

# Yale Invitational 2022

## Parliamentary Debate Motions by Round

### Round 1: Immigration

THW allow resident non-citizens to vote.

THW make illegal immigrants eligible for government support programs like Medicaid or welfare.

Countries often provide citizenship or passports to individuals who agree to invest a substantial sum in the country or region (even EU passports!).

THR this policy.

(Note on round 1 motions: we reproduce here the motions as actual presented to the debaters. On review, the second motion should read “undocumented immigrants” rather than “illegal immigrants”. The term “illegal immigrants” has been weaponized to harm many individuals who are already marginalized by systems of power within the US.)

### Round 2: Politics

In the current election cycle, supporters of one party have been donating to or running ads in favor of primary candidates of the opposing party that they believe will be easier to defeat in the November elections (e.g., Democrats supporting the more radical Republican primary candidate in the belief they will be unelectable in November, Republican’s returning the favor).

THR such actions.

Only about 4000 Federal employees out of 2.2 million are “political” in that they are appointed and can be fired by the President. Most others are career employees protected by Civil Service rules and other laws. Such career employees may influence policy implementation to suit their own views and preferences by delaying or resisting directives.

THW give the President the power to fire senior career employees for policy resistance.

The Republican National Committee has indicated it will not participate in future Presidential debates. THW require US Presidential candidates to engage in a series of debates prior to the election as a condition for running for office.

### Round 3: Society/Sports/Entertainment

Bill and Melinda Gates have established a charitable foundation with a large professional staff to select whom to support and monitor the use of the foundation’s donations. Mackenzie Scott (former wife of Jeff Bezos) has a small staff and donates without closely monitoring the recipients after a donation is made.

THP Mackenzie Scott’s model of charitable giving.

By tagging the location of photographs posted on social media, tourists attract attention to these places, often resulting in a major increase in the number of tourists going to those places.

TH, as a tourist, W not location tag their photos on social media.

Neil Young and Joni Mitchell withdrew their songs from Spotify when Spotify refused to remove material by Joe Rogan, a right-wing commentator.

TH, as a successful artist, W use access to their material to pressure online services to moderate content.

#### Round 4: Morals

Many individuals who have inherited wealth derived from fossil fuels are currently contributing to environmental causes opposing fossil fuels. Yet these same individuals continue to live comfortably on their inheritance.

THBT these individuals should immediately give up their fossil-fuel-derived inherited wealth.

A doctor is required to be in attendance at events like mixed martial arts or boxing to confirm the fighters are fit to fight, call an end to the match if a fighter is endangered by injuries, and to tend to the fighter's injuries after the match.

THR doctors providing support at such events.

Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito's draft opinion in Roe v Wade was leaked to the press, an event with few precedents in Supreme Court history. Chief Justice Roberts promised an investigation but it is not clear how actively this is being pursued, and some believe the Court would be better if the matter were quietly forgotten.

THBT the person who leaked Justice Alito's opinion should step forward.

#### Round 5: Yale

Elite colleges and universities manage the competition for top students in a variety of ways, for example by agreeing to caps on offers of financial aid, internships, lab positions, etc. The US government is suing Yale and others under antitrust law for this practice.

THS the US government position.

Recently students at Yale Law School protested conservative speakers invited for a panel discussion briefly disrupting the proceedings. In response a Federal Judge set an email suggesting all Federal judges refuse to take as law clerks any law school graduate who protested in such a way as to limit free speech. Federal clerkships are extremely important to a lawyer's career, especially at the high end of the profession.

THS the Judge's action.

Eight of nine current Supreme Court justices went to Harvard or Yale law school, as did one-fifth of the federal judiciary.

THR the federal judiciary's reliance on "elite" law schools.

### Octos: Technology

Speed limits in the US are regularly ignored by most drivers and only sparsely enforced. Yet modern automobile electronics display both the current speed of the car and the current speed limit to the driver. This information could be used to automatically limit the speed of the car.

THW require cars to automatically limit the speed of the car to the posted speed limit.

The EU leads the way with legislation regulating tech and social media companies, the largest and most significant of which are not European. The US is less willing to do so as most of these firms are US-based.

THBT the US should resist EU internet regulation.

A software engineer working on artificial intelligence at Google claims an AI program they were evaluating was sentient. Google decided this was not true, put the engineer on leave then fired the engineer when the engineer persisted in this claim.

THR Google's action.

### Quarters: Economics

THBT the current labor shortage is good for the United States economy.

The Federal Reserve has two goals set by Congress, full employment and price stability. Chairman Powell has said that he is willing to accept a recession—which would result in higher unemployment—in order to tame current high inflation.

THP inflation to unemployment.

In the US when there is a business downturn, businesses lay off or release workers, who are then eligible to collect unemployment paid by the government. In Germany, firms are required to reduce hours for all workers, and the government pays all or part of the difference in earnings.

Assuming there is no difference in what the affected workers receive under either system, THP the German system.

### Semis: International

Political scientist Francis Fukuyama, known for his “end of history” pronouncement in 1989, contends “the long arc of history is towards progress.” Historian Anne Applebaum contends, “there is no arc of history, nothing inevitable about either democracy or dictatorship.”

THBT the long arc of history is towards progress.

Intensive tutoring is common in East Asian nations with highly competitive university admission, and even in the US many parents pay for their children to attend enrichment programs. China recently banned all for-profit tutoring services for students during the years of compulsory education (similar to K-12 in the US).

THW ban for profit tutoring and enrichment.

Globalization implies free trade but not necessarily freedom, as it includes countries based on economic rather than political factors.

THBT democratic economies should not conduct normal economic relations with autocratic ones

Finals: Big

THP big government.

THP big cities.

THP big companies.