



Topics and Deliberation Questions: 2009-2010

Cloning

Should our democracy permit the therapeutic cloning of human cells?

Crime and Punishment

Should our democracy ban the death penalty?

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 Justice

In our democracy, should juvenile offenders who are accused of serious violent crimes be prosecuted and punished as adults?

Marriage and the State*

Should our democracy permit same-sex couples (gay and lesbian) to marry?

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?

**Parental Liability***

Should our democracy hold parents responsible when their teenagers commit minor offenses?

Preventive War

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

Public Demonstrations

Should our democracy have the power to prohibit unauthorized public demonstrations?

Recycling

Should our democracy require manufacturers to recycle their products?

Surveillance*

Should our democracy require law enforcement officials to get permission from a judge to access public video surveillance records?

Violent Video Games

Should our democracy place criminal penalties on anyone who sells, rents, or shows violent video games to minors?

Voting

Should voting be compulsory in our democracy?

Youth Curfews

Should our democracy impose curfews on people under age 18?

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