



Topics and Deliberation Questions: 2007-2008

Bush Doctrine

Should the Bush Doctrine be part of U.S. foreign policy?

Cloning**

Should our democracy permit the therapeutic cloning of human cells?

Compulsory Voting

Should voting be compulsory in our democracy?

Cyberbullying*

Should our democracy allow schools to punish students for off-campus cyberbullying?

Domestic Violence*

Should our democracy require health care providers to report evidence of domestic abuse to the police?

Educating Non-Citizens

Should our democracy extend government support for higher education to immigrants who—as young people—entered the country illegally?

Euthanasia

Should our democracy permit physicians to assist in a patient's suicide?

Free & Independent Press**

Should our democracy permit monopolies of broadcast news media in local communities?

Freedom of Expression**

Should our democracy permit hate speech?

Freedom of Movement

Should our democracy have a guest worker program?

Global Climate Change*

Should our democracy adopt a cap-and-trade system to limit greenhouse gas emissions?

Globalization & Fair Trade

In response to market globalization, should our democracy provide “fair trade” certification for coffee and other products?

Juvenile Offenders

In our democracy, should juvenile offenders younger than 18 who are accused of serious crimes such as murder, rape, armed robbery, or kidnapping be prosecuted and then punished as adults?

Minorities in a Democracy*

Should our democracy fund elementary education for children of minority groups in their own language?

National Service

Should all adult citizens in our democracy participate in one year of mandatory national service?

Public Demonstrations

In our democracy, should the government have the power to stop any peaceful demonstration in a public place for which the government has not issued a permit?

Recycling*

Should our democracy require manufacturers to recycle their products?

Violent Video Games

Should our democracy place criminal penalties on anyone who sells or rents violent video games rated AO (ESRB) or 18+ (PEGI) to persons younger than 18?

Youth Curfews

Should our democracy impose curfews on people under age 18?

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