduates and hospitals participate in a national program that matches the graduates to residency programs. Graduates rank their preferred hospitals, hospitals rank their preferred graduates, and a computer algorithm matches them.

THW implement a uniform national system of undergraduate college admissions.

THW forbid colleges from considering an applicant’s social media posts.

THW require colleges to use public, objective standards for admissions.

### Partial Double-OctoFinals: Free Speech

THBT individuals have a right to post on social media.

THBT free speech is on the decline in America.

THW prohibit corporations for penalizing employees for speech outside of work.

### OctoFinals: Corporations

THW ban government incentives to corporations.

“Stakeholder capitalism” is the theory that businesses should consider and even prioritize the needs of employees, suppliers, communities, creditors and others, rather than simply seek to maximize shareholder value or profits.

TH agrees with Milton Friedman that the sole objective of a corporation should be to maximize shareholder value.

THBT employees without children should receive benefits equal in value to those currently provided only to employees with children.

### QuarterFinal: Executive Power

THW not prosecute a President after they leave office.

THW make US foreign policy independent of the President.

THBT Congressional subpoenas should not be subject to judicial review.

### SemiFinal: International

As an opposition party in an oppressive country, THW boycott unfair elections rather than contest them.

“Universal jurisdiction” is a policy whereby a court or country claims the right to prosecute certain classes of crimes or civil actions, e.g., war crimes or crimes against humanity or environmental lawsuits, regardless of where they occur in the world.

THS claims of universal jurisdiction.

THP strong authoritarian rule to weak democracies in developing nations.

### Final: Democracy

THP a government that is effective to one that is democratic.

THP a government that is fair to one that is democratic.

THP a government that is honest to one that is democratic.

Editor’s note: Most of my ideas for motions come from reading the news. The final round, however, comes from my recent reading of Francis Fukuyama’s *The Origins of Political Order* and *Political Order and Political Decay*. Fukuyama is famous for his essay on the “end of history” published at the time of the collapse of the Soviet Union. Recommended reading!

