

1. **ABORTION.** Should underage girls be required to have parental consent? Is abortion an “all or nothing” issue?
2. **ADOPTION.** Under what circumstances, if any, should there be access to adoption records? Should gays be allowed to adopt?
3. **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION.** Is it still needed? Is it really quotas in disguise? Is there a way to implement it without “reverse discrimination”?
4. **AIDS.** Should there be mandatory testing? Is the “AIDS epidemic” in the U.S. over? How should the world respond to the AIDS epidemic in Africa?
5. **ALTERNATE LIFESTYLES.** Should unmarried couples have the legal rights of married couples?
6. **BUSINESS.** Should companies be allowed to sell the information in their customer records? Should there be stronger “truth in advertising” laws? Should CEOs be held legally responsible for the frauds committed by their companies?
7. **CENSORSHIP.** The pros and cons of rating movies, records, TV shows, etc. Should Internet access be filtered? Who should decide what books are used in classrooms/available in libraries?
8. **CHURCH AND STATE.** Has separation gone too far?
9. **COMPUTERS.** How do we reconcile adult rights with the need to protect children? How will privacy be affected by the “information superhighway”?
10. **CRIME.** Victims' vs. defendants' rights. Is “three strikes” working? How do we prevent “identity theft”?
11. **DEATH.** Should a person have “the right to die”? What can be done to curb teen suicides? Should physician-assisted suicide be legal?
12. **DRUGS.** Is it time to try legalization? Should marijuana for medicinal use be permitted? Should all current prescription drugs become “over the counter”?
13. **DRUNK DRIVING.** Is a drunk driver sick or a criminal?
14. **EDUCATION.** Can our public school system be “fixed”? Is using vouchers for parochial schools constitutional? Is home schooling a viable alternative? Is there any value to standardized tests? Is “social promotion” really bad? Is “zero tolerance” a good way to assure safety?
15. **ENVIRONMENT.** Preserving the environment vs. the need for jobs. Is global warming really a problem?
16. **FOREIGN AID.** Should we help other countries before helping ourselves?
17. **GENETIC ENGINEERING.** Should human cloning be permitted? Should companies be able to patent genes? The pros and cons of stem cell research.
18. **GUN CONTROL.** Is there a way to preserve second amendment rights while protecting the public? Does the second amendment really protect the right of everyone to have a gun?
19. **HOLOCAUST.** Has it ever happened here? Could it happen here?
20. **HUMAN RIGHTS.** Should they be a factor in our dealings with other countries? What constitute “basic human rights”? The pros and cons of helping “oppressive” regimes who are pro-USA.
21. **ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.** What is the best way to deal with the problem?
22. **INCOME TAX.** Flat tax vs. graduated tax: the only alternatives?
23. **LITERACY.** What can we do to improve literacy in this country?
24. **MEDIA.** Does watching violence on TV create a more violent child? How does the media portray gender roles/the different races?
25. **MEDICINE.** Possible ways to cut costs. Should medical care be rationed? Would national insurance lead to socialized medicine?
26. **MILITARY.** Should gays be allowed to serve? Should women be able to hold any military position? How can the military recruit/keep personnel? The pros and cons of consolidating/partially consolidating the branches into one unit.
27. **MULTICULTURALISM.** Is it bringing us together or driving us apart? Should English be made the official language of the US?
28. **POLITICS.** Should tax exempt groups who engage in political activities lose their exemption? How can we encourage more participation in the political process, including voting? How do we ensure a complete and fair census? Should the Electoral College be abolished? Should there be time limits on campaigning? What would constitute true campaign finance reform?
29. **PRIVACY.** Where should privacy begin and end? The pros and cons of Caller ID. How do we keep our privacy in the computer age? What are the implications of “cookies”? Should medical records/any records be “for sale”?
30. **SEX.** Have we taken the concept of sexual harassment too far? Should a rape victim's name be publicized without her consent? Are women still discriminated against?
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33. **WELFARE.** Should welfare recipients have to work for their money?

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