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Alright, all of the students shouldn't have made it to this page.

But if you're a student, and you're still reading, know that you're cheating, and you should stop.

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1. If Amy Coney Barrett is confirmed as a Supreme Court Justice and democrats win the house, senate, and presidency, do you believe that democrats will make a serious effort to pack the supreme court?
2. What does Amy Coney Barrett's record tell us about how she would be likely to act as a Supreme Court Justice?
3. Does Amy Coney Barrett's affiliation with the group People of Praise constitute any legitimate cause for concern?

1. What issues will be most likely to affect swing voters in the 2020 presidential election?
2. What are the greatest strengths and weaknesses of Donald Trump and Joe Biden as presidential candidates?
3. Has Donald Trump handled the coronavirus pandemic in America sufficiently well to have earned the trust of the American people on this issue?

- 1, Explain the basic beliefs and objectives of the Black Lives Matter movement.
2. Explain in detail the circumstances surrounding the deaths of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor and why they have elicited such a strong public response.
3. What is the best path forward for America to move past current tensions on racial issues?

1. Are senate republicans being hypocritical by seeking to confirm Amy Coney Barrett in an election year when they refused to hold confirmation hearings for Merrick Garland also in an election year?
2. Which presidential candidate is most likely to win the 2020 election and why?
3. Is there merit to the concept of "defunding the police"?

Round 1      Impromptu Topics

**Speaker One**

Summer  
Change  
Friendship

**Speaker Seven**

Compassion  
Social Media  
Morality

**Speaker Two**

Pioneer  
Happiness  
Complacent

**Speaker Three**

Candle  
Work  
Exercise

**Speaker Four**

Hate  
Nature  
Habits

**Speaker Five**

Responsibility  
Tradition  
Noise

**Speaker Six**

Knowledge  
Congress  
Judge

Round 2

Impromptu Topics

**Speaker One**

Negativity  
Cars  
Revolution

**Speaker Seven**

Creative  
School  
Illegal drugs

**Speaker Two**

Self-Worth  
Constitution  
Government Subsidies

**Speaker Three**

Serious  
Purpose  
Freedom of Speech

**Speaker Four**

Television  
Sports  
National Security

**Speaker Five**

Kindness  
Passion  
Supreme Court

**Speaker Six**

President  
Peace  
Firearms



Round 3      Impromptu Topics

**Speaker One**

Instinct  
Risk  
Rich

**Speaker Seven**

Math  
Balance  
Facebook

**Speaker Two**

Learning  
Hands  
Tax

**Speaker Three**

Creativity  
Direction  
Force

**Speaker Four**

Service  
Tact  
Journalism

**Speaker Five**

Wisdom  
Friction  
Music

**Speaker Six**

Future  
Strength  
Recession

Round 4

Impromptu Topics

**Speaker One**

Donald Trump  
Newspapers  
Practicality

**Speaker Seven**

Vladimir Putin  
Cell Phones  
Thrift

**Speaker Two**

Joe Biden  
Email  
Reason

**Speaker Three**

Mike Pence  
Movies  
Prudence

**Speaker Four**

Kim Jong Un  
Texts  
Reliability

**Speaker Five**

Xi Jinping  
Books  
Recreation

**Speaker Six**

Kamala Harris  
Strength  
Sympathy

## **Round 1 Presidential Debate Questions**

### **Question #1**

It is undeniable that America has a serious and difficult history of racial discrimination. Do you believe it is possible for America to move past this history, and if so, what is the best way forward?

### **Question #2**

What do you see to be the cause or causes of wealth disparities among various racial groups in America?

### **Question #3**

In 2019 the non-profit EdBuild released financial analysis indicating that predominantly white school districts receive on average \$2,226 more in annual funding per pupil than predominantly non-white school districts. What can be done about this disparity in education funding?

### **Question #4**

Racial tensions are high now as the nation faces riots following the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Jacob Blake at the hands of law enforcement. As the nation's chief law enforcement officer, how would you approach the riots and racial tensions now present in America?

### **Question #5**

Pew Research reports that in the 2018 midterm elections voter turnout among white voters was 57%, while turnout for black voters was 51%, and turnout for asian and latino voters was 40%. What do you think is causing this disparity? What can be done to encourage voters from racial minorities to be more engaged in the democratic process?

### **Question #6**

To what extent do you agree with the concept that white people in America benefit from "white privilege"?

### **Question #7**

The National Center for Education Statistics reports that educational attainment in the U.S. varies significantly by race. For example, it is reported in 2016 that the percentage of adults aged 25 and older with at least a bachelor's degree was as follows- for asian americans, 54%. For white americans, 35%. For black americans 21%. And for both hispanic americans and native americans. 15%. What do you think is causing this racial achievement gap and what should be done about the issue?

### **Question #8**

Do you believe that America has sufficiently delivered on its promise of equal opportunity to citizens of color?

## **Round 2 Presidential Debate Questions**

### **Question #1**

To what extent do your beliefs and policies align with the Black Lives Matter movement?

### **Question #2**

What will you do as President of the United States to ensure that racial discrimination does not play a factor in your Department of Justice?

### **Question #3**

The U.S. Census Bureau reports in 2018 that Native Americans are more likely to be in poverty than any other racial group in America. What, if anything, should be done to address this issue?

### **Question #4**

To what extent do you agree with the idea that racial minorities do not enjoy equal access to the American dream?

### **Question #5**

A variety of protests across the country have included a call to "defund the police". Many cities (including San Francisco, Seattle, Los Angeles, New York, and Austin) have, in response made budget cuts to local police departments and reallocated funds to other programs (such as food programs, homeless services, etc.). What is your position on the reallocation of resources from police departments to social services?

### **Question #6**

Would you support a federal law banning affirmative action practices in the federal government, in universities, or in private businesses?

### **Question #7**

Do you support the general use of body cameras on police officers to mitigate abuse of power by police officers?

### **Question #8**

Do you believe that the statement "all lives matter" is an acceptable and appropriate response to the statement "black lives matter"?

### **Round 3 Presidential Debate Questions**

#### **Question #1**

The State of California recently passed a law to study and make recommendations regarding reparations for slavery. Would you support a similar law at the federal level?

#### **Question #2**

Do you believe that race conscious admissions by universities discriminate against white or asian americans contrary to the 1964 Civil Rights Act?

#### **Question #3**

Given high poverty rates, low life expectancies, and other problems including violence and poor access to quality education prevalent on Native American reservations, are there any modifications you would seek to make in the relationship between the federal government and Native American tribes?

#### **Question #4**

One of the central issues in the death of Breonna Taylor at the hands of law enforcement officials was the use of a "no knock" warrant by law enforcement. Under what circumstances would you authorize federal officials to seek out and exercise a "no knock" warrant?

#### **Question #5**

To what degree and in what ways do you think it is valuable to see american citizens as a function of their race? To what degree and in what ways do you think it is valuable to be "color blind"?

#### **Question #6**

Would it be appropriate for the President of the United States to use powers granted to him or her in the Insurrection Act of 1807 to quell riots that have sprung up in the wake of the killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, etc.?

#### **Question #7**

How do you believe the guarantee of "equal protection under the law" in the fourteenth amendment to the constitution ought to be understood with regards to race in America?

#### **Question #8**

As president, one of your most important duties would be the nomination of Supreme Court justices. What perspective on racial issues would you be looking for in a potential Supreme Court Justice?

## **Round 4 Presidential Debate Questions**

### **Question #1**

What approach do you plan to take as President of the United States to help heal racial divisions in the United States of America?

### **Question #2**

Data published by the National Institutes of Health in 2016 indicates that nationwide black Americans accounted for 32% of deaths due to lethal force by law enforcement but only 13% of the total U.S. population. To what extent do you believe that this disparity is caused by racism in the U.S. criminal justice system?

### **Question #3**

The recently released Homeland Threat Assessment by the Department of Homeland Security designates "White Supremacist Extremists" as the largest domestic terror threat America faces today both in terms of number of terrorist attacks and number of people killed in those attacks. What will you do as President to confront these groups?

### **Question #4**

Many entities in America charge that racial minorities in America face widespread systemic racism. Do you agree with this assessment? If so, what should be done to deal with the issue?

### **Question #5**

In September of this year Pew Research published survey data indicating significant differences on attitudes concerning race between Democrats and Republicans. For example, among supporters of the Democratic Presidential candidate 74% agreed that it is "a lot more difficult to be a black person than a white person in this country" while 9% of those supporting the Republican presidential candidate said the same. What is the cause of this disparity? Is there a way for the two major political parties to achieve greater common ground on this issue?

### **Question #6**

A common complaint concerning police brutality in the U.S. is that police officers are overly militarized and not sufficiently trained in de-escalation and related tactics. What do you make of this claim? Is there any change you would like to see happen with the training of federal law enforcement?

### **Question #7**

In your administration would you support the government "hiring for diversity" for federal jobs in order to ensure that minority racial groups are well represented in the federal bureaucracy?

### **Question #8**

What is the number one policy you would pursue to ensure the fair treatment of all people regardless of race?

## Spar Topics Round 1

### First Pair

Resolved: Money can buy happiness.

Resolved: Tree climbing is an essential part of childhood.

Resolved: Children should have cell phones.

### Second Pair

Resolved: It is important to learn to write in cursive.

Resolved: The piano is the greatest of all instruments.

Resolved: Television is good for you.

### Third Pair

Resolved: Makeup should not be worn by anyone under 14.

Resolved: Breakfast is the most important meal of the day.

Resolved: Children should own pets.

### Fourth Pair

Resolved: Online classes aren't as good as being taught in person.

Resolved: One can eat too healthfully.

Resolved: Kids under 12 should not play football.

### Fifth Pair

Resolved: Everyone should learn how to cook.

Resolved: It is more expensive to make your own food than eat fast food.

Resolved: It is better if children share their room with siblings.

First Pair

Resolved: Being nice is more important than being truthful.

Resolved: Birds are better pets than fish.

Resolved: Barbie is a better role model than Batman.

Second Pair

Resolved: Living in the city is better than living in the country.

Resolved: Running is a better sport than golf.

Resolved: It is better to have good health than to be very intelligent.

Third Pair

Resolved: It would be better to have more gravity on earth than less.

Resolved: Summer is better than winter.

Resolved: It would be better to be a dentist than a professional athlete.

Fourth Pair

Resolved: Fiction books are better than non-fiction books.

Resolved: It is better to have a small lawn than a large lawn.

Resolved: It is more important to enjoy food than to be nourished by food.

Fifth Pair

Resolved: Batman is better than superman.

Resolved: Spring is better than fall.

Resolved: It would be better to be a chef than a carpenter.



First Pair

Resolved: Children are exposed to too much advertising.

Resolved: Clothes say something significant about a person.

Resolved: Janitors are just as important as teachers.

Second Pair

Resolved: "Dumb blonde" jokes are harmful.

Resolved: Punishment is the best way to change behavior.

Resolved: It would be better if children under 12 didn't use computers.

Third Pair

Resolved: Presidents should serve for one six year term.

Resolved: In general, pets are not worth the effort they require.

Resolved: Being taught one on one is better than being taught in a group.

Fourth Pair

Resolved: Physical education is as important as academic study.

Resolved: Material possessions make a significant contribution to happiness.

Resolved: It would be better to be a secret agent than a movie star.

Fifth Pair

Resolved: Watching a movie at home is better than watching a movie at the theater.

Resolved: People in prison should not have television.

Resolved: Space exploration is not worth the money that it costs.

First Pair

Resolved: It would be better to lose your sense of taste than your sense of smell.

Resolved: Everyone should pay the same percentage for their income taxes.

Resolved: It is better to be feared than liked.

Second Pair

Resolved: It would be better to own a sports car than an SUV.

Resolved: Taxes should not pay for public parks.

Resolved: Doctors are more important to society than authors.

Third Pair

Resolved: Petting zoos are better than regular zoos.

Resolved: The government should guarantee that everyone can have health insurance.

Resolved: It is better to take risks than to play it safe.

Fourth Pair

Resolved: It would be better to own a horse than a cow.

Resolved: The U.S. government should make sure that all schools across the country funding.

Resolved: It is more important to work well with others than to have great knowledge.

Fifth Pair

Resolved: Camping is better than staying in a hotel.

Resolved: It should be illegal to drive while talking on a cell phone.

Resolved: It is more important to have a good sense of humor than to think deeply.