

Ivy League Parliamentary Championship

Columbia University

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ROUND 1: EDUCATION

- THW require large employers (100+ employees) to offer programs or funding for training their employees in skills that are ancillary/unrelated to their current job descriptions.
- THW abolish tenure for teachers.
- THR the rise of “helicopter parenting.”
 - “Helicopter parenting” describes the practice of maintaining excessively attentive and consistent involvement in the life of one’s children.

ROUND 2: DEMOCRACY/GOVERNMENT REGULATION

- TH, as the US Federal Government, would fine news organizations for publishing fabricated stories.
- THW give every citizen a campaign contribution voucher which they can donate to candidates of their choice.
 - Campaign contribution vouchers provide citizens an amount of money for the express purpose of giving it to a candidate running for elected office.
- THP party list systems to the status quo (vote for individual candidates for seats representing the voter's electoral district/state) in the United States Congress.
 - In a party list system, voters vote for a party rather than a candidate. The parties are then given a proportional amount of seats in the legislature. The parties would publish a list of candidates prior to the election and seats are filled in order starting at the top of the list. This is currently in place in Israel, among other countries.

ROUND 3: ECONOMICS

- TH, as a western liberal democracy, would establish a significant inheritance tax to prevent the transfer of large fortunes between generations.
- THR the use of sanctions by western liberal democracies to curb authoritarian regimes.
- TH, as a medium sized stagnating city (like Cleveland), would offer significant tax cuts to private companies to set up significant operational presence (i.e. warehouses, manufacturing, headquarters).

ROUND 4: SOCIAL JUSTICE

- THW require all isolated religious communities (ex. Hasidic Jews, Jehovah’s witnesses) to give 18 year olds a “rumspringa”.
 - “Rumspringa” is an Amish tradition of sending off 18-year-olds to live in the outside world for 1 year, after which they may choose to return or not.
- THR code switching by politicians in public forums.

- Code switching is the practice of changing one's dialect based on circumstances and audience.
- THBT the ultimate goal of refugee policy should be the repatriation of refugees to their country of origin as opposed to resettlement in the destination country.

ROUND 5: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- THS US-led military intervention in Venezuela.
- THW dissolve the UN.
- THBT countries that have access to significant natural resources have an obligation to share those resources with resource-poor countries.

VARSITY QUARTERS / NOVICE SEMIS:

- THR the rise of marketplace feminism.
 - Marketplace feminism is the practice of corporations allying with feminist movements through public outreach campaigns. For example, Dove ran an "everyone is beautiful" campaign which championed body positivity by featuring women who do not conform to traditional western beauty standards (plus sized models, stretch marks, blemishes).
- THW abolish fraternities and sororities on college campuses.
- TH, as a micro-loan organization, would prioritize giving loans to women in the developing world.
 - Micro-loan organizations provide small loans typically with low interest rates and flexible repayment structures to support the starting of new businesses

VARSITY SEMIS / NOVICE FINALS:

- As the dictator of a tiny country, THW create a religion.
- As the dictator of a little country, THW not choose a hereditary successor.
- As the dictator of a small country, THW host large international sporting events (i.e. the Olympics, the World Cup, etc.)

VARSITY FINALS

- In the aftermath of an apocalyptic event (i.e.; zombie epidemic, thermonuclear war, solar flare), THW grant amnesty for crimes committed during the event.
- In a post-apocalyptic world, TH as the last known surviving couple would choose to not have children.
- In the event of a zombie apocalypse, THW institute a policy of destroying infected quarantined areas rather than trying to save the uninfected people inside.