

Ms. Perez's
ENGLISH DEBATES
Controversial Issues:

Topic I: Bioethical Issues

ex: Is There a Moral Right to Abortion?

1. Should Commercial Surrogate Motherhood Be Banned?
2. Is It Ethical to Withhold the Truth from Dying Patients?
3. Should Animal Experimentation Be Permitted?
4. Is It Unethical to Implant Animal Parts in Humans?

Topic II : Business Ethics

ex: Is Drug Testing an Unwarranted Invasion of Employee Privacy?

1. Is Advertising Fundamentally Deceptive?
2. Are Federal Marketing Orders Unfair?
3. Is Bribery Ever Justified?

Topic III: Crime & Criminology

ex: Is criminal Behavior Biologically Determined?

1. Is Street Crime More Serious Than White-Collar Crime?
2. Is Punishment Good Crime Control?
3. Juvenile Justice: Are Kids "Getting Away With Murder"?
4. Should Plea Bargaining Continue To Be an Accepted Practice?
5. Should Capital Punishment Be Abolished?
6. Should Elderly Offenders Get Lighter Sentences?
7. Will Gun Control Reduce Crime?

8. Are Private Prisons a Good Idea?

9. Will Drug Legalization Help the Criminal Justice Systems?

Topic IV: Drugs and Society

ex: Should Medical Patients Be Permitted to Use Marijuana?

*1. Should the Drinking Age Remain at 21?

2. Should Drug Use on Pregnant Women Be Considered Child Abuse?

3. Can Caffeine Be Bad for Your Health?

4. Is Alcoholism Hereditary?

5. Do Drug Education Programs Prevent Drug Abuse?

6. Are Drug Addicts Always in Control of Their Addictions?

7. Are the Dangers of Steroids Exaggerated?

Topic IV: Economic Issues

ex: Are Women Paid Less than Men Because Their Working Conditions Are More Favorable?

1. Is Mass Transit the Answer to Improving U.S. Energy Efficiency?

2. Is Workfare a Good Substitute for Welfare?

3. Is Japan a Threat to America's Economic and National Security?

4. Does Global Warming require Immediate Government Action?

Topic V: Family & Personal Issues

ex: Are Gender Differences Present at Birth?

1. Should Gays and Lesbians Fight for the Right to Marry?

2. Should Surrogate Parenting Be Permitted for Infertile Couples?

3. Should Pregnant teens Marry the Fathers of Their Babies?
4. Does Arrest Reduce Domestic Violence?
5. Should the Government Establish Special Programs and Policies for Black Youths and Their Families?
6. Children of Divorce: Are They at greater Risk?
7. Do Stepchildren Need Special Policies and Programs on Their Behalf?

Topic VI: Health & Society

ex: Should Doctors Help Terminally Ill Patients Commit Suicide?

1. Is Aids Getting More Than Its Share of resources and Media Attention?
2. Can A Positive Mental Attitude Overcome Diseases?
3. Do Smokers Have a Right To Smoke In Public Places?
4. Should Drugs Be Legalized?
5. Does Sex Education Prevent Teen Pregnancy?
6. Can Abortion Be a Morally Acceptable Choice?
7. Does Exercise Increase Longevity?
8. Are Pesticides in foods harmful to Human Health?

Topic VI: Human Sexuality

ex: Can Sex Be an Addiction?

1. Is Rape Motivated by Aggression Instead of Sex?
2. Does Sexual Infidelity Destroy a Relationship?
3. Is Pornography Harmful?
4. Abortion Debate: Should the Human Fetus Be Considered a Person?
5. Should the Policy Banning Gays from the Military be Lifted?

6. Should Prostitution be Decriminalized?
7. Is Sexual Harassment a Pervasive Problem?
8. Has the Federal Government Spent Enough on Aids?

Topic VII: World Politics

ex: Should the US Abandon It's Superpower Role?

1. Would Women in Combat Weaken National Security?
2. Is the Kidnapping of Criminal Suspects from Foreign Countries Justifiable?
3. Is there a World Population Crisis?
4. Can Modern War be Just?