

Impromptu Topics  
State 2015

**Round I**

**Speaker 1**

absolutism

Should consumers know when they buy products with GMOs?

Those who have one foot in the canoe, and one foot in the boat, are going to fall into the river. - *Tuscarora*

**Speaker 2**

capitalism

Should religious freedom include the right to discriminate against other religions?

Don't be afraid to cry. It will free your mind of sorrowful thoughts. - *Hopi*

**Speaker 3**

minimalism

Should the second amendment include the right to own military style weapons?

Day and night cannot dwell together. - *Duwamish*

**Speaker 4**

escapism

Do police need to be more accountable to their communities?

They are not dead who live in the hearts they leave behind. - *Tuscarora*

**Speaker 5**

collectivism

Is it time to raise taxes to improve US infrastructure?

It is better to have less thunder in the mouth and more lightning in the hand. -*Apache*

**Speaker 6**

idealism

What conservation measures should California take because of the drought?

If we wonder often, the gift of knowledge will come. - *Arapaho*

**Speaker 7**

sensationalism

Should laws restrict what questions doctors ask their patients?

Most of us do not look as handsome to others as we do to ourselves. - *Assiniboine*

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**Round II**

**Speaker 1**

acquisition

Should standardized test scores be part of teacher evaluations?

You're either part of the solution or part of the problem. *(Leroy) Eldridge Cleaver (1935-1998)*

**Speaker 2**

coalition

Should communities be able to restrict fracking within their boundaries?

Life is short, and it's up to you to make it sweet. *Sadie Delany (1889-1999)*

**Speaker 3**

inhibition

Who should pay for the cleanup of oil spills?

I used to want the words "She tried" on my tombstone. Now I want "She did it." *Katherine Dunham (1910-2006)*

**Speaker 4**

opposition

Would regional primaries improve our presidential election process?

The question is not whether we can afford to invest in every child; it is whether we can afford not to.

*Marian Wright Edelman (1939-)*

**Speaker 5**

premonition

Should families be able to force mentally ill members into treatment?

There will always be men struggling to change, and there will always be those who are controlled by the past.

*Ernest J. Gaines (1933-)*

**Speaker 6**

recondition

Should the public be able to know who donates to political campaigns?

I can accept failure. Everyone fails at something. But I can't accept not trying. *Michael Jordan (1963-)*

**Speaker 7**

sedition

Should colleges do more to stop underage drinking on campus?

Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity.

*Martin Luther King (1929-1968)*

**Round Semi Finals**

**Speaker 1**

abate

Who should decide what is taught in public schools in the US?

When the music changes, so does the dance. — *African proverb*

**Speaker 2**

affectionate

Should the Supreme Court Justices have term limits?

If it's too loud, you're too old! — *Barrythemod*

**Speaker 3**

calibrate

To what extent should Congress have a say in US foreign policy?

Anyone can learn what Louis Armstrong knows about music in a few weeks. Nobody could learn to play like him in a thousand years. — *Benny Green*

**Speaker 4**

congratulate

Should legislative districts be drawn up by nonpartisan committees?

The truest expression of a people is in its dance and music. — *Agnes de Mille*

**Speaker 5**

decorate

Should Oregon establish a sales tax?

Art is self expression. If you are expressing someone else's personality, that is not art. — *Bennie Wallace*

**Speaker 6**

discriminate

Should teachers be allowed to carry guns in schools?

A real leader faces the music, even if he doesn't like the tune. — *Anon*

**Speaker 7**

incarcerate

Should the minimum wage be replaced with living wage requirements for employees?

Talent is cheap, and many talents treat themselves cheaply. — *Bill Evans*

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**Round Finals**

**Speaker 1**

affluence

Should all exemptions for vaccination of school age children be eliminated?

The best motivation always comes from within. - *Michael Johnson (Gold Medal Sprinter)*

**Speaker 2**

competence

Would allowing more legal immigrants into the US solve the illegal immigration problem?

True disputants are like true sportsmen: their whole delight is in the pursuit. - *Alexander Pope (English Poet)*

**Speaker 3**

decadence

Should college athletes be paid?

To begin, begin. - *Peter Nivio Zarlenga (Famous Author)*

**Speaker 4**

expedience

Should citizens be required to vote in elections?

Failures are finger posts on the road to achievement. - *Charles F. Kettering (Famous American Inventor)*

**Speaker 5**

inconsistence

Should the internet be able to have commercial superhighways?

Experience is a hard teacher because she gives the test first, the lesson afterward. - *Vernon Law (Former Pirates pitcher)*

**Speaker 6**

negligence

Should potential employers be able to check out applicants social networking sites?

A team is where a boy can prove his courage on his own. A gang is where a coward goes to hide. - *Mickey Mantle (Famous Baseball Player)*

**Speaker 7**

penitence

Should public schools eliminate teacher tenure?

Wisdom is always an overmatch for strength. - *Phil Jackson (NBA Coach)*

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**Extra Topics**

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remorse

Should the media do more to fact check political candidates?

Let me never fall into the vulgar mistake of dreaming that I am persecuted whenever I am contradicted.

- *Ralph Waldo Emerson (American Philosopher)*

resilience

Airlines should do more to screen the mental health of pilots.

The weakness of the enemy makes our strength. - *Cherokee*