

National Debate Resolutions

1928

Resolved: That a federal department of education should be created with a secretary in the president's cabinet.

1929

Resolved: That the English cabinet method of legislation is more efficient than the committee system is in the United States.

1930

Resolved: That installment buying of personal property as now practiced in the United States is both socially and economically desirable.

1931

Resolved: That chain stores are detrimental to the best interests of the American public.

1932

Resolved: That the several states should enact legislation providing for compulsory unemployment insurance.

1933

Resolved: That at least one half of all state and local revenues should be derived from sources other than tangible property.

1934

Resolved: That the United States should adopt the essential features of the British system of radio control and operation.

1935

Resolved: That the federal government should adopt the policy of equalizing educational opportunity throughout the nation by means of annual grants to the several states for public elementary and secondary education.

1936

Resolved: That the several states should enact legislation providing for a system of complete medical service available to all citizens at public expense.

1937

Resolved: That all electric utilities should be governmentally owned and operated.

1938

Resolved: That the several states should adopt a unicameral system of legislation.

1939

Resolved: That the United States should establish an alliance with Great Britain.

1940

Resolved: That the federal government should own and operate the railroads.

1941

Resolved: That the power of the federal government should be increased.

1942

Resolved: That every able-bodied male citizen in the United States should be required to have one year of full-time military training before attaining the present draft age.

1943

Resolved: That a federal world government should be established.

1944

Resolved: That the United States should join in reconstituting the League of Nations.

1945

Resolved: That the legal voting age should be reduced to eighteen years.

1946

Resolved: That every able-bodied male citizen of the United States should have one year of full-time military training before attaining age 24.

1947

Resolved: That the federal government should provide a system of complete medical care available to all citizens at public expense.

1948

Resolved: That the federal government should require arbitration of labor disputes in all basic American industries.

1949

Resolved: That the United States now be revised into a Federal World Government.

1950

Resolved: That the president of the United States should be elected by the direct vote of the people.

1951

Resolved: That the American people should reject the welfare state.

1952

Resolved: That all American citizens should be subject to conscription for essential service in time of war.

1953

Resolved: That the Atlantic Pact nations should form a federal union.

1954

Resolved: That the President of the United States should be elected by the direct vote of the people.

1955

Resolved: That the federal government should initiate a policy of free trade among nations friendly to the United States.

1956

Resolved: That governmental subsidies should be granted according to need to high school graduates who qualify for additional training.

1957

Resolved: That the federal government should sustain the prices of major agricultural products at not less than 90% of parity.

1958

Resolved: That United States foreign aid should be substantially increased.

1959

Resolved: That the United States should adopt the essential features of the British system of education.

1960

Resolved: That the federal government should substantially increase its regulation of labor unions.

1961

Resolved: That the United Nations should be significantly strengthened.

1962

Resolved: That the federal government should equalize educational opportunity by means of grants to the states for public elementary and secondary education.

1963

Resolved: That the United States should promote a Common Market for the western hemisphere.

1964

Resolved: That Social Security benefits should be extended to include complete medical care.

1965

Resolved: That nuclear weapons should be controlled by an international organization.

1966

Resolved: That the federal government should adopt a program of compulsory arbitration in labor-management disputes in basic industries.

1967

Resolved: That the foreign aid program of the United States should be limited to non-military assistance.

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1968

Resolved: That Congress should establish uniform regulations to control criminal investigation procedures.

1969

Resolved: That the United States should establish a system of compulsory service by all citizens.

1970

Resolved: That Congress should prohibit unilateral United States military intervention in foreign countries.

1971

Resolved: That the federal government should establish, finance, and administer programs to control air and/or water pollution in the United States.

1972

Resolved: That the jury system in the United States should be significantly changed.

1973

Resolved: That governmental financial support for all public and secondary education in the United States be provided exclusively by the federal government.

1973-74

Resolved: That the federal government should guarantee a minimum annual income to each family unit.

1974-75

Resolved: That the United States should significantly change the method of selecting presidential and vice-presidential candidates.

1975-76

Resolved: That the development and allocation of scarce world resources should be controlled by an international organization.

1976-77

Resolved: That a comprehensive program of penal reform should be adopted throughout the United States.

1977-78

Resolved: That the federal government should establish a comprehensive program to regulate the health care system in the United States.

1978-79

Resolved: That the federal government should establish a comprehensive program to significantly increase the energy independence of the United States.

1979-80

Resolved: That the United States should significantly change its foreign trade policies.

1980-81

Resolved: That the federal government should initiate and enforce safety guarantees on consumer goods.

1981-82

Resolved: That the federal government should establish minimum educational standards for elementary and secondary schools in the United States.

1982-83

Resolved: That the United States should significantly curtail its arms sales to other countries.

1983-844

Resolved: That the United States should establish uniform rules governing the procedure of all criminal courts in the nation.

1984-85

Resolved: That the federal government should provide employment for all employable United States citizens living in poverty.

1985-86

Resolved: That the federal government should establish a comprehensive national policy to protect the quality of water in the United States.

1986-87

Resolved: That the federal government should implement a comprehensive long-term agricultural policy in the United States.

1987-88

Resolved: That the United States government should adopt a policy to increase political stability in Latin America.

1988-89

Resolved: That the federal government should implement a comprehensive program to guarantee retirement security for United States citizens over age 65.

1989-90

Resolved: That the federal government should adopt a nationwide policy to decrease overcrowding in prisons and jails in the United States.

1990-91

Resolved: That the United States government should significantly increase space exploration beyond the Earth's mesosphere.

1991-92

Resolved: That the federal government should significantly increase social services to homeless individuals in the United States.

1992-93

Resolved: That the United States government should reduce worldwide pollution through its trade and/or aid policies.

1993-94

Resolved: That the federal government should guarantee comprehensive national health insurance to all United States citizens.

1994-95

Resolved: That the United States government should substantially strengthen regulation of immigration to the United States.

1995-96

Resolved: That the United States government should substantially change its foreign policy toward the People's Republic of China.

1996-97

Resolved: That the federal government should establish a program to substantially reduce juvenile crime in the United States.

1997-98

Resolved: That the federal government should establish a policy to substantially increase renewable energy use in the United States.

1998-99

Resolved: That the United States should substantially change its foreign policy toward Russia.

1999-2000

Resolved: That the federal government should establish an education policy to significantly increase academic achievement in secondary schools in the United States.

2000-2001

Resolved: That the United States federal government should significantly increase protection of privacy in the United States in one or more of the following areas: employment, medical records, consumer information, search and seizure.

2001-2002

Resolved: That the United States federal government should establish a foreign policy significantly limiting the use of weapons of mass destruction.

2002-03

Resolved: That the United States federal government should substantially increase public health services for mental health care in the United States.

2003-04

Resolved: That the United States federal government should establish an ocean policy substantially increasing protection of marine natural resources.

2004-2005

Resolved: That the United States federal government should establish a foreign policy substantially increasing its support of United Nations peacekeeping operations.

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2005-2006

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially decrease its authority either to detain without charge or to search without probable cause.

2006-2007

Resolved: The United States federal government should establish a policy substantially increasing the number of persons serving in one or more of the following national service programs: AmeriCorps, Citizen Corps, Senior Corps, Peace Corps, Learn and Serve America, Armed Forces.

2007-2008

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its public health assistance to Sub-Saharan Africa.

2008-2009

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase alternative energy incentives in the United States.

2009-2010

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase social services for persons living in poverty in the United States.

2010-2011

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially reduce its military and/or police presence in one or more of the following: South Korea, Japan, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Iraq, Turkey.

2011-2012

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its exploration and/or development of space beyond the Earth's mesosphere.

2012-2013

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its transportation infrastructure investment in the United States.

2013-2014

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its economic engagement toward Cuba, Mexico or Venezuela.

2014-2015

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its non-military exploration and/or development of the Earth's oceans.

2015-2016

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially curtail its domestic surveillance.

2016-2017

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its economic and/or diplomatic engagement with the People's Republic of China.

2017-2018

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its funding and/or regulation of elementary and/or secondary education in the United States.