

2018- 2019

- **January**
 - Resolved: The United States federal government should prioritize reducing the federal debt over promoting economic growth.

- **November - December**
 - Resolved: The United States federal government should impose price controls on the pharmaceutical industry.

- **September-October**
 - Resolved: The United States should accede to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea without reservations.

- ***Note***
 - The initial Public Forum topic above will be a 2-month topic for both September-October and November-December. Public Forum topics will then revert to a month-to-month topic thereafter.

2017- 2018

- **March**
 - Resolved: On balance, the current Authorization for Use of Military Force gives too much power to the president.

- **February**
 - Resolved: The United States should abolish the capital gains tax.

- **January**
 - Resolved: Spain should grant Catalonia its independence.

- **December**
 - Resolved: NCAA student athletes ought to be recognized as employees under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

- **November**

- Resolved: The United States should require universal background checks for all gun sales and transfers of ownership.

- **September-October**

- Resolved: Deployment of anti-missile systems is in South Korea's best interest.

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2016- 2017

- **November**

- Resolved: On balance, the benefits of the Internet of Things outweigh the harms of decreased personal privacy.

- **September-October**

- Resolved: In United States public K-12 schools, the probable cause standard ought to apply to searches of students.

- ***Note***

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2015- 2016

- **March**

- Resolved: The United States should withdraw its military presence from Okinawa.

- **February**

- Resolved: The United States federal government should adopt a carbon tax.

- **January**

- Resolved: On balance, economic sanctions are reducing the threat Russia poses to Western interests.

- **December**
 - Resolved: On balance, standardized testing is beneficial to K-12 education in the United States.

- **November**
 - Resolved: In response to the current crisis, a government should prioritize the humanitarian needs of refugees over its national interests.

- **September-October**
 - Resolved: The United States Federal Government ought to pay reparations to African Americans.

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2014- 2015

- **March**
 - Resolved: In the United States, students should be guaranteed two years of free tuition to a community or technical college.

- **February**
 - Resolved: On balance, economic globalization benefits worldwide poverty reduction.

- **January**
 - Resolved: United Nations peacekeepers should have the power to engage in offensive operations.

- **December**
 - Resolved: For-profit prisons in the United States should be banned.

- **November**
 - Resolved: On balance, the benefits of genetically modified foods outweigh the harms.

- **September-October**
- Resolved: On balance, public subsidies for professional athletic organizations in the United States benefit their local communities.

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2013- 2014

- **March**
- Resolved: Single-gender classrooms would improve the quality of education in American public schools.

- **February**
- Resolved: The Supreme Court rightly decided that Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act violated the Constitution.

- **January**
- Resolved: Development assistance should be prioritized over military aid in the Sahel region of Africa.

- **December**
- Resolved: Immigration reform should include a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants currently living in the United States.

- **November**
- Resolved: The benefits of domestic surveillance by the NSA outweigh the harms.

- **September-October**
- Resolved: Unilateral military force by the United States is justified to prevent nuclear proliferation.

- ***Note***
- The initial 2013-14 Public Forum topic above will be a 2-month topic for both September

and October. Public Forum topics will then revert to a month-to-month topic thereafter.

2012- 2013

- **April**
 - Resolved: The continuation of current U.S. anti-drug policies in Latin America will do more harm than good.

- **March**
 - Resolved: The U.S. government should not require its citizens to have health insurance.

- **February**
 - Resolved: On balance, the rise of China is beneficial to the interests of the United States.

- **January**
 - Resolved: On balance, the Supreme Court decision in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission harms the election process.

- **December**
 - Resolved: The United States should prioritize tax increases over spending cuts.

- **November**
 - Resolved: Current U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East undermines our national security.

- **October**
 - Resolved: Developed countries have a moral obligation to mitigate the effects of climate change.

- **September**
 - Resolved: Congress should renew the Federal Assault Weapons Ban.

2011- 2012

- **March**
- Resolved: The United States should suspend all assistance to Pakistan.

- **February**
- Resolved: Birthright citizenship should be abolished in the United States.

- **January**
- Resolved: The costs of a college education outweigh the benefits.

- **December**
- Resolved: In the United States, current income disparities threaten democratic ideals.

- **November**
- Resolved: Direct popular vote should replace electoral vote in presidential elections.

- **October**
- Resolved: Private sector investment in human space exploration is preferable to public sector investment.

- **September**
- Resolved: The benefits of post-9/11 security measures outweigh the harms to personal freedom.

2010 - 2011

- **March**
- Resolved: North Korea poses a more serious threat to United States national security than Iran.

- **February**
- Resolved: Wikileaks is a threat to United States national security.

- **January**
- Resolved: In the United States, plea bargaining undermines the criminal justice system.

- **December**
- Resolved: Cyberbullying should be a criminal offense.

- **November**
- Resolved: High school Public Forum Debate resolutions should not confront sensitive religious issues.

- **October**
- Resolved: NATO presence improves the lives of Afghan citizens.

- **September**
- Resolved: Allowing deep water offshore oil drilling is in the best interest of the United States.

2009 - 2010

- **NCFL Grand Nationals**
- Resolved: That the constitutional right of freedom of religion has wrongly evolved into freedom from religion.

- **April**
- Resolved: On balance, government employee labor unions have a positive impact on the United States.

- **March**
- Resolved: Affirmative action to promote equal opportunity in the United States is justified.

- **February**
- Resolved: In the United States, organized political lobbying does more harm than good.

- **January**
- Resolved: President Obama's plan for increasing troops in Afghanistan is in the United States' best interest.

- **December**
 - Resolved: That merit pay based on student achievement should be a significant component of K-12 teacher compensation in United States public schools.

- **November**
 - Resolved: Failed nations are a greater threat to the United States than stable nations.

- **October**
 - Resolved: When in conflict, the United Nations should prioritize global poverty reduction over environmental protection.

- **September**
 - Resolved: United States policy on illegal immigration should focus on attrition through enforcement rather than amnesty.