

Jonathan Price's Thesis Statement #2

pricej2

Posted Jan 9, 2007 9:43 PM New!

Mark McGuire should not be allowed to be inducted into the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame.

This one is pretty straight forward. For those of you who don't know, this is a big issue right now in sports. McGuire has the most home runs and best slugging percentage of any former Major League baseball player and is often credited for "bringing back baseball." The problem: he admitted to steroid use during his career and has been deemed a cheater, therefore presenting the question as to whether or not he should be allowed to be inducted.

tammym2

Posted Jan 10, 2007 10:32 PM New!

I agree. But, I like the other topic better. It is more relevant to the audience (UW students) and may arise more interest since we can relate . Either way, both really good topics.

jessie4

Posted Jan 11, 2007 1:46 PM New!

I don't think it would be as interesting to students who don't follow sports. I agree with you on this topic, but I also agree with Tammy, the other topic is closer to home and students will be able to relate to it better.

kmp6

Posted Jan 11, 2007 1:52 PM New!

This may be a less interesting topic for some because not all people follow sports. It may require more informing before you can even begin the argument in

order to make sure we all understand the issue being discussed.

lailanni

Posted Jan 11, 2007 1:53 PM **New!**

I don't really pay attention to sports, so I don't know about this topic.

briango

Posted Yesterday, 2:11 PM **New!**

I disagree, the hall of fame should recognize great names in the sport, those who have brought awe and new respect to the sport, and focus less on how they got there. But then again I'm not too into baseball.

YOUR NAME:

YOUR REPLY:

Jonathan Price's Thesis Statement #1

pricej2

Posted Jan 9, 2007 9:43 PM **New!**

Student/Athletes of Division I collegiate athletics should be paid at least the minimum wage of their respective state as compensation for the time invested in their particular athletic program.

In the sporting world, this has been a debate for the ages. As it stands right now, Student/Athletes are not paid at all. Yes the argument could be made that a lot of them are on full rides and have nothing that they

really need to pay for, however, what about the athletes who are walk-ons or are on partial scholarships? These students don't have the time to work enough hours at a job to make their way through college, so this would be a legitimate compensation for them.

tammym2

Posted Jan 10, 2007 10:26 PM New!

I think this is a great topic and yet one I have heard little about. I know a lot of athletes at UW and know that they bust ass to stay on the team. I agree with you on this one, however you made note of the strong oppositional points. This would be a really good speech topic.

jessie4

Posted Jan 11, 2007 1:41 PM New!

I think this would be a controversial topic that would get a lot of different responses from the class. Personally, I think college athlete receive too much special treatment as it is and do not deserve a wage. It would be fun to hear more about it.

lailanni

Posted Jan 11, 2007 1:42 PM New!

This would make a good speech topic. Personally, I disagree. If you're playing sports for a school you already get perks and should not be paid. What about other students who bust their ass to major in biochem and do cancer research? Shouldn't they get paid then, if they're doing something hard and important?

briango

Posted Yesterday, 2:06 PM New!

I disagree, for the same reason as above.

YOUR NAME:

YOUR REPLY:

Kristen Pagnac Thesis # 2

kmp6

Posted Jan 11, 2007 10:21 AM [New!](#)

The United States should take steps to provide Universal Health Care

tammym2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 11:50 AM [New!](#)

This is a great topic, I agree with you on this one. There are too many health issues in third world countries and I think that rather than still focusing money and energy into to middle east where we are clearly not wanted, we could use some of that to fund other countries and help out, rather than try to infiltrate. Others will argue that we need to take care of our own people first, but when you look at the death rates from impoverished countries due to malnutrition and aids viruses, it becomes hard to be selfish. This is a good one.

pricej2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 1:38 PM [New!](#)

This is definitely a great topic to use for your speech. I am personally all for it. I think that the Health Care system right now is pretty ridiculous with the way

they handle things. There should be something done for sure.

brianngo

Posted Yesterday, 2:02 PM **New!**

I agree, there are some european countries that do this and it has proven really beneficial for attracting people to move to that country and work, etc..

YOUR NAME:

YOUR REPLY:

Kristen Pagnac Thesis #1

kmp6

Posted Jan 11, 2007 10:13 AM **New!**

The United States should legalize the use of marijuana for all adults.

tammym2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 11:53 AM **New!**

I agree on some extent, for therapeutic reasons I agree, but for leisurely use I think there are too many issues surrounding it that would make it difficult. Using it responsibly cannot be monitored, and the use of weed and other painkillers is rising so much within high school aged kids I think it would pave the path for destructive lifestyles eventually.

pricej2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 1:41 PM **New!**

I agree. Maybe it would be a good idea to get into slightly more detail in your thesis just to clarify what age you consider an adult. I would assume 18, but not all people would agree as to what age is to be considered an "adult."

brianngo

Posted Yesterday, 1:58 PM **New!**

I agree, if anything marijuana should be a public health issue, not a legality issue.

YOUR NAME:

YOUR REPLY:

Cameron Elisara Thesis #2

celisara

Posted Jan 10, 2007 7:47 PM -- edited Jan 10, 2007 7:53 PM by celisara **New!**

The University of Washington should only hold classes four days out of the week, leaving three day weekends every weekend.

tammym2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 11:42 AM **New!**

I agree with this, but would need to consider that our

class days would be longer, which for some could be hard trying to work after school. I like this topic, but I think your other one has more that you could argue stronger.

kmp6

Posted Jan 11, 2007 11:45 AM [New!](#)

While I would love for this to happen, I feel your other topic may have more options for you and a bit easier to give a speech on. If you chose to do this, it would strike a lot of interest in your audience seeing as how it effects us all.

pricej2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 1:32 PM [New!](#)

I agree. I couldn't help but laugh when I read this one. If it is controversy that you are looking for, it is controversy that you have just found. You can imagine who would be pro and who would be con on this one. I am all for it as long as it doesn't extend the school year at all.

lailanni

Posted Jan 11, 2007 2:43 PM [New!](#)

While I really want to agree, I think I ought to disagree. We would have to have longer classes during the 4 days, and we would need to go at a faster pace. Students may not be able to get the extra help they need if study centers are only open 4 days a week as well. And since college prepares us for work, and work is generally 5 days a week, I don't think that would help with the college - work transition.

atkink

Posted Jan 11, 2007 6:36 PM New!

I disagree. There is little time as it is, and that would mean classes would be that much more important to attend. When you have more days, there is less importance so you can miss a few days if you need to. I can't believe I'm saying this.

brianngo

Posted Yesterday, 1:52 PM New!

I disagree and think it should be up to the individual colleges (for example, the Business School has 'fridays off') to decide, instead of the university as a whole.

YOUR NAME:

YOUR REPLY:

Cameron Elisara Thesis #1

celisara

Posted Jan 10, 2007 7:30 PM -- edited Jan 10, 2007 7:37 PM by celisara New!

Smokers who fail to abide by the smoking restriction policy should receive more severe punishment such as fines, suspensions, or expulsions.

tammym2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 11:39 AM New!

Cameron- I agree with you. I think there is a lot you can do with this topic. I just heard something on the radio about this that could help... They were saying

that I think in Washington, now if people are smoking in the car with their kids, they are to receive a penalty, however the penalty is only \$50, almost pointless. There's a lot of info and a lot of controversy from smokers v. non.

kmp6

Posted Jan 11, 2007 11:43 AM New!

I think this topic is very relevant and I agree with you completely. I too have been hearing a lot of talk about this in the media recently and I feel you would be able to find a lot of sources on this topic

pricej2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 1:30 PM New!

I agree with this one. This would be an easy topic to do your speeches on because it has been an ongoing issue for some time now.

brianngo

Posted Yesterday, 1:48 PM New!

As an asthmatic, I definitely agree with this thesis. I believe it would reduce the number of people afflicted with asthma in the state by a great amount.

YOUR NAME:

YOUR REPLY:

jessie4

Posted Jan 10, 2007 10:29 PM **New!**

In areas around public Universities, all sale of alcohol should require two forms of identification in order to be purchased. This would detour the use of fake I.D.'s in bars, grocery stores, and restaurants by underage students.

pricej2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 1:11 PM **New!**

I disagree, one form of ID is enough. Might as well ask for a birth certificate, blood sample and a finger print. It's just alcohol.

lailanni

Posted Jan 11, 2007 3:07 PM **New!**

I agree, because two forms of ID are easy to provide and could help deter underage drinking. That said, you'd just need two fake IDs, so I don't know how effective it would be in reality.

atkink

Posted Jan 11, 2007 5:29 PM **New!**

I disagree. The only piece of information I have with my birthday on it is my driver's license, so I'm not sure what the second Identification would do besides confirm that your name is right, unless you carry your birth certificate/passport with you. Your drivers license should be enough.

brianngo

Posted Yesterday, 1:42 PM **New!**

I disagree, this would make buying alcohol for people

who are of legal age a hassle and is a bit of an overkill. It would be more efficient to improve our current drivers license/state IDs with more modern technology to prevent counterfeit.

YOUR NAME:

YOUR REPLY:

Jessica Edwards Thesis # 1

jessie4

Posted Jan 10, 2007 10:16 PM New!

To lower the cost of tuition at public Universities in the state of Washington, a new income tax should be implemented on all employees in Washington, regardless if they have children in school or not.

pricej2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 12:51 PM New!

I disagree with this one. I think the last thing that needs to get implemented is more random income taxes. But hey, at least you know there are people against it.

atkink

Posted Jan 11, 2007 9:04 PM New!

I disagree. I don't think taxing everyone is the right answer to lowering tuition costs. The problem is with how the state allocates the money they already receive from extensive taxing.

lkasser

Posted Jan 11, 2007 10:12 PM **New!**

I disagree with this. I don't think having more income tax is the answer. That is why there are scholarships of all kinds to help with this problem. But this topic to have for a thesis.

taylop

Posted Yesterday, 12:11 AM **New!**

I disagree with your thesis. I believe income taxes are high enough already. That said, I would love to hear your reasoning behind this argument. I think that it could be a very interesting speech. It is certainly a controversial position.

brianngo

Posted Yesterday, 1:37 PM **New!**

I also disagree, there currently is not personal income tax in WA and I believe that is one of the attractive factors in bringing talent into the state's work force.

YOUR NAME:

YOUR REPLY:

Genna Ivanov thesis #1

gennai

Posted Jan 11, 2007 2:59 AM **New!**

Products containing caffeine should have a warning label identifying the amount of caffeine and its effect on cardiovascular and nerves system.

kmp6

Posted Jan 11, 2007 12:02 PM [New!](#)

I definitely agree with this thesis. research may be a bit hard to find because it is not an issue of high concern, at least I am not aware of it. You will definitely be able to use medical statistics and examples of the effects of caffeine. I feel the opposition to your thesis may be a bit tricky to find solid sources.

pricej2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 1:54 PM [New!](#)

I think that I would have to disagree with this one. I just don't think that it's that big of a deal where companies should have to spend the extra time and money worrying about a warning for caffeine. The nutritional facts label should be enough and people should be able to monitor for themselves what is too much caffeine by looking at that label.

lailanni

Posted Jan 11, 2007 2:30 PM [New!](#)

I agree, some people are caffiene sensitive and knowing this info would be helpful.

atkink

Posted Jan 11, 2007 7:10 PM [New!](#)

I disagree. I'm not sure what adverse affects that regualr intakes of caffeine has on a person. Perhaps if

they were significant then I would reconsider. I thought some caffeine was actually a good thing, as in with green tea. Maybe I am misinformed.

fnghiem

Posted Jan 11, 2007 8:12 PM New!

I agree. People should know how much caffeine is in products and its side effects. For example, those energy drinks have high amounts of caffeine and if consumed in large amounts it can be dangerous.

fnghiem

Posted Jan 11, 2007 8:13 PM New!

I agree. People should know how much caffeine is in products and its side effects. For example, those energy drinks have high amounts of caffeine and if consumed in large amounts it can be dangerous.

taylop

Posted Yesterday, 12:45 AM New!

I agree. I think that caffeine should be included with the rest of the nutritional facts on food labels. It can have detrimental effects and people deserve to know how much they are ingesting.

YOUR NAME:

YOUR REPLY:

ian12

Posted Jan 11, 2007 9:14 PM **New!**

Automatic weapons should be made illegal

taylop

Posted Yesterday, 12:39 AM **New!**

I think this position may be difficult to support because of the constitutional amendment allowing ownership of firearms.

YOUR NAME:

YOUR REPLY:

Sheila's thesis #2

lailanni

Posted Jan 9, 2007 10:49 PM **New!**

There should NOT be oil drilling in ANWR (Arctic National Wildlife Refuge).

tammym2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 11:28 AM **New!**

Another great topic. Both of your have been covered by a lot of debate and both spark a ton of controversy. Both are great and would serve as excellent topics for the quarter and I dont have strong passions either way, so I would suggest go for whatever one you are more passionate about.

kmp6

Posted Jan 11, 2007 11:34 AM **New!**

You have touched on a very real issue that I would love to find out more about. This idea is original and has a lot of controversy!

pricej2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 1:25 PM **New!**

This is a good topic. I really don't think that you should be allowed to do anything commercial to a Wildlife Refuge. This could be a good topic for you to take the Pro's on.

brianngo

Posted Yesterday, 12:18 AM **New!**

Definitely agree with your thesis, although I don't know enough about the topic to back up my opinion. Would be interesting to hear the different sides on this issue.

taylop

Posted Yesterday, 12:32 AM **New!**

I think this is a great topic. I think there are great points on both sides of the issue.

YOUR NAME:

YOUR REPLY:

Sheila's Thesis #1

lailanni

Posted Jan 9, 2007 10:48 PM **New!**

Global warming is definitely happening NOW! Serious, immediate action needs to be taken to prevent mass extinctions.

Global warming is not fiction.

tammym2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 11:24 AM **New!**

Sheila- I definitely agree.... it would be great to inform myself and the class about what SHOULD be done in order to stop this and prevent more future damage than we already have.

kmp6

Posted Jan 11, 2007 11:47 AM **New!**

I love the topic and it is definitely an issue that is of high concern right now. I would love to hear more about this issue in the form of a speech

pricej2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 1:34 PM **New!**

I agree with this topic. There are a lot of solutions that you could come up with to support your thesis. However, are any of them really plausible?

brianngo

Posted Yesterday, 12:07 AM **New!**

Although I agree that global warming is an issue, I

think the global community is overreacting to it. We still don't have solid scientific data that proves that this isn't just another cycle of the earth's natural warming and cooling. I think this is a good topic to pursue, and I remember learning a bit about this topic in my oceanography class (about how the earth has natural cycles, could be useful for your informative speech).

taylop

Posted Yesterday, 12:18 AM **New!**

I think that this is a very compelling and controversial topic. I agree that it is a problem and I'd like to hear what your ideas are for resolving the problem.

YOUR NAME:

YOUR REPLY:

Thesis Statement #2

ianl2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 9:16 PM **New!**

Nasa's manned space flight program should be banned

taylop

Posted Yesterday, 12:15 AM **New!**

I disagree with this argument. An incredible amount of scientific advances have come from manned space flight, and who knows what may come in the future. It is worth our efforts and resources to find out.

YOUR NAME:

YOUR REPLY:

Tammy Mitchel Thesis #1

tammym2

Posted Jan 10, 2007 9:58 PM [New!](#)

Public Schools nationwide should allow and also encourage integrating special needs students in mainstream classes to help them develop better social skills.

pricej2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 12:41 PM [New!](#)

I could see this, but I think that I would have to be against this one. There are too many complications that would occur.

jessie4

Posted Jan 11, 2007 6:19 PM [New!](#)

What education level are we talking about? Elementary, middle, high school? College? I'm impartial on this one. Too much information surrounding this topic. Plus, is this really an issue?

atkink

Posted Jan 11, 2007 6:24 PM [New!](#)

I disagree. Special needs kids are special needs kids because they have special needs not because they are

social outcasts. They require different treatment and have special needs so to speak.

lkasser

Posted Jan 11, 2007 10:48 PM **New!**

I think this is an interesting one because I think some parents of kids with special needs wish that their kid could have the same benefits as those students who do not have special needs. However there comes a time when different levels of learning for kids who have special needs do need to be separated and learn at a different rate than those kids without special needs.

wedjee

Posted Jan 11, 2007 11:49 PM **New!**

I have to disagree with this. They will just fall behind in class because most of the time they're not as mentally capable, not just socially. At least at my school they could still do things like PE with everyone else and help develop their social skills, but truly they aren't adapted to the mental pace or lifestyle necessary in ordinary education, and as such are much safer and needs are better met in their special education classes.

taylop

Posted Yesterday, 12:04 AM **New!**

I agree. Special needs students will have to interact with everyone else once they graduate and enter the real world. The social skills that they develop through involvement in mainstream classes will be incredibly important in the future.

YOUR NAME:

YOUR REPLY:

Frances Nghiem's Thesis #1

fnghiem

Posted Jan 9, 2007 9:14 PM New!

The United States should ban the death penalty.

tammym2

Posted Jan 10, 2007 10:20 PM New!

A very good topic, honestly I am extremely split on the topic but would love to hear more about the pros and cons from your speeches. If you feel extremely strong and have solid points, then I would do this one. Obviously, it's something relevant to the class and people are most likely really split.

pricej2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 1:01 PM New!

Well I will give you a definitive answer. I disagree, can't get rid of that one. If you take a life, your life should be taken. Call me old fashioned.

jessie4

Posted Jan 11, 2007 7:07 PM New!

You know that depends on the state, are you suggesting that there should be an Amendment added to the Constitution? Do you consider it "cruel and unusual punishment" a statement that is currently in the Constitution? These are things to consider while

researching this topic.

YOUR NAME:

YOUR REPLY:

Ryan Purugganan's Thesis #2

ryanpuru

Posted Jan 10, 2007 10:19 PM [New!](#)

In order to preserve and protect the people of this great nation, the United States government must continue to deter violent criminals with the threat capital punishment.

pricej2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 12:58 PM [New!](#)

I definitely agree here. I am one of those people who wouldn't really turn down any punishment for crime.

jessie4

Posted Jan 11, 2007 7:02 PM [New!](#)

This is a pretty broad topic, maybe you should narrow the focus to find better supporting evidence for your speeches.

YOUR NAME:

YOUR REPLY:

Nick's Thesis Statement #2

Nick Trost

Posted Jan 9, 2007 7:32 PM **New!**

Pete Rose should never be inducted into the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame.

Pete Rose holds the all-time hits record with 4,256. 67 more than any other player in history. Pete Rose bet on baseball while he was the manager for the Cincinnati Reds.

Nick

tammym2

Posted Jan 10, 2007 10:17 PM **New!**

I agree, however I think that your other topic is broad enough and offers a lot more room for controversy on a scale that everyone can relate to (not so sport specific).

pricej2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 12:55 PM **New!**

Nick, I am going to have to disagree with this one buddy. I think that Pete Rose should be inducted into the Hall of Fame. I don't believe that he altered the game at all to cater to his betting, I just think he was betting in general on the sport that he loved. I don't consider it tainting enough to hold a guy out of the Hall of Fame with numbers like that. Also, he bet as a manager, this shouldn't affect him entering the Hall as

a player.

jessie4

Posted Jan 11, 2007 6:59 PM **New!**

Hmm, I like sports but I'm not sure it will attract the attention of our peers in the class. I would love to hear more about it, but you have to keep in mind the interest of the rest of the class.

YOUR NAME:

YOUR REPLY:

Nick's Thesis Statement #1

Nick Trost

Posted Jan 9, 2007 7:18 PM **New!**

Major League Baseball (MLB) should adopt the Olympic steroid policy that suspends an athlete 2 years for the first offense and a lifetime ban for the second offense. This would change the current MLB policy alot because right now MLB suspends an athlete 10 days after the first offense, 30 days after the second offense, 60 days after the third offense and a one year suspension after the fourth offense. With the adoption of these new policies, MLB would finally be doing something to help clean up the game and integrity of baseball.

Nick

tammym2

Posted Jan 10, 2007 10:15 PM New!

Nick- I definitely agree with you. I think that the 3 strikes (10 day, 30 day, 60 day) is giving too much leniency to the athletes. They know that it corrupts the game and with the money that they are making, three chances at such an obvious wrong is discrediting the entire organization. You have a solid thesis and should produce some good speeches!

pricej2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 12:47 PM New!

I definitely agree with this one. In fact, I would even be all for a lifetime ban out of the gates. Think about it, a punishment that stiff would probably stop the usage all together.

jessie4

Posted Jan 11, 2007 6:51 PM New!

I agree, this is a problem that is rapidly spiraling out of control. Something needs to be done in order to preserve the true meaning of sports before it becomes a laughing stock.

atkink

Posted Jan 11, 2007 6:57 PM New!

I agree. In using steroids not only are they illegal (right?) but they have negative affects on the player's health and are mutating baseball into a juicing contest.

YOUR NAME:

YOUR REPLY:

Brian Ngo Thesis #2

brianngo

Posted Jan 11, 2007 4:39 AM -- edited Jan 11, 2007 4:42 PM by brianngo **New!**

Students at universities should not be held liable for illegal peer to peer file sharing on university networks.

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In case you don't know what "peer to peer file sharing" means, it basically means using DC++, BitTorrent, Ares, to download files off each other (I'm almost certain most if not all of us have done this..., most likely illegally). There currently isn't any legislation enforcing this, but the RIAA has been suing people across the nation for sharing files, with varying degrees of success. I would focus on the aspect of "p2p file sharing" in university networks and how students should not be held accountable.

kmp6

Posted Jan 11, 2007 11:51 AM **New!**

Unfortunately, I am very unfamiliar with this topic, but I do see it holding controversy. It seems like a topic very relevant to your audience of students though.

tammym2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 11:55 AM **New!**

I too am unfamiliar. I think it definitely pertains to our class, and it would be very interesting to hear more about it.

tammym2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 11:56 AM New!

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tammym2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 11:57 AM New!

I am too, very unfamiliar. It is a topic that would be interesting to the class as it would directly affect us. It would be cool to hear about it though.

pricej2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 1:51 PM New!

I agree. I think this should actually be for just anyone in general. This is a topic that definitely has opinions on both sides and would be good to use for your speeches.

lailanni

Posted Jan 11, 2007 2:33 PM New!

I disagree. If you have large, large ammounts of illegally made files, you should be held responsible.

atkink

Posted Jan 11, 2007 6:51 PM New!

I agree. As long as no one is making money off of the sharing, then I don't see the issue.

YOUR NAME:

YOUR REPLY:

Lindsey Kasser's thesis statement # 1

lkasser

Posted Jan 10, 2007 8:18 PM [New!](#)

Should all Native American mascots be removed from public schools, universities etc?

tammym2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 11:45 AM [New!](#)

Kasser- I would form this into a thesis where you take a side. Knowing your stance, I agree with you and think that as long as the mascots aren't offensive in that they aren't the stereotypical image of what society deemed an "indian" then they are okay and innocent. They carry on tradition... and at my high school, The Ferris Saxons (and camérons too), there was this debate and they were questioning calling us the Ferris Flames... come on.

kmp6

Posted Jan 11, 2007 11:49 AM [New!](#)

Instead of asking this in a form of a question, take a position on the topic. Do you feel they should be removed, or do you feel it is OK if we use these as mascots.

pricej2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 1:36 PM [New!](#)

This is a good topic, but you haven't turned it into a

thesis yet. If you take a side on it then it would be a good one. I have always been against this one because it doesn't seem like a big enough deal to make a big issue over, it's just a mascot.

lailanni

Posted Jan 11, 2007 2:39 PM **New!**

I don't find this topic to be very controversial, personally I don't pay attention to mascots.

atkink

Posted Jan 11, 2007 6:46 PM **New!**

Personally, I came from the 'Home of the Braves.' When comparing cougars, blue devils, lions and tigers to Acutal human beings it could become offensive. But I'm not personally offended by it, so If you could find someone who does have a problem with it I would be inclined to listen. My stance is that they shouldn't be removed until i'm convinced otherwise.

YOUR NAME:

YOUR REPLY:

Ryan Purugganan's Thesis #1

ryanpuru

Posted Jan 10, 2007 9:49 PM **New!**

As it is the fundamental right of the people of the United States to spend their hard earned money as they please, the Washington State government should

reconsider their policy that has made online gambling illegal in this state.

tammym2

Posted Jan 10, 2007 10:10 PM **New!**

Ryan- I think this is a great topic to do your speeches on. Do you have any proposals as to what they should do instead (should they allow it on a free range scale with no limitations, or should some restrictions be placed and enforced)??? I agree and think that although I don't know enough about the pros and cons, its a right and to each their own.... good work!

pricej2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 12:45 PM **New!**

I agree. I think that you should definitely rethink the wording of that thesis though, it is a little hard to get out the first time you read it. Other than that, good topic.

jessie4

Posted Jan 11, 2007 6:35 PM **New!**

Good topic, age appropriate. Like others have suggested, the thesis should be reworked to sound more eloquent. Good stuff!

atkink

Posted Jan 11, 2007 6:41 PM **New!**

I agree. I don't find online gambling to be much different than regular gambling other than you dont have the benefit of reading the other players. I don't know why they banned it in the first place.

YOUR NAME:

YOUR REPLY:

Tammy Mitchel Thesis #2

tammym2

Posted Jan 10, 2007 10:04 PM [New!](#)

King County should place tighter restrictions regarding *repeated* sex offenders housing opportunities, denying them the ability to live in places with high populations of vulnerable victims where they have the accessibility and or temptation to strike again.

pricej2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 12:42 PM [New!](#)

I agree. However, isn't that already their plan?

jessie4

Posted Jan 11, 2007 6:25 PM [New!](#)

Is this plan already in action? Can you find enough information in such a specific area to give a speech on?

atkink

Posted Jan 11, 2007 6:32 PM [New!](#)

I disagree. Even if they placed them near all unattractive 70 year olds, If they felt the need to 'stike again' they would find a way. The problem is treating them so they do not strike again.

YOUR NAME:

YOUR REPLY:

Chris Tuttle Thesis #1

wedjee

Posted Jan 10, 2007 2:33 PM New!

The United States Government should legalize the sale and distribution of Marijuana for persons 18 years or older.

Would be just like tobacco, can buy it at convenience stores or wherever, just need to be 18 years as is with tobacco.

tammym2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 11:31 AM New!

Although it sounds like fun.... I dont think its a good idea. The hallucinative affects that weed has versus cigarettes is uncomprable. This goes back to driving, safety, and responsibility. Also, could see dealing to minors becoming mainstream across the country... good topic, I would say there is controversy within the class...

kmp6

Posted Jan 11, 2007 11:40 AM New!

I agree! I posted the same topic and think its a great speech topic with a lot of evidence for the pros and cons of the issue

pricej2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 1:29 PM New!

I agree for sure. If Canada can do it, why the hell can't we. This would definitely be a good speech topic with a lot of controversy.

lailanni

Posted Jan 11, 2007 2:53 PM New!

I agree. I think it's stupid that cigarettes (known to be addictive and to cause cancer) are legal, but marijuana is not. Plus, the plant is useful for making materials like rope, paper, oil, etc.

atkink

Posted Jan 11, 2007 6:18 PM New!

I agree. From what I understand, the impairing is no worse than someone who has consumed large quantities of alcohol, but with a couple different side effects (not talking from experience). The main issue with Marijuana is how the possession cases are crowding our legal system and our prisons. It is just too costly and time consuming to have this plant be illegal.

YOUR NAME:

YOUR REPLY:

Chris Tuttle Thesis #2

wedjee

Posted Jan 10, 2007 2:52 PM **New!**

The United States should adopt the metric system as their primary system of measures, breaking away from the standard system.

tammym2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 11:35 AM **New!**

Honestly, dont really know enough about the topic to argue either way. I think having a metric system that is consistant with more of the world would be useful, but then again I dont really know enough about the issue. Sorry.

kmp6

Posted Jan 11, 2007 11:38 AM **New!**

I agree with you, and there is opposition about the issue, but is this a topic that strikes a lot of passion to your listeners? Just a thought to keep in mind

pricej2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 1:27 PM **New!**

I agree with this. We are the only country in the world that uses a different system. Only problem is I think it might be far too late for such a transition.

lailanni

Posted Jan 11, 2007 2:54 PM **New!**

I both agree and disagree. It would make things easier for the world if we all had the same system, but I'm used to ours and don't feel like changing.

atkink

Posted Jan 11, 2007 6:11 PM [New!](#)

I disagree. The money and effort needed to change to the Metric system would be overwhelming and not be worth it. There would be much confusion for little gain. The costs out weight the benefits.

YOUR NAME:

YOUR REPLY:

Walter Winter Thesis

wrwinter

Posted Jan 10, 2007 10:57 PM [New!](#)

Professional athletes should not have a salary limit.

pricej2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 1:15 PM [New!](#)

I disagree. This could get really out of control in the future when the next big thing comes into whatever league and demands ridiculous amounts of money before he even takes the field/court. Winning would be all about money and not the actual skill and team comradery.

lailanni

Posted Jan 11, 2007 3:02 PM [New!](#)

I disagree. I think although it takes skill to play a sport, other more pressing issues need funding. I

think it devalues the game to be more about money than skill.

atkink

Posted Jan 11, 2007 5:34 PM [New!](#)

I agree. The incentive to make more money motivates players to improve. If all players were paid roughly the same then there would be little reason for one player to do better than the next other than pride or honor, but those things don't buy much.

fnghiem

Posted Jan 11, 2007 5:53 PM [New!](#)

I disagree. I think that it is unfair that the richer teams can use their money to pay for all the superstars, while the poorer teams can't attract star players. If there was a salary cap it would give every team a fair chance to win and make sports more exciting.

YOUR NAME:

YOUR REPLY:

Frances Nghiem's Thesis #2

fnghiem

Posted Jan 9, 2007 9:16 PM [New!](#)

A women's right to have an abortion should be protected.

tammym2

Posted Jan 10, 2007 10:23 PM **New!**

I agree with you on this, and again a very controversial topic with tons of pros and cons that are very valid. A strong speech topic for sure.

pricej2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 1:04 PM **New!**

I agree with this for sure. Everyone should have their rights protected.

lailanni

Posted Jan 11, 2007 3:13 PM **New!**

I agree, a woman has the right to make her own choices.

atkink

Posted Jan 11, 2007 5:16 PM **New!**

I agree. This is a right of the woman who was responsible enough to become pregnant.

YOUR NAME:

YOUR REPLY:

Kevin Atkinson Thesis #1

atkink

Posted Jan 10, 2007 11:11 PM **New!**

More money should be spent on academic advising for incoming freshmen at the UW.

pricej2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 1:18 PM **New!**

I disagree. The problem isn't the lack of advisors, it's the lack of students utilizing the advisors properly. This kind of seems like an area that would be a waste of a University's time and effort. The system is good enough as it is.

lailanni

Posted Jan 11, 2007 2:58 PM **New!**

I also disagree. There are plenty of advisors when you go looking. It's just that people don't look.

YOUR NAME:

YOUR REPLY:

Kevin Atkinson Thesis #2

atkink

Posted Jan 10, 2007 11:14 PM -- edited Jan 10, 2007 11:15 PM by atkink **New!**

The Kyoto Protocol needs to be ratified by the U.S. in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and limit global warming.

pricej2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 1:20 PM [New!](#)

I have no idea what the Kyoto Protocol is, but I do think that whatever can be done to help reduce greenhouse gases is a good idea.

lailanni

Posted Jan 11, 2007 2:56 PM [New!](#)

This is good, but you'd need some background info so everyone isn't confused.

YOUR NAME:

YOUR REPLY:

Alex Keats - Thesis Statement #2

akeats44

Posted Jan 11, 2007 1:06 AM [New!](#)

Online gambling should be legal in Washington.

kmp6

Posted Jan 11, 2007 12:05 PM [New!](#)

Very controversial topic that would strike a lot of different opinions. This would be a good issue to find research on and is so relevant to the audience you are speaking to. Would love to hear a speech on it

pricej2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 1:56 PM New!

I agree with this. It already was for the longest time and then just recently because very illegal. If you can gamble in person you should be able to gamble online in the same state upon the proper age verification.

lailanni

Posted Jan 11, 2007 2:29 PM New!

I disagree, I don't think gambling should be done online - how do you know you're not being cheated?

YOUR NAME:

YOUR REPLY:

Lindsey Kasser's thesis statement # 2

lkasser

Posted Jan 10, 2007 8:23 PM New!

Should the greek system immediately remodel their facilities to accomodate handicap residents?

pricej2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 12:38 PM New!

I think that this could be a good requirement. It doesn't take that much effort to make a facility become handicap friendly.

kmp6

Posted Jan 11, 2007 1:56 PM New!

I think this is a tricky topic because it may not effect enough of us. Perhaps a similar issue in a more broad spectrum would be better. It takes a lot of time and money to make the changes and it may not be worth it...just a possible arguement

lailanni

Posted Jan 11, 2007 2:24 PM New!

I thought most places had to accomodate handicap people? I agree with the above poster, I don't think this topic affects many of us - at least not to the extent that there would be disagreement within the class.

YOUR NAME:

YOUR REPLY:

Genna Ivanov thesis #2

gennai

Posted Jan 11, 2007 3:00 AM New!

The foreign policy of our government should be revised from the ground up.

kmp6

Posted Jan 11, 2007 11:57 AM New!

The topic is very broad but it but a very controversial

issue in the US today. I wish I knew more about the details of foreign policy to help give you more direction

pricej2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 1:49 PM New!

I am not too familiar with this topic. Maybe if you explained a little better with your thesis by exactly what you think needs to get done, you would have a stronger thesis.

jessie4

Posted Jan 11, 2007 1:59 PM New!

This is a very broad topic, I suggest narrowing it down so it will be easier for you to research. Also, find some common ground with this topic and undergraduate students so it will hold some relevance in our class. Good idea though.

lailanni

Posted Jan 11, 2007 2:13 PM New!

I also think it is very broad. And I know very little about foreign policy.

YOUR NAME:

YOUR REPLY:

tran2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 12:09 PM [New!](#)

America should increase borderline security against illegal immigrants.

kmp6

Posted Jan 11, 2007 12:14 PM [New!](#)

This topic will definitely strike controversy. You should be able to find a lot of pros and cons on this issue as it is very relevant and ongoing issue of debate

pricej2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 2:01 PM [New!](#)

This could be a good topic. There is probably a lot of information about illegal immigrants and things that are being inforced to prevent them. You would probably have to come up with some alternative ways to deal with the issue however. If you can come up with some good ones, this could be a great topic.

jessie4

Posted Jan 11, 2007 2:12 PM [New!](#)

Narrow down the playing field, what illegal immigrants are we talking about? Should there be better restrictions on the border to Mexico or where? This is a great topic if you can focus it. Go for it, I would love to hear more about it.

lailanni

Posted Jan 11, 2007 2:13 PM New!

I think this would be a good topic. I personally disagree, and think we'd be better off increasing security in other places.

YOUR NAME:

YOUR REPLY:

Alex Keats - Thesis Statement #1

akeats44

Posted Jan 11, 2007 12:55 AM New!

Nationalized citizens should be allowed to run for president.

kmp6

Posted Jan 11, 2007 12:12 PM New!

I think I like your other topic more. Maybe that is just because this is not an issue I have thought a lot about....maybe I should. But it is definitely an issue that is very relevant and you would be able to find a lot of sources.

pricej2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 1:58 PM New!

I too think that your other topic might be stronger. I just don't think there is enough out there to make this one much of a speech, especially if you are going to have to do the subject multiple times.

lailanni

Posted Jan 11, 2007 2:12 PM **New!**

I don't know much about this topic, and off the top of my head I can't think of a nationalized citizen besides Arnold that might want to run.

YOUR NAME:

YOUR REPLY:

Tran Tu Thesis 1

tran2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 12:03 PM **New!**

Washington State should not ban abortions, but instead promote and support safe-sex education throughout Seattle Public Schools.

kmp6

Posted Jan 11, 2007 12:17 PM **New!**

I agree. This too is a very controversial topic. You have to be careful though because it brings up a lot of personal issues and religious beliefs. There is so much research on this topic because it has been debated for so long

pricej2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 2:03 PM **New!**

I agree. This would be an easy topic to find a lot of

information on I'm sure. However, isn't this something that Seattle Public Schools are already making an effort to do? I could be wrong. It could definitely be strengthened though.

lailanni

Posted Jan 11, 2007 2:11 PM **New!**

I agree, this is a very good topic that would get a lot of attention.

YOUR NAME:

YOUR REPLY:

Brian Ngo Thesis #1

briango

Posted Jan 11, 2007 4:39 AM **New!**

The US government should adopt strong policies which ensure network neutrality protection on the internet.

In case you aren't aware of network neutrality:

Background information:

Definition of network neutrality: "the principle that Internet users should be in control of what content they view and what applications they use on the Internet."

Without net neutrality, companies that provide internet service can charge more for visiting certain websites or using certain online applications, as they will "prioritize" various services. For example, you would get charged more for streaming videos online instead of just reading text.

With net neutrality, priority can be given to important network traffic, as there is a limited amount of traffic that can flow through networks at a time. For example, doctors who are operating on a patient remotely across the nation would definitely require high priority, or prioritizing emergency signals to fire and police services.

Network neutrality is new concept that is being heavily debated in the public forum today, and is currently an active topic in Congress. Current law in the US does not enforce net neutrality. The most recent legislation introduced in an attempt to enforce strong net neutrality protection was shot down in Congress.

kmp6

Posted Jan 11, 2007 11:54 AM [New!](#)

Although I am not very familiar with the issue, it helped to have a brief summary. It sounds like you are passionate about this tiopic and I think it is great that it is something more original. I would love to learn more about the topic learn of the pros and cons.

pricej2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 1:44 PM [New!](#)

This is not my area for sure, but it sounds like something that you definitely know a lot about. I think that this should be the topic that you use for your speech for sure, there is a lot that you could use to support your opinion based on the information that you presented with your thesis.

lailanni

Posted Jan 11, 2007 1:57 PM [New!](#)

Interesting. I don't know much about this, but I think it'd make a good topic if you really are into it.

YOUR NAME:

YOUR REPLY:

Patrick Taylor's Thesis #1

taylop

Posted Jan 10, 2007 11:31 PM **New!**

The United States should prohibit oil drilling in the Alaskan National Wildlife Refuge.

pricej2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 1:21 PM **New!**

I agree. Nothing should be allowed in a Wildlife Refuge.

kmp6

Posted Jan 11, 2007 1:46 PM **New!**

I think this topic was mentioned before. It is very relevant and a wildlife should be left alone. An argument might be that the drilling is necessary for many things in the US, what would we do to compensate.

lailanni

Posted Jan 11, 2007 1:49 PM **New!**

I agree, we should protect wild areas

YOUR NAME:

YOUR REPLY:

Patrick Taylor Thesis #2

taylop

Posted Jan 10, 2007 11:54 PM **New!**

Every state in the U.S. should abolish the death penalty.

pricej2

Posted Jan 11, 2007 1:23 PM **New!**

I disagree. I think someone else is doing this too, but I think if you take a life with intent, your life should be taken.

kmp6

Posted Jan 11, 2007 1:41 PM **New!**

This topic has some strong arguments on both sides, at the same time it will require a strong stance and argument on your side. This is very controversial. If someone takes other people's lives, do they deserve to live themselves might be an opposition argument.

lailanni

Posted Jan 11, 2007 1:46 PM **New!**

I also disagree. I think in some cases the death penalty is appropriate.

YOUR NAME:

YOUR REPLY: