

1. SHOULD THERE BE A SALARY CAP IN PROFESSIONAL SPORTS?
2. DOES RAP MUSIC DEMEAN WOMEN?
3. DO AMERICANS HAVE A WEIGHT PROBLEM?
4. SHOULD PRAYER BE ALLOWED IN SCHOOL?
5. SHOULD THE GOVERNMENT CENSOR LYRICS IN SONGS THAT ARE VIOLENT OR EXPLICIT, FOR EXAMPLE "GANGSTA" RAP?
6. SHOULD HIV WORKERS HAVE TO TELL THEIR EMPLOYERS OF THEIR STATUS?
7. SHOULD PARENTS BE ALLOWED TO EDUCATE THEIR CHILDREN AT HOME?
8. SHOULD THE GOVERNMENT SENSOR MATERIALS ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB?
9. SHOULD THERE BE AN ENFORCED MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE?
10. SHOULD THE VOTING AGE BE CHANGED TO 16?
11. SHOULD DRIVERS BE PROHIBITED FROM USING THEIR CELL PHONES?
12. IS IT WORTH HOSTING THE OLYMPIC GAMES?
13. DO ADOPTED CHILDREN HAVE THE RIGHT TO KNOW THEIR BIOLOGICAL PARENTS?
14. SHOULD PARENTS BE MORALLY AND LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTIONS/ NEEDS OF THEIR CHILDREN?
15. SHOULD PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS BE MANDATORY?
16. SHOULD EVERYONE BE FORCED TO STAY IN SCHOOL TILL THEY'RE 18?
17. SHOULD THERE BE FURTHER RESTRICTIONS ON THE ADVERTISING, SELLING, AND SMOKING OF TOBACCO? SHOULD IT BE BANNED?
18. DO SCHOOLS HAVE THE RIGHT TO SEARCH STUDENT'S BACKPACKS/LOCKERS?
19. SHOULD THERE BE HIGHER TAXES ON FATTY FOODS? CIGARETTES? ALCOHOL?
20. CAN OUR FOUNDING FATHERS STILL BE CONSIDERED GREAT MEN IF THEY OWNED SLAVES?
21. IS AMERICA READY FOR A FEMALE PRESIDENT?
22. SHOULD A MOTHER STAY HOME WITH HER SMALL CHILDREN, RATHER THAN WORK OUTSIDE THE HOME?
23. IS IT MORALLY ACCEPTABLE TO EXPERIMENT ON ANIMALS TO DEVELOP PRODUCTS AND MEDICINES THAT BENEFIT HUMANS?
24. SHOULD HUMANS BE ALLOWED TO USE OTHER ANIMALS AS OBJECTS OF SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT?
25. ARE BEAUTY CONTESTS HARMFUL TO A FEMALES SELF-ESTEEM?

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