



2011 National Topics

Debate Topics:

1. Youth nowadays are far more conformist, non-confrontational, and accepting of authority than one, two, or three generations ago.
2. The policies of George W. Bush's administration are at fault for the economic crisis and the Great Recession, not those of Barack Obama's administration.
3. Facebook and other social networking websites inevitably infringe on user privacy.
4. American Muslims will be more effective in positively influencing society if they concentrate on online forms of expression (youtube, online blogs, etc.) rather than mainstream media outlets (TV, newspapers, etc.).
5. American youth of this generation are better informed about the rest of the world than the youth of 30 years ago.
6. Modern superhero and comic book movies give a realistic portrayal of heroism.
7. The popular uprisings in Egypt and Tunisia in January and February 2011 can be replicated in Pakistan.
8. College women's sports should get equal funding as college men's sports, despite the fact that, for example, there are more men athletes than women.
9. Lobbyists in Washington DC try to influence legislation and policy by giving gifts to elected officials, e.g., congressmen, senators, etc. American Muslim groups should also have lobbyists in DC who can try to influence politicians toward policies that benefit Muslims.
10. Some video games are so addictive that children (younger than 18) should be prohibited from buying them.