

# 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.