



## **Research Topics, Essay Questions, and Issue-Based Discussion Prompts**

### **RIGHT TO LIFE**

1. Should abortion providers, including Planned Parenthood, receive taxpayer funds from federal, state, or local governments (including Title X grants)?
2. Should chemical abortion drugs meet essential safety standards (such as in-person consultation with a medical doctor) and require reporting by prescribers to gather evidence on reactions and outcomes?
3. Under what circumstances should an elective abortion be allowed?
4. Does the federal government have a role to play in limiting abortion, and if so what federal steps and/or federal legislation would you support?

### **ECONOMIC ISSUES**

1. What actions would you take that would allow Americans to retain more of their income and wealth?
2. Does student loan forgiveness unfairly shift the financial burden to those not responsible for student debt?
3. Should environmental and social issues, like ESG (environmental, social, and governance) ratings, be used as criteria in deciding where to invest public monies?

### **RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**

1. What does "separation of church and state" mean to you?
2. Should individuals and businesses be required to provide services even if it would violate their moral and/or religious beliefs?

### **HEALTHCARE**

1. Is healthcare a right established by the Constitution?
2. Should healthcare for all be guaranteed?
3. Should healthcare for all be funded by the taxpayers?
4. Should insurance for all be mandated by the government?

### **NATIONAL SECURITY**

1. When should the United States intervene in foreign conflicts?
2. What type of action is necessary to address threats to freedom around the world (e.g., diplomacy, economic sanctions, military intervention)?
3. What country or group poses the most serious military, cyber security, intellectual property, and economic threat to the United States (e.g., China, Russia, global terrorism)?
4. Is the United States relationship with Israel important? If so, why?
5. What are the causes of decline in U.S. military recruitment and retention?

### **2<sup>ND</sup> AMENDMENT**

1. What restrictions on gun ownership are needed to protect public safety?



## **IMMIGRATION**

1. Should the U.S. do more to physically secure the southern border?
2. Who should be allowed to immigrate to the U.S. and under what circumstances?

## **EDUCATION**

1. Should parents have a range of education and education funding options, including voucher programs, tax credits, charter schools, private schools, and home schools?
2. Should the U.S. Department of Education be eliminated and control given back to states and communities?

## **VALUES**

1. Is marriage a God-ordained, sacred and legal union of one man and one woman? If so, does government have the authority to alter this definition?
2. Is gender ideology, grooming, and bodily mutilation merely abuse targeted at children?
3. Should taxpayer funds be used to provide gender transition services?

## **ELECTIONS AND VOTING**

1. Should people be able to vote without photo identification?
2. Should the Electoral College be abolished?

## **EQUALITY**

1. Are the institutions of the United States fundamentally racist?
2. Should biological males be allowed to participate in women's sports or occupy biological women's spaces whether it be bathrooms, locker rooms, sorority houses, women's shelters, or prison?
3. Based on each candidate's responses, how do you think he/she will vote/govern, if elected?

## **ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT**

1. Is the climate changing?
  - a. If so, does it pose a global threat?
  - b. If so, is it due to human activity and/or enterprise?
  - c. If so, are there human remedies? Do the remedies, if any, require government funding and/or urgent political action?
2. What do you believe is the most reliable energy source that will supply the growing demand for electricity?

## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

1. Should funds from police departments be redirected to community programs?

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