

2023 NPDA Debate Motions

Jannese Davidson Memorial Tournament

- Round 1: The United States federal government should substantially improve security on its southern border.
- Round 2: The United States federal government should abolish the debt ceiling.
- Round 3: The second amendment of the Constitution of the United States does more harm than good.
- Round 4: The use of shale gas and fracking does more harm than good.
- Round 5: The North Atlantic Treaty Organization should substantially increase its support for Ukraine.
- Octofinals: In the United States, efforts to mitigate the spread of Covid-19 do more harm than good.
- Quarterfinals: The United States Senate should confirm Gigi Sohn's nomination to the Federal Communications Commission.
- Semifinals: End the use of no-knock warrants.
- Finals: The Congress of the United States should remove Joe Biden from office.

2023 IPDA Debate Resolutions

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Round One: Education & Learning

1. Public school students should be required to wear school uniforms.
2. The push for equity in education has gone too far.
3. All students should be required to volunteer in their community.
4. Letter grades do more harm than good.
5. School teachers should carry firearms.

Round Two: Energy & The Environment

1. The United States should substantially increase its use of nuclear energy.
2. The push to combat climate change is more about politics than the environment
3. Mother nature needs more love.
4. This house should increase restrictions on one or more single use plastic products.
5. Energy efficiency regulations on industry do more harm than good.

Round Three: Health Care

1. Covid-19 vaccination mandates do more harm than good.
2. Government health care is superior to private health care.
3. Physician, heal thyself.
4. The United States federal government should regulate prescription drug prices
5. COVID lockdowns caused more harm than good.

Round Four: Criminal Justice

1. Defunding the police is a mistake.
2. The criminal justice system undervalues rehabilitation.
3. It is better to let 10 guilty persons go free than convict one innocent person.
4. Supreme Court judges should be appointed for fixed terms.
5. The use of private prisons should be expanded.

Bronze Round: US Foreign Policy

1. United States aid to Ukraine does more harm than good.
2. United States support of Israel has gone too far.
3. The pen is mightier than the sword.
4. In this instance, the United States should retreat.
5. The United States has underestimated the threats posed by China.

Gold Round: Domestic Economy

1. The United States should adopt a flat tax on incomes.
2. Tariffs are an effective tool for protecting domestic industries.
3. The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few.
4. Quantitative easing does more harm than good.
5. It is time for a universal basic income.