

## Argument Research Questions, 7th Grade 2018, Dr. Donovan

### World

- Are the ocean garbage patches a problem for our species?
- Is protesting really necessary?
- Should countries work harder to stop scandals like Enron in the future?
- Are sanctions on North Korea really necessary?
- Should we focus on the environment or the economy?
- Should it be illegal to print in the newspaper that the world is flat?
- Should movements be made to ban plastic in all states?
- Should Fascism exist?

### Government:

- Should governments be limited when it comes to military advancement (nukes, ships, weapons)?
- Should the president get a say in the next president?
- Should other countries get a say in our president?
- Should they change how many terms the president gets?
- Should the government stop collecting taxes?
- Should the higher class people pay higher taxes?
- Why should the electoral votes be more important than popular votes?
- Should there be more allies?
- Following last year's shooting incident, should we be allowed to carry guns?
- Should the electoral college be abolished?
- Should our executive branch have more than one leader?
- Does our president make moral or correct decisions?
- Did the Founding Fathers write our constitution well?
- Should we modernize the constitution?
- Should the president be able to make laws?
- Should the people be able to impeach the president?
- Should the second amendment, the right to bear arms, be taken away?
- Should there be a political division Republicans and Democrat?
- Should people have more say with government taxes?
- Following last year's shooting in schools, should teachers carry guns?
- Should we modernize the Constitution?
- Should electoral colleges exist?
- Does communism work?
- Should other countries' history be taught in schools?

### History

- Should we learn history in chronological order or in themes?
- Should kids be required to learn laws in their state?
- Should we be able to discuss politics in school with our own opinions?
- How can we be taught the correct history of our world even though our district does not allow certain topics to be taught?

### Engineering/Math

- Should buildings follow the construction codes?
- If AI were invented, should they have rights?
- Should schools be modernized?
- Should bridges be built in glass?
- Should there only be one level of math?
- Should we be able to use decimals in junior high math?
- Should we be able to use calculators on tests and homework?
- How can schools originate the idea of teaching specific students at their math level when

it is making them confused or overwhelmed?

- Should we learn math before we know our future scholarship?
- Should math be optional?

Arts:

- Does skill in art matter?
- Is conceptual art, art?
- Is acting an art?
- Should art be sold?
- When does getting inspiration from work turn into plagiarism?
- Do you think artists should be paid less?
- Do you think outlier incomes be removed for artists?
- Should people be able to create art that offends other cultures, should it be displayed publicly?
- Is abstract art really art?
- Should people need consent to draw a picture of that person?
- Should there be more appreciative thoughts toward singers who put commitment into their work?
- What components make specific items of artwork so highly priced and sophisticatedly valuable?
- Is graffiti art?
- Should old paintings be preserved or is their decay part of the art?
- Should all art be copyrighted the minute it is made (meaning should they not be able to be copied or made in a different way)?
- Should art be optional in elementary school?
- Should we choose the art project we do in school?
- For each project, should it be about feelings?

Science:

- Should scientists try to help people beat old age so we can live longer lives?
- When is it okay to replace human limbs with technology?
- Should children be taught a certain view of human evolution?
- Is it unethical to clone animals (like pets)?
- Are certain views of evolution biased?
- Is genetic mutation ethical?
- Is it okay to clone humans?
- Should people be able to alter their DNA?
- Should animals be killed or altered for science?
- Are nuclear weapons at all ethical? Should it be illegal?
- Should clone humans have the same rights as the thing being cloned?
- Should we be taught the Big Bang Theory?
- Why don't we dissect animals in middle school?
- Why don't we learn about medicine in science class?
- Do dissecting animals help us learn about the human body?
- How can we stop, end, and help animal testing when it can hurt or destroy their health?
- Should we have more experiments in science class?
- Should there be a school only for science?

History:

- Who should be allowed to vote?
- Has industrialization produced more benefits or problems for the U.S.?
- Should the U.S. pursue a foreign policy of interventionism or isolationism?

- Is civil disobedience ever justified as a method of political change?
- Should there be limits to free speech?

#### Math:

- Is regrouping necessary?
- Should parentheses be used in math?

#### Technology

- Should we explore space?
- Should we write our passwords down to remember?
- Should microchips under our skin replace cell phones?
- Should schools not block websites on the Chromebooks?
- Is there a point in time when tech should stop advancing?
- Should middle school give us iPads instead of Chromebooks?
- Should parents be required to control what you watch?
- Should the government be able to browse your tabs?
- Should wifi be a civil right across the world?
- What age should we be able to get phones?
- Should school work be technology based?
- Should Apple make their products less expensive so it is not a class issue?
- Is technology deleterious to health?
- Are bitcoins and other electronic currency something citizens should be taught about?
- Should we create true AI?
- Should we explore space?

#### Environment:

- Should car owners pay more taxes as a result of environmental damage caused by cars?
- Are cheap goods worth it considering the environmental damage caused to produce them?
- Are hybrid cars as environmentally friendly as they are portrayed to be?
- Should the United States set a good example for the rest of the world when it comes to reducing pollution?
- Is the nuclear waste produced by nuclear submarines and nuclear power stations disposed of safely enough?
- Should all plastics be recyclable?
- Should we ban straws -- to save turtles?
- Should we stop putting a chemical on our grass?
- Should we be selling inappropriate animal materials like the tusks of elephants in stores?
- Should destroying forests be illegal to save animals and trees?
- Should you go to jail if you kill a certain animal?

#### Health:

- Should we be concerned about where our food come about?
- Why do we have fitness day two days a week?
- If your overweight should you go on a diet?
- How do specific hospitals and doctors come up with important cures for patients that are diagnosed?
- Should drinking be allowed at a lower age?
- Should cigarettes and drinking be banned?
- Is it important to have doctors that take one person over another (cancer over sickness)?
- Should healthcare be free?
- Why did Trump disagree with Obama care?
- Should we have a choice in what we do for gym?

- Should families be paid when someone in their family dies?
- Is it okay to send “disabled children” in a separate school or class?
- Should everyone have equal healthcare?
- Should farmed good be sold to schools?
- Do diets actually help?
- Should schools teach a lesson about eating disorders?
- Should children worry about what they eat?
- Should there be a minimum age for good healthcare?
- Should medicine be distributed through all countries?
- Should children be taught about symptoms of major diseases?
- Should people know where their food comes from?
- Is ObamaCare fair?
- Should people be able to eat whatever they want?

#### Media:

- Does TV capture diversity in America yet?
- Does reality TV promote dangerous stereotypes?
- Can graffiti ever be considered art?
- Do we need art in our lives?
- Is it wrong for newspapers to publish an image of people about to die?
- Should children be able to access social media at a young age?
- Should children be allowed to use their personal phones in school?
- Is it unethical to facetune and photoshop yourself and put those pictures online?
- Is fake news a problem to society?
- Does Don Lemon spread false, or negative information about the government?
- Should conspiracy theories be banned from getting put on social media?
- Should you be able to post offensive pictures or captions anywhere on the internet?
- Is news biased?
- Are the Beatles considered rich?
- Should media be monitored closer by the government?

#### Travel

- Should you be able to drive when you're tall enough and mature enough? (Not age-based)
- Should there be a height requirement to drive? if so what should it be?
- Should there be an age limit for a passport
- Should students have travel days just like sick days workers get?
- Should we be able to move state to state with a train
- Should there be an age for kids to fly by themselves
- How can transportation pollution be reduced by using different methods of transportation
- Should piloting planes be un? restricted
- Should steam cars be brought back?
- Should immigrants be able to freely enter the U.S?
- Are there enough charging stations for electric cars?
- Should customs be more accessible?
- Should airplanes be changed into a first-class plane for everyone?
- Should all people drive hybrids?
- Should we replace gasoline cars with electric cars?
- Should people pay I pass?
- Are travel bans on certain places necessary?
- Are Airplane fees too expensive?

- Should Uber allow drivers to use their own cars?
- What should be the age limit of traveling alone?
- Should captains/crew members be treated better than passengers

### Any Topic:

- Does the world spend too much money on education?
- Is mac and cheese considered spaghetti?
- Should kids have longer school days?
- Do sports refs have bias for the home team?
- Should we be allowed to travel to North Korea?
- Is dance considered a sport?
- Should animals be domesticated?
- What classifies a fruit?
- Should fruit be classified as a fruit?
- Is ketchup a dip or a condiment?
- Why are humans so bad?
- Should all field trips be required to be educational?
- Should schools have more?
- Are boarding schools really necessary?
- Are countries having their own currency really necessary?
- Should Donald Trump be impeached?
- Should middle schools have recess?
- Should we be able to go trick or treating later than usual?
- Should they have dedicated school for kids with disabilities?
- Should there be a specific lunch line for people with allergies like nuts?
- Should a school be optional?
- Should students have a say in what the school serves for lunch?
- Should we have a nap time every day?
- Why can you drop out of college but not high school?