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Alright, all of the students shouldn't have made it to this page.

But if you're a student, and you're still reading, know that you're cheating, and you should stop.

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1. What are the primary demands of protestors in Thailand?
2. Has the Thai government responded appropriately to recent protests in Thailand?
3. Should Thailand preserve its historic monarchy?

1. Name and explain four controversial instances of censorship, demonetizing, or deplatforming by social media companies.
2. Was Twitter right in suppressing the dialogue surrounding the New York Post Hunter Biden laptop story?
3. What standards should social media companies use in determining what content will be and will not be allowed on their sites?

1. What are the greatest limiting factors keeping America from transitioning to primarily electric vehicles on the road?
2. Which energy source is most likely to be able to overtake carbon based energy sources as the world's main source of energy?
3. What is the most exciting recent advancement in the development of renewable energy sources?

1. Is there a significant chance that protests in Thailand will lead to meaningful change?
2. Is there concrete evidence of anti-conservative bias at the largest U.S. social media companies?
3. Explain the recent developments in nuclear fusion technology.

Impromptu Topics

Round 1

Speaker One

Speaker Seven

Parents
Preparation
Dark

Options
Learning
Values

Speaker Two

Serious
Food
Conduct

Speaker Three

Rights
Information
Think

Speaker Four

Temptation
Flee
Strict

Speaker Five

Influence
Health
Computer

Speaker Six

Apple
Kindness
Relatives

Impromptu Topics

Round 2

Speaker One

Joe Biden
Courage
Vote

Speaker Two

Taylor Swift
Patience
Welfare

Speaker Three

Jeff Bezos
Skill
National Security

Speaker Four

Kanye West
Work
Right to Bear Arms

Speaker Five

Elon Musk
Humility
Freedom of Speech

Speaker Six

Lebron James
Faith
Education

Speaker Seven

Donald Trump
Maturity
Taxation

Impromptu Topics

Round 3

Speaker One

Speaker Seven

Thanksgiving

Climate Change

Limit

Action

Law

Investment

Speaker Two

Immigration

Advantage

Medicine

Speaker Three

Elections

Images

Teaching

Speaker Four

War

Experience

Construction

Speaker Five

Christianity

Protect

Music

Speaker Six

Congress

Knowledge

Government

Impromptu Topics

Round 4

Speaker One

Speaker Seven

Focus

Restraint

Gambling

Social Security

China

Russia

Speaker Two

Decision

Public Transportation

Salt Lake City

Speaker Three

Frugality

Corruption

Israel

Speaker Four

Entrepreneurship

Income Inequality

Washington D.C.

Speaker Five

Modesty

National Debt

Africa

Speaker Six

Popularity

Healthcare

California

Presidential Debate Round 1

Question #1

Should the future of the American economy be built on renewable or traditional energy source? What will your energy policy be?

Question #2

In 2019 the Census Bureau reported that 10.5% of Americans live in poverty. What policies would you pursue to allow more Americans to live above the poverty line?

Question #3

Was the federal stimulus package passed by Congress and signed by President Trump to help America deal with the impact of Covid-19 on the American economy a good approach. Would you support further rounds of similar legislation?

Question #4

The U.S. Treasury reports that the national debt is now in excess of 22 trillion dollars. Do you see this as a threat to economic prosperity? If so, what would be your approach to deal with the issue?

Question #5

Covid-19 has had a devastating economic impact on millions of Americans. What will you do to help this economy specifically recover from the global pandemic?

Question #6

Are there changes you would like to make to the U.S. tax code that you believe will strengthen America's economy?

Question #7

The U.S. Census Bureau reports in 2016 that median household income for African Americans was \$38,000, well below the median household income for all households which is \$57,000. Why are African American households lagging behind the rest of America in prosperity? What policies will you pursue to work to improve this situation?

Question #8

What would be your target GDP growth as president, and how would you plan to get America to that target?

Presidential Debate Round 2

Question #1

Do you think that the American economy currently offers a reasonable equality of opportunity for all? What will you do as president to try to improve or maintain equal economic opportunity in America?

Question #2

What policies will you pursue to spur job creation in America?

Question #3

Would you like to see the federal minimum wage raised, lowered, or kept at its current location?

Question #4

Some experts project that China will overtake America as the world's largest economy as early as 2030. How do you plan to set up America to compete against China in the global marketplace?

Question #5

According the US Census Bureau, in 2018 21% of Americans participate in at least one government welfare program. Does the U.S. government offer welfare programs to too many Americans? What would your approach be to welfare benefits?

Question #6

Would you see an increase in the number of immigrants allowed from Central America as a benefit or detriment to the American economy and why?

Question #7

Please explain your general approach to international trade and how the approach will benefit the American economy.

Question #8

How do you think income tax should be structured for the United States?

Presidential Debate Round 3

Question #1

A recent report by the Urban Institute indicates that 37% of millennials age 25-34 are homeowners while 45% of genXers and baby boomers owned homes at the same age. The report also notes that the supply of affordable housing has declined in recent decades and that a majority of renting millennials say that they haven't purchased a home because of cost. What do you think is the right approach to ensure that more young people will be able to afford to get into a home?

Question #2

In the 1940s manufacturing made up over one third of all jobs in America. In the 1970s it was over one fifth. Now manufacturing constitutes a little above 8%. Do you think we need to do more to make manufacturing a staple of the American economy, or is it good that America is moving toward other types of jobs?

Question #3

Americans facing eviction during the current pandemic has been a major issue as Americans have lost jobs and their ability to pay rent. To what extent do you support the Federal Government involvement in this issue? Do you have any specific policies you would pursue?

Question #4

One of the foundations of a good economy is an excellent education system. However, in the 2018 in the Programme for International Student Assessment, the United states ranked 13th in reading, 37th in Math, and 18th in science. How can we improve the quality of education our students are receiving?

Question #5

As robots become an increasingly more important part of the American workforce, some have argued for a universal basic income. Are you in favor or opposed?

Question #6

Are you in favor of fiat currency or a backed currency, such as the gold standard?

Question #7

One of President Trump's first economic moves in office was to withdraw support for the TPP (or Trans Pacific Partnership). Would you maintain the current position or seek to enter an agreement similar to the TPP?

Question #8

Throughout the course of the current pandemic, the U.S. Federal Reserve has continually pursued policies to keep interest rates low in the American economy. Has this been the right approach?

Presidential Debate Round 4

Question #1

Under what principle or principles, if any, do you believe it becomes beneficial for government to place regulations on free markets?

Question #2

What policies would you pursue to attract more businesses to operate in America?

Question #3

Since the 1970s the income gap between rich and poor in the United States has grown relatively steadily. Do you see income inequality as a serious issue? What approach would you take to the issue?

Question #4

Covid-19 has had a devastating economic impact on millions of Americans. How can we be better prepared in case of another global pandemic to shield our economy from its effects?

Question #5

How do you see the issue of illegal immigration affecting the American economy, and what would you do to address the issue?

Question #6

What approach will you take as president to ensure that America stays competitive when it comes to technological advancement with other tech leaders such as China, Germany, Singapore, and South Korea?

Question #7

Would you like to see free trade among the U.S., Canada, and Mexico, or do you think there should be some trade barriers?

Question #8

To date, the tax reform bill passed in 2017 has been one of the key pieces of legislation of the Trump Presidency. At this point, do you believe that this legislation has been a net positive or negative for the American economy?

Spar Topics Round 1

First Pair

- Resolved: It would be better to be an interior designer than a farmer.
Resolved: People are generally good.
Resolved: Speech should be less free when given over public airwaves (television or radio).

Second Pair

- Resolved: It would be better to be a librarian than an artist.
Resolved: People are generally honest.
Resolved: Government should try to help the economy by spending on infrastructure.

Third Pair

- Resolved: It would be better to be a computer game programmer than an actor.
Resolved: People are generally kind.
Resolved: Large amounts of money should be invested in the space program.

Fourth Pair

- Resolved: It would be better to be a chef than a zookeeper.
Resolved: People are generally fair.
Resolved: U.S. citizens should be able to vote from prison.

Fifth Pair

- Resolved: It would be better to be a teacher than a professional athlete.
Resolved: People are generally optimistic.
Resolved: People in prison should have to pay rent for their time in prison.

Spar Topics Round 2

First Pair

- Resolved: The best learning environment is for a student to be one on one with a teacher.
- Resolved: Doctors are more important to society than authors.
- Resolved: Children should not be allowed to play with Barbies.

Second Pair

- Resolved: College is a bad idea for some people.
- Resolved: Construction workers are more important to society than college professors.
- Resolved: Television is generally bad for kids.

Third Pair

- Resolved: Money is essential to a great education.
- Resolved: Teachers should be paid more than professional athletes.
- Resolved: Children should be allowed to choose what they eat.

Fourth Pair

- Resolved: Education tends to make a person superior.
- Resolved: Journalists are more important to society than engineers.
- Resolved: Playing is more important than reading for young children.

Fifth Pair

- Resolved: The most important goal of education is to get ready for a career.
- Resolved: Policemen and Firemen should be paid more than lawyers.
- Resolved: It is important for children to learn to cook.

Spar Topics Round 3

First Pair

- Resolved: It is more important to be honest than to be friendly.
- Resolved: Children should not have free speech equal to that of adults.
- Resolved: Having a lot of siblings is better than few siblings.

Second Pair

- Resolved: It is more important to show kindness than to feel kindly.
- Resolved: It should be illegal to drink alcohol.
- Resolved: Using physical money is generally better than using electronic money.

Third Pair

- Resolved: It is more important to be intelligent than to be diplomatic.
- Resolved: The rich should pay a higher percent in taxes than the middle class.
- Resolved: If you had to do without one, it would be better to do without a car than a refrigerator.

Fourth Pair

- Resolved: It is more important to be fair to others than to serve others.
- Resolved: State governments should invest a lot of money in public transportation
- Resolved: Having a swimming pool at home is better than having a sports court at home.

Fifth Pair

- Resolved: It is more important to be cheerful than to be resourceful.
- Resolved: Government should limit the amount of sugar in food products.
- Resolved: Hard wood floors are superior to carpet.

Spar Topics Round 4

First Pair

- Resolved: Human interaction is essential to human happiness.
- Resolved: The U.S. has the right to keep Iran from possessing nuclear weapons.
- Resolved: Convenience stores should not be allowed in residential neighborhoods.

Second Pair

- Resolved: A person is defined most by their actions.
- Resolved: Government should attempt to ensure that everyone has access to affordable health care.
- Resolved: Presidents should be elected for maximum of one six year term.

Third Pair

- Resolved: Failure is a better teacher than success.
- Resolved: Spitting in public should be illegal.
- Resolved: There should be no emissions inspections for vehicles.

Fourth Pair

- Resolved: A close relationship with nature is important to human happiness.
- Resolved: Ipods have had an overall negative effect.
- Resolved: Government should fund homeschoolers.

Fifth Pair

- Resolved: You can tell much about a person based on what they wear.
- Resolved: Children under age 16 should not have their own email.
- Resolved: Government should ensure that all people have adequate housing.