



## **2016 Regional Debate Topics**

1. Campaigns that support candidates for public office ought to be financed exclusively by public funds.
2. Private ownership of handguns ought to be banned.
3. In the Criminal Justice system, punishment is more effective than rehabilitation.
4. The acceptance of refugees/immigrants ought to be an unrestricted human right.
5. The use of social media has been harmful to racial dialogue.

## **2016 National Debate Topics**

1. In response to the current crisis, a government should prioritize the humanitarian needs of refugees over its national interests.
2. The Trans-Pacific Partnership is beneficial to North America.
3. Social Media has improved the democratic process of presidential elections.
4. In a democracy, voting ought to be made mandatory for all citizens.
5. Access to healthcare ought to be recognized as a human right.