

# TOPICS TO CONSIDER

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## 1. ALCOHOL—TOBACCO – DRUGS

- Safety of vaccines
- Legal age for drinking
- Smoking in public places
- Legalization of marijuana

## 2. ANIMAL RIGHTS

- Medical experimentation

## 3. CIVIL LIBERTIES

- \*\*Affirmative action
- Racial profiling
- \*\*DNA testing of suspects
- \*\*Patriot Act: the right of the individual vs. suspicions of terrorism
- School issues: locker searches, uniforms, dress code, pledging the flag, school prayer, bullying

## 4. CRIME & CRIMINALS

- Gun control
- Death penalty: Capital punishment
- Juvenile offenders

## 5. IMMIGRATION

- \*\*Impact on U.S. economy
- English as official language of U.S.

## 6. SCIENCE – TECHNOLOGY

- \*\*Cloning
- Genetically engineered food
- \*\*Stem cell research
- Space exploration
- Artificial intelligence

## 7. MEDICAL

- \*\*Mandatory vaccinations
- Cosmetic surgery for teens
- Teen dieting
- \*\*Organ transplants
- \*\*Euthanasia
- \*\*Alternative medicine

## 8. CENSORSHIP OF THE MEDIA

- \*\*Book banning
- Violence in television and movies (does this make people violent)
- Music lyrics & Music videos (i.e. MTV)
- Internet

## 9. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

- Global warming

## 10. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

- \*\*Alternative energy sources (Nuclear, Solar, Wind, etc.)

## 11. SPORTS

- Steroid use/Random drug testing of athletes
- Violence/On and off the field
- Salary cap
- Gender equity

## 12. SOCIETAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- \*\*Government or private responsibility towards the homeless problem in America
- \*\*U.S. responsibility to protect human rights throughout the world

## 13. MISCELLANEOUS

- \*\*Evolution vs. creationism
- Use of the atomic bomb
- Nuclear weapons

