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# **A Reservoir of Resolutions**



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## **I. INTRODUCTION**

There are debate topics appropriate to every occasion. Some are serious, some are not; and even topics apparently serious can be humorously treated in the right (or wrong) hands. Correspondingly, an apparently frivolous topic can be rendered concrete by appropriate definition.

The lists that follow attempt to provide examples of all sorts of resolutions. Regard the list as a starting point, not the end of your search: students prefer to debate topics they are personally interested in. Far better the list suggest a way of using a topic you want than that you feel obliged to use a listed topic you don't want.

Let me say a preliminary word about drafting resolutions and general purpose "generic" resolutions.

The first convention is that resolutions should be worded affirmatively, and the second is that they should propose a change in the status quo (if they are resolutions of policy). These conventions are born of good sense: an affirmative wording is simpler and less ambiguous than a negative one, and a proposal for change allows issues to be talked about in a logical order. (If the affirmative defends the status quo, we then have the awkward situation where the first speaker must construct a "straw" list of reasons why the status quo might be changed and argue against them.)

It is also a convention that resolutions for Parliamentary debates be propositions of policy: in other words, the Government team must present a detailed Plan for their course of action. So, for example, in a debate on unemployment, the Government has an obligation to explain at what cost and by what means it proposes to reduce unemployment. The Opposition can win the debate, although agreeing that unemployment should be reduced, by disagreeing with the Government Plan. The resolution in a Parliamentary debate will often take the form "Be it resolved that the Government take greater steps to ..[reduce unemployment]" Almost any resolution may be made into an appropriate resolution of policy by this or a similar wording.

It is rare, however, that Cross-Examination debates are on propositions of policy. They are normally resolutions of fact or value, such as "Vikings discovered America" or "Canadian television programming is more worthwhile than American television programming". In Cross-Examination debate, the resolution is often worded as a question; when this is done, the Affirmative in effect proposes that the answer is "yes" while the negative argues that the answer should be "no". The Cross-Examination resolution "Should police powers be enlarged?" could be worded "Be it resolved that police powers be enlarged." Almost any resolution may be made into an appropriate Cross-Examination resolution by this or similar wording.

Resolutions for other styles of debate may be propositions of Fact, Value or Policy. (Teams may wish to agree beforehand how they will proceed.)

Some of the best resolutions are “generic” resolutions - standard wordings into which you can incorporate a particular current topic. One standard one is to approve of a particular government policy: “Be it resolved that the government was correct in its decision to [invoke the *War Measures Act*; boycott the 1980 Olympic Games; abolish the Crow Rate; or any other measure.]”. A second standard wording considers items on the public agenda that are not yet decided: “Be it resolved that the government take steps to .. [state any item you wish legislated].”

A different sort of generic resolution is “Be it resolved that the two greatest problems facing Canada today are ..” Each team secretly chooses two different problems, which the moderator ensures are not duplicated by the other team. When the debate begins, each team learns (through the ordinary speeches) what problems the other team has chosen. In this debate, it is almost as if there were two affirmative teams: much emphasis is placed on clash and rebuttal. This is interesting to watch and an excellent training style of debate.

The several hundred resolutions in this list fall into many different categories. In parliamentary debates, it is common to start the resolution with the term “This house .. ” or “Be it resolved that. .”(which is often abbreviated as B.I.R.T.).

If you wish to use a resolution of this type in a nonparliamentary debate, simply replace “This house” with “We” or some other suitable term.

## II. RESOLUTIONS

**Source: Brian P. Casey**

### Science and Technology

Computer literacy replace the traditional three "R's" in Canadian high schools.

Computerized teaching aids be banned from the classroom.

Computerization will increase job opportunities for Canadians.

Computerization will improve living standards throughout the world.

Computerization will reduce the total number of jobs available to Canadians.

It's not nice to fool Mother Nature.

The production of test tube babies be prohibited.

Current and future attempts to create and prolong human life by artificial means serve the interest of humanity.

The research scientist be held responsible for the use to which society puts his research.

The salvation of our society lies in the Arts, not the Sciences.

Technological advances will be sufficient to overcome our dwindling resources.

Technology is a threat to individual privacy.

Science has greatly benefited mankind.

Science is the opiate of the twentieth century.

Science and technology have advanced more rapidly than man's understanding of them.

Space research is a waste of time and money.

The federal government take greater steps to promote research and development in Canada.

More money be spent on scientific research in Canada.

### Education and the Schools

School is not necessary [or add, beyond grade \_\_\_].

Education become a responsibility of the Federal Government.

Myths and legends have an important place in a good education.

Democratic education has produced a generation of illiterates.

The completion of high school does not qualify one to hold a job.

Today's educational system is inadequate for the needs of today's society.

High schools in our province are too permissive.

School standards be raised.

School examinations be abolished.

Universities demand an acceptable level of English language competency from applicants.

Chastity be a requirement for university admission.

Strict discipline is the best way of raising children.

Religion be taught in all public schools in the province.

Sex education be compulsory.

Students who receive an "A" average be excused from final examinations.

Credit be given to students for participation in extra-curricular activities.

Extra-curricular activities be abolished.

Students be given one day a month to pursue individual research and study.

English classes should devote one period a week to oral work.

School uniforms be compulsory.

The strap be regularly employed as a means to enforce school discipline.

Government support be given to all accredited schools, whether public, private or separate.

Public and private [and separate] school systems be amalgamated.

Children are forced to grow up too soon.

University tuition fees be abolished.

Canadian universities adopt Canadian-first hiring policies.

Tenured positions be abolished in favour of a merit system.

Male teachers be required to wear suits and ties.

High school students should have a greater voice in school administration.

There should be merit pay for teachers.

High school students evaluate their teachers at least once a year.

A separate school system should be available for gifted students.

Monty Python is detrimental to the healthy development of young minds.

A four day school week is in the best interest of students.

The present public school system discriminates against the gifted student.

If, as has often been said, the great statesmen of Britain were created on the playing fields of Eton and Harrow, then Canada, given its present educational system, will never have any great statesmen.

Those who can, do; those who cannot, teach.

Contrary to popular opinion, teenagers today can receive no better education than a steady diet of Police Woman, Kojack, Starsky & Hutch and similar programs.

Government funded bilingual nurseries replace the present bilingual system.

Canada's foreign aid be limited to education.

Comic books be banned.

Studying anything written before 1900 is a waste of time.

The events described in the book 1984 will occur.

Teachers are overpaid.

The Lord's Prayer be said aloud at the beginning of each school day.

Students be paid to attend school after Grade 10.

Students be denied a credit if they are absent without explanation for 10% of the class.

Books are indispensable.

The students' council try all discipline cases.

Education causes unhappiness.

Literature is essential to civilization.

High marks are relatively meaningless.

Computer literacy replace the traditional three "R's" in Canadian high schools.

The present educational system be changed significantly to prepare students better for employment opportunities.

The federal government be given responsibility for education.

All students in Grades 8 to \_\_\_ be required to participate in one extra-curricular course.

School attendance be optional.

High school dances are an endurance contest.

A course in etiquette be required for high school graduation.

Computerized teaching aids be banned from the classroom.

Debating is the finest form of educational experience.

University admission be restricted to an intellectual elite.

Literacy is declining in the western world.

Canadian students receive too much formal education.

The study of the classics is a waste of time.

Poverty is a greater evil to society than illiteracy.

One's vocabulary bears a positive relationship to one's ability to think.

The school system be reformed to take twelve months a year.

The voting system be reformed to give preference to voters according to their education and qualifications.

Current high school education is obsolete.

A smoking room should be set aside for students in school.

History teaches us nothing.

Slang serves a useful purpose in modern vocabulary.

### Culture

Today's western society is immoral.

Western civilization is in a state of imminent and irreversible decay.

The North American standard of living contributes unnecessarily to a world wide food and energy shortage.

The values of North American civilization are artificial.

Canadian self-determination is a myth.

Canada has a civilization worth preserving.

Nationalism is the greatest evil of the twentieth century.

The proximity of the United States is more advantageous than detrimental to Canada.

All Canadians should be bilingual.

Canadian immigration policies should be based purely on national self-interest.

The federal government foster the development of a Canadian identity through a policy of cultural and racial integration.

Canadians have a sense of identity.

The Fine Arts are essential to civilization.

Art is for the few.

A really well-made button hole [fly] is the only link between Art and Nature.

Man is mainly a product of his society.

The twentieth century has seen the deterioration of the ideals of Renaissance Man.

Modern Art is merely ego.

McDonald's is the most significant social influence in Canada.

The "Canadian Mosaic" is doomed to failure in the next twenty years.

The C.B.C. be abolished.

Modern music is inferior to classical music.

Government funded bilingual nurseries

Studying anything written before 1900

Literature is essential to civilization.

Canadian culture is controlled by the United States.

Poets are the unacknowledged legislators of the world.

Music is the mirror of society.

### Men and Women

The female of the species is deadlier than the male.

The Women's Liberation Movement was a waste of time.

"Frailty, thy name is Woman."

A man's place is in the kitchen.

Women make the best men.

A woman's place is in the home.

Women should receive equal pay for equal work.

Women should receive equal pay for work of equal value.

Girls should help pay the cost of a date.

Male teachers wear ties.

Women are best kept barefoot, pregnant and in the kitchen.

Gentlemen prefer blondes.

Faint heart never won fair lady.

It is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all.

The family is an outmoded institution.

Couples should be prevented from having more than two children.

Men are clay and women make mugs of them.

The government should pay women to have children.

A teenage girl has more to gain from marriage than a teenage boy.

Marriage be prohibited before age twenty.

Real men don't eat quiche.

Women priests can be of service to the Roman Catholic Church.

The institution of marriage is obsolete.

The federal government take steps to better protect the rights of women.

Women have too much freedom in modern society.

The federal government pay women for their work in raising a family.

## Values

The Kinsey Reports are a value to society.

Chastity is outmoded.

Some non-military form of national service be compulsory.

U.F.O.'s exist.

The Billy Graham method of evangelism is necessary in our age.

Competition is beneficial to human well being.

Man should seek commitment rather than freedom.

Animals should not be maintained in captivity merely for human enjoyment.

Young children's fairy tales contribute to violence in society.

Poverty is but a state of mind.

Poverty is more of an occasion and provocation of crime than wealth.

The work ethic is obsolete.

Poverty is a greater evil than illiteracy.

Erich van Daniken's theories are correct.

Families be restricted to one car.

The automobile is a luxury today's society can no longer afford.

The government impose greater controls on business.

Preservation of the natural environment take precedence over industrial development.

The world will ultimately starve.

The social welfare state has sapped individual initiative.

The commonwealth concept is out of date.

International games do more harm than good.

The Olympic Games, as presently constituted, be abolished.

Overdevelopment is a greater threat to world peace than under-development.

The United Nations is a failure as a force of peace.

Nationalism is a necessity.

Extremism in the defence of liberty is no vice.

Wickedness is a myth invented by good people to account for the curious attractiveness of others.

Science is the opiate of 20th century

Science & technology advanced faster than understanding

Apathy is preferable to activism.

Progress is an illusion.

Convicted murderers be hanged without recourse to appeal.

The energy crisis is a blessing in disguise.

Space research is a waste of time and money.

Tipping be abolished.

The utopian state is a dream.

North American sports encourage an atmosphere of violence.

North Americans are gluttons.

Nationalism is the last refuge of the scoundrel.

Poets are unacknowledged by legislators.

A fool at forty is a fool indeed.

The most serious problem facing this country is an excess of freedom.

In politics, principles ought to give way to pragmatism.

Politics is an honourable profession.

Politics is much too serious a matter to be entrusted to politicians.

Party politics is for people without principles.

Just as the USA had to have the Watergate scandal as part of its maturation process, so Canada would have had to invent the RCMP scandal if it had not come along.

The best way to meet the separatist threat would be to make Lucien Bouchard the prime minister of Canada.

The United States is a greater threat to world peace than Communist China.

Any national police force charged with the responsibility for national security must break the law to carry out its duties effectively.

If God had intended to condone promiscuous sex, He would not have invented venereal disease.	Britain was correct in its decision to retake the Falkland Islands by force.	A man's worth to society is proportionate to the amount of money he owes.
The institution of marriage is obsolete.	Violence for political purposes produces positive results.	Nationalism is a mere whimsy.
A minority government is the most productive form of government.	Nationalism greatest evil of 20th century.	International problems require imperial solutions.
Law enforcement is biased against the young.	The monarchy is desirable and necessary to Canada.	Bo Derek be appointed director of Fitness Canada.
Events described in 1984 will occur.	World government is the nest solution to world problems.	Never before has so much been owed by so many to so few.
Marijuana is a dangerous drug.	Proximity of US more advantageous than detrimental to Canada.	One should be buried vertically rather than horizontally.
One's vocabulary bears a positive relationship to one's ability to think.	Revolution is the most effective way to accomplish political change.	The H-weapon is hunger.
Girls should share cost of date.	Canada's mixed economy provides greater equality of opportunity than does the American economic system.	Groucho did more good for mankind than Karl.
Women priests of service to Catholic Church.	The rising tide of crime and violence calls for more emphasis on police protection and less emphasis on civil liberties.	This generation pities its descendants.
This House would have preferred if Plymouth Rock had landed on the Pilgrim Fathers.	Greater authoritarianism in government is in the best interests of Canadians.	Santa's elves have the right to strike.
Husbands teach their wives to drive.	Electronic surveillance systems administered by licensed police agents are a justified means of protecting the public.	Snoopy is a war monger.
The working day be staggered.	Euthanasia is morally just.	The Canadian government require all Canadians to retire at age 65.
Every Canadian be issued an identification card.	Laws restricting pornography have no place in a democratic society.	The government take steps to increase the state of readiness of the Canadian Armed Forces.
Personalities have replaced issues in Canadian politics.	Canadian public servants not have the right to strike.	Ottawa be made a separate political jurisdiction.
Daylight savings time is a beneficial institution.	Canadian divorce laws be reformed.	Canadians need heroes.
Youth of today have a more difficult life than the youth of thirty years ago.	A republican form of government would better serve the interests of Canadians than the present	Real men don't eat quiche.
Science has greatly benefited mankind.	Canadian system.	The Young Offenders Act is in the interests of young Canadians.
There should be medicare for animals.	Capital punishment is a better deterrent to murder than life imprisonment.	Property is theft.
The celebration of Christmas is too commercialized.	Airline skyjacking be punished by life imprisonment.	The location of the U.N. be moved to a more neutral country.
The interests of our province would be better served by secession from Canada.	A bath is better than a shower.	The government provide for a February holiday.
The secession of (province/region) from Canada would be in the best interests of the rest of Canada.	One should face the taps when taking a bath.	The Maritime Provinces be amalgamated to form a single province.
Separatist parties be declared illegal.	Dreams come from indigestion.	School system be reformed to take place 12 months at a time.
Professional athletes compete in the Olympic Games.		The Canadian government adopt a low interest rate policy.
Britain should withdraw from Northern Ireland.		The Canadian government more stringently regulate junk food.

The Canadian government more strictly regulate video arcades.

Canadian courts play a larger role in supervising government action.

Present labour legislation be repealed.

International law is an effective means of dealing with international problems.

The treatment of Japanese Canadians during the Second World War was contrary to law.

The time has come for repeal of the social contract.

The execution of Charles the 1st was not treason.

Voting system give preference based on education etc.

Current high school education is obsolete.

The Canadian banking system better serves the interests of Canadians than any other system.

This century has seen the end of the European Era.

This century has seen the demise of the common law.

The legal system in Canada be changed to permit only those trained as barristers to practice in the courts.

The twentieth century represents the denial of rationalism.

Fairy tales are essential to modern society.

The present volume of legislation is necessary to deal justly with the different circumstances of those before the law.

Greater development and use of nuclear energy is desirable.

Government should pay women to have children.

Smoking room be set aside for students in school.

Watching poorer quality TV shows induces uncritical acceptance of unreal values.

Teenage girl has more to gain from marriage than teenage boy.

Comic books be banned.

People prohibited from marrying before age 20.

Studying anything before 1900 waste of time.

Canadian youth has no challenges to respond to.

Modern music is inferior to classical music.

Teachers are over-paid.

Drinking alcohol be prohibited.

Women have too much freedom in modern society.

It would be desirable if we had the ability to read one another's mind.

It was safer to live anywhere in the world 200 years ago than it is today.

Human immortality is desirable.

Public nudity be permitted.

Faint heart never won fair lady.

Man is the most noble of beasts.

War toys be outlawed.

Lord's Prayer be said aloud at beginning of school.

Students paid to attend school after Grade 10.

Better to have loved and lost

Not nice to fool Mother Nature

Political union with the United States would be desirable for Canada.

Money can buy happiness.

Fear is a positive emotion.

Up is better than down.

Students denied credit if miss over 10-% of class

Books are indispensable.

Students council, try all discipline cases

Mankind is inherently evil.

Television is an invention to be regretted.

It is easier to be a teenager than an adult.

Dogs are better than cats.

Education causes unhappiness.

No sports or entertainment figure should be permitted to earn more than \$50,000.00 per year.

Men need to be liberated.

Red is better than blue.

The unfit be sterilized.

Organized sports for children under 16 do more harm than good.

Communism is evil.

Democracy is outmoded.

Canada end its spending on national defence.

Literature is essential to civilization.

Canadian culture controlled by US

Gossip be made illegal.

High marks are relatively meaningless.

Commercial radio and television be abolished.

Nobody should be able to earn more than \$50,000.00 per year.

Money is the root of all evil.

The world is a better place because of mankind's presence.

The Canadian economy requires increased growth regardless of the consequences.

Canada's economy would be improved by a system that more greatly rewarded individual initiative.

The creation of a civilian spy agency authorized to break the law is necessary for national security.

Computerization will increase job opportunities for Canadians.

Computerization will reduce the total number of jobs available to Canadians.

Computerization will improve living standards throughout the world.

The federal government significantly increase the penalties under the Criminal Code.

The federal government significantly reduce the number of Crown corporations.

The federal government's legislative authority be significantly reduced.

Present educational system significantly changed to prepare students better for employment opportunities

The federal government significantly reduce its spending on social services in order to produce a balanced budget.

More stringent laws be enacted to combat terrorism.

The Canadian airline industry be re-regulated.

Provincial governments be given greater control over the management and development of natural resources.

The Atlantic fishery be restructured.

The federal government enact stringent legislation to curb monopolies in the media.

Lawyers be prohibited from defending clients whom they believe to be guilty.

The development of western civilization allows us to conclude that Man's existence is of greater benefit than detriment.

Provincial governments be abolished.

The present electoral system be replaced by one based on proportional representation.

The Canadian government campaign internationally for greater equality of wealth between North/South countries.

The Canadian government take greater steps to protect Canadian wildlife.

All provincial governments be required to entrench the protection of minority language groups.

Canada campaign internationally for the release of prisoners of conscience.

Canadian nationalism is a hindrance to internationalism.

American imperialism is a greater threat to world peace than Chinese imperialism.

The Canadian government campaign for the establishment of a Palestinian homeland.

The Canadian government was correct in its decision to impose metric measurement in Canada.

The federal government take greater steps to ensure the protection of minority rights.

The federal government take greater steps to promote Canadian unity.

The federal government encourage the development of greater ties with [the Commonwealth, third world countries, the U.S.A., etc.]

The federal government take steps to [stimulate economic growth, create jobs, promote research and development, encourage the location and development of high technology, etc.]

Canada significantly increase its contribution to foreign aid.

The Canadian government take steps to better protect the rights of women.

The federal government take steps to reduce the size of the public service.

The federal government take steps to decentralize the public service.

The best offence is a strong defence.

Computer literacy replace the three R's

The celebration of St. Valentine's Day be abolished.

Young people have rights proportional to their responsibilities under Canadian law.

Structures over the age of 50 years that can be renovated be preserved.

Western separatism is a solution to western Canadian problems.

The legal drinking age in Canada be abolished.

All students in Grades 8 to 13 be required to take at least one extra-curricular activity.

The federal government permit the use of heroin in the treatment of cancer.

The federal government prohibit hunting as a sport.

Compensation for emotional distress be paid to parents who lose a child as a result of violent crime.

Martial law is better than civil law.

The power of the Minister of Immigration to grant political asylum be withdrawn.

Crime does pay.

Youthful idealism is dead.

Youth of today are boring.

Good fences make good neighbours.

There is no such thing as a free lunch.

School attendance be optional.

The teen years are the best of one's life.

The delivery of mail be contracted to private businesses.

Love is a snare and a delusion.

To be great is to be misunderstood.

High school dances are an endurance contest.

Today is the most glorious day in the history of Canada.

Movies are better than ever.

The Barbarians are at the gates.

Virtue is its own punishment.

Patriotism is the last refuge of the scoundrel.

You are what you wear.

Beauty is a curse.

Course in etiquette required for high school graduation.

There are no more heroes.

The sheep be separated from the goats.

Rock music is destructive to civilization.

Pac Man is a dangerous foreign invader.

The book is man's noblest creation.

The dog is man's best friend.

Only fools speak the truth.

Modern man is a wimp.

Insecurity is the hallmark of the Canadian.

The Canadian government declare Canada a nuclear weapons-free zone.

The Canadian government withdraw its approval for the testing of the Cruise missile.

Canadian governments increase their patronage of the Arts.

Canadians be fined for failing to vote.

The government provide free day care to all Canadian children.

The federal government ban the annual seal hunt.

Political power be decentralized.

Computerized aids be banned from classroom.

Debating is finest form of educational experience.

University admission be restricted to an intellectual elite.

Literacy is declining in the western world.

Canadian students receive too much formal education.

The study of the classics is a waste of time.

The development of scarce world resources should be controlled by an international organization.

Canada cease exporting nuclear technology and fuels.

Canada adopt a policy of mandatory waste recycling.

The federal government regulate the use and ownership of private motor vehicles.

Religion is the root of all evil.

The salvation of our society lies in the Arts, not the Sciences.

Music is a mirror of society.

Freedom is harder to live with than regimentation.

Affluence is destroying our civilization.

History teaches us nothing.

This House approves of Civil Disobedience.

The needs of the few should give way to the needs of the many.

Discretion is the better part of valour.

A rolling stone gathers no moss.

The truth will out.

Variety is the spice of life.

Honourable failure is preferable to dishonourable success.

More money be spent on scientific research in Canada.

Technological advances will be sufficient to overcome our dwindling resources.

Technology is a threat to individual privacy.

Freedom in our society is an illusion.

The family is an outmoded institution.

Homosexuality ought to be a crime.

Slang serves a useful purpose in modern vocabulary.

Couples should be prevented from having more than two children.

Little leagues do more harm than good.

Professional sports are of no value in modern society.

Women are best barefoot, pregnant and in the kitchen.

Men are clay and women make mugs of them.

The coyote deserves to catch the road runner.

Humpty Dumpty got what he deserved.

The present emphasis in our society on rights at the expense of responsibilities is destructive of democracy.

A man's home is his castle.

Sex is an outmoded form of communication.

A young man should go west.

[Name a group, such as those convicted of drug offences] be prohibited from teaching in public schools.

## Modern Issues

Government policy in Canada should be to limit, rather than promote, economic growth.

Measures should be taken to increase public involvement in the political process.

The federal government take stronger measures to develop the natural resources of the North.

The federal government take stronger measures to reduce the economic disparity between the provinces.

Measures be taken to reduce the migration of rural populations to large cities.

The federal government establish a programme to limit population growth in Canada.

The federal government grant provincial status to the Yukon Territory.

The government take greater steps to improve the physical fitness of Canadians.

The government take stronger steps to protect individual privacy.

Genetic engineering be made illegal.

Euthanasia be legalized.

The federal government enact legislation to significantly curtail the number of immigrants entering Canada.

Research scientist be held responsible for the use to which society puts his research.

The provincial government institute a more stringent requirement for the licensing of drivers.

The driving age be increased to \_\_\_\_.

Governing bodies be denied all powers of censorship.

The federal government increase its subsidy of Canadian athletes in order to produce more medal winners at the next Olympic Games.

Federal government foster development of Canadian identity through a policy of racial and cultural integration.

Federal government pay Canadian women for their work in raising a family.

Property taxes should be replaced by an increased Income Tax.

The CRTC take stronger measures to improve the quality of television programming in Canada.

Highway speed limits be lowered.

More stringent controls be placed on the gathering and use of information on Canadians.

Mandatory seat belt legislation be [enacted / repealed].

Police powers be enlarged.

Current and future attempts to create and prolong human life by artificial means serve the interests of humanity.

The production of "test-tube babies" be prohibited.

Bilingual government-funded nurseries replace the present bilingual programme.

Private automobiles be prohibited from the downtown area of \_\_\_\_.

The federal government should more strictly regulate advertising in Canada.

The Queen should be replaced as Head of State.

Laws restricting abortion in Canada be repealed.

Laws restricting pornography [freedom of expression] be repealed.

The death penalty be resurrected for [name particular crime, such as terrorism].

C.P. Rail be made a Crown corporation.

The government enact right-to-work legislation.

A four day work week is in the interests of Canadians.

The physically fit earn a tax credit.

Campaigns for public office be financed entirely by the tax payer.

Canada adopt one official language.

Canada enact more stringent gun control legislation.

Young Offenders be tried in open court.

Major changes be made in the provincial legal aid plan.

The drinking age be raised.

Canada adopt a more restrictive system of parole.

Evidence in court cases be made public only in the event of a conviction.

The rights of defendants in criminal proceedings be significantly curtailed.

B.C. institute a system of pre-paid legal insurance.

Beer and wine be sold in grocery stores.

The government significantly reduce its funding of social welfare programmes.

A negative income tax replace the present social welfare system.

The unemployment insurance system be abolished.

The federal government provide jobs to all those who want to work who are unemployed.

There be a guaranteed annual income.

The sale of marijuana take place under government regulation.

Canada adopt a single transferable ballot in elections.

The Canadian Senate be reformed.

A formal recall system be instituted to hold elected representatives accountable.

Municipal levels of government be abolished.

The Canadian confederation be dismantled.

Canada adopt a system of city states.

The provinces of Canada be replaced by urban and regional zones.

Public servants in Canada be denied the right to strike.

Compulsory, binding arbitration replace the rights to strike and lock out.

The involvement of foreign labour unions in Canada be limited.

The activities of organized labour are detrimental to Canadian interests.

The Canadian government take steps to curb the power of organized labour.

The Canadian government submit the claims of Canada's aboriginal peoples to the world court for adjudication.

The preservation of the natural environment take precedence over industrial development.

The federal government control all natural resources and energy.

Primary resource industries be nationalized.

Production of non-renewable natural resources be restricted to present levels.

The sale of Canadian property and businesses be subject to more rigorous review by the federal government.

Canada withdraw from all military alliances.

World peace depends on the maintenance of a strong nuclear deterrent.

Canada should gradually eliminate its nuclear power generating stations.

World government is the best solution to international problems.

The UN accept as members representatives of any group aspiring to nationhood.

The United Nations strongly urge all governments to give priority to the protection of the environment rather than to the expansion of industry.

The UN aid only those lesser developed countries that enforce family planning.

All members of the United Nations contribute to a world food bank.

The United Nations be abolished.

The United Nations is a failure as a force for world peace.

Canada's foreign policy be changed to ..

Canada play a greater role in peace-keeping.

Canada's foreign aid policy be based on the principle "Charity begins at home".

Canada significantly increase its aid to developing countries.

Canada's foreign aid be limited to education.

Canada enter a continental energy pact with the United States.

Canada enter an economic union with the U.S.A.

Canada impose greater restrictions on foreign investment in Canadian natural resources.

American investment in Canada be curtailed to ensure Canada's survival as an independent nation.

The C.B.C. be abolished.

Canadians be required to serve for 18 months in an agency designated by the federal government.

Western countries cease meddling in the internal affairs of South Africa.

Environmental protection groups do more harm than good.

The U.N. raise, equip and maintain a standing army.

Prostitution be de-criminalized.

The rule of stare decisis in the Supreme Court of Canada be abolished.

The jury system be abolished in Canada.

## Economics

The federal government significantly reduce its spending on social services in order to produce a balanced budget.

Federal government stimulate economic growth, etc.

There is no such thing as a free lunch.

The development of scarce world resources be controlled by an international organization.

Canada adopt a policy of mandatory waste recycling.

Poverty is but a state of mind.

Poverty is more of an occasion and provocation of crime than wealth.

Poverty is a greater evil to society than illiteracy.

The government impose greater controls on business.

Over-development is a greater threat to world peace than under-development.

The energy crisis is a blessing in disguise.

Canada's mixed economy provides greater equality of opportunity than does the American economic system.

Property is theft.

The Canadian government adopt a low interest rate policy.

The Canadian banking system better serves the interests of Canadians than any other system.

Affluence is destroying our civilization.

Government policy in Canada should be to limit, rather than promote, economic growth.

The federal government take stronger measures to reduce the economic disparity between the provinces.

Property taxes be replaced by an increased income tax.

The government significantly reduce its funding of social welfare programmes.

A negative income tax replace the present social welfare system.

Primary resource industries be nationalized.

Money can buy happiness.

Canada enter an economic union with the U.S.A.

Money is the root of all evil.

The Canadian economy requires increased growth regardless of the consequences.

Canada's economy would be improved by a system that more greatly rewarded individual initiative.

Women should receive equal pay for equal work (work of equal value).

## The Media

Leisure time is a menace to modern society.

The freedom of the mass media be curtailed.

The news media contribute to violence in today's society.

The news media be held responsible for the accuracy of their reporting.

Modern forms of advertising are more advantageous than detrimental to society.

Advertising is the most effective means of providing consumer information.

Television dictates our way of life.

Television violence has an adverse effect on viewers.

Television has a detrimental influence on education.

Monty Python is detrimental to the healthy development of young minds.

Television encourages violent behaviour in viewers.

Television violence is addictive.

Children's television programming be free from commercial advertising.

The Canadian content of prime time television be increased.

The number of television shows involving crime and violence be reduced.

Sporting activities featuring violence and aggression be banned from all forms of media.

Television is the Opiate of the People.

Television programming reflects public taste.

Television is a wasteland.

The CRTC take stronger measures to improve the quality of television in Canada.

Contrary to popular opinion, teenagers today can receive no better education than a steady diet of Police Woman, Kojack, Starsky & Hutch and similar programmes.

Any further increase in leisure time would be detrimental to Canadian welfare.

The CBC be abolished.

Watching poorer quality TV shows induces uncritical acceptance of unreal values.

Laws restricting pornography have no place in a democratic society.

Movies are better than ever.

The federal government enact stringent legislation to curb monopolies in the media.

Commercial radio and television be abolished.

TV is an invention to be regretted.

The federal government more strictly regulate advertising in Canada.

Laws restricting freedom of expression be repealed.

Evidence in court cases be made public only in the event of a conviction.

The CRTC take stronger measures to improve the quality of television programming in Canada.

### Historical Figure Topics

*(All of the following are topics that were used in the Winston Churchill society debates. The form, however, is one that is appropriate for considering the actions and nature of any historical or current figure.)*

At this point in time, Churchill is justifiably the "man of the century".

Churchill would fail as a modern Commonwealth leader.

Contemporary events demand leadership in the Churchillian mode.

Churchill's greatest speech was that delivered at Fulton, Missouri.

Churchill was first a soldier and only by default a statesman.

Churchill was an anachronism.

Churchill was duped at Yalta.

World War II would have been avoided had England heeded Churchill.

India would have been England's Dien Bien Phu had Churchill remained Prime Minister after World War II.

Churchill was justified in ordering the destruction of the French fleet at Mers-el-Kebir.

### Something Lighter

It's not nice to fool Mother Nature.

Up is better than down.

Dogs are better than cats.

Gossip be made illegal.

The best offence is a strong defence.

The celebration of Valentine's Day be abolished.

High school dances are an endurance contest.

The Barbarians are at the gates.

You are what you wear.

The sheep be separated from the goats.

Pac Man is a dangerous foreign invader.

Modern man is a wimp.

The Kinsey Reports are a benefit to society.

Wickedness is a myth invented by good people to account for the curious attractiveness of others.

A really well-made button-hole [fly] is the only link between Art and Nature.

A fool at forty is a fool indeed.

If God had intended to condone promiscuous sex, He would not have invented venereal disease.

A bath is better than a shower.

One should face the taps when taking a bath.

Dreams come from indigestion.

Bo Derek be appointed director of Fitness Canada.

One should be buried vertically rather than horizontally.

Groucho did more good for mankind than Karl.

Santa's elves have the right to strike.

Snoopy is a war monger.

Real men don't eat quiche.

Chastity be made a requirement for university Admission.

McDonald's is the most significant social influence in Canada.

The coyote deserves to catch the road runner.

Humpty Dumpty got what he deserved.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.

### Platitudes

The best things in life are free.	Good fences make good neighbours.	This house would have peace at any price
Gentlemen prefer blondes.	There is no such thing as a free lunch.	We should never compromise on principles
The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world.	Discretion is the better part of valour.	Predictability is a mistake
The female of the species is deadlier than the male.	A rolling stone gathers no moss.	Nice guys finish last
Big government is bad government,	Variety is the spice of life.	This house would rather keep them guessing
Ignorance is bliss.	Truth will out	Caution is the best policy
Happiness is happiness.	Women are best barefoot, pregnant and in the kitchen.	This house believes that if you want peace you must prepare for war
Those who can, do; those who cannot, teach.		Convictions are prisons
History repeats itself.	<b>Source: Manitoba Speech and Debate Association</b>	We get what we deserve
The end justifies the means.	<b>General Resolutions</b>	Nothing succeeds like success
It is time to pull in the reins.	Circumstances make the man	We should always get even
I am my brother's keeper.	There are no more heroes	Freedom is overrated (you can replace "freedom" with some other term)
Every country has the government it deserves.	We should forgive and forget	This house would rather fight than switch
Music hath charms to soothe a savage breast.	Money matters most	Happiness is a full stomach
Infants enjoy infancy more than adults enjoy Adultery.	We should question authority	Honesty is the greatest virtue (you can replace "honesty" with some other term)
Youth is too precious a commodity to be wasted on the young.	When in doubt, run	We should seek commitment rather than freedom
No prophet has more peace than a child at rest.	When in doubt, delay	Loyalty is folly
If Russia did not exist, it would be necessary to invent her.	Heroism is folly	The world wants to be bullied
What is good for the pocketbook is good for the heart.	This house would not fight for queen and country	It is better to burn out than to rust
Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.	The cup runneth over	Progress is an illusion
Justice be brought into the streets.	All the world is a stage	Beauty is solely in the eye of the beholder
Women make the best men.	Looks are the key to success	We care too much
Extremism in the defence of liberty is no vice.	This house would rather watch	It is better to give than to receive
Faint heart never won fair lady.	This house prefers chaos to order	This house regrets civilization
It's not nice to fool Mother Nature.	We have too much freedom	Memory does more harm than good
It is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all.	He who hesitates is lost	This house should follow its instincts
Money is the root of all evil.	One should always forgive one's enemies, but only after they have been hanged	This house would follow its instincts
	There is nothing that is really new	This house considers it better to win than to play by the rules
	Good fences make good neighbours	
	Neither a borrower nor a lender be	
	Every man has his price	

Money is the root of evil	Ignorance is bliss	Compromise is best
Honesty does more harm than good	We want too much	Glory is not worth the price
We should go with the crowd	We have too much	We should never give a sucker an even break
This house would have freedom before all else	We know too much	It is better to reign in hell than to serve in heaven
We are the servants and not the masters of our machines	We regret progress	We should not ask questions
Might makes right	We regret technology	No good can come from bad
Right makes might	The truth will set you free	We would rather not know
We are too serious	We need more order	It is better to live in chains than to be free
Revenge is sweet	We need more rules	The ordinary man has no future
It is better to live in a fool's paradise than to exist in a wise man's hell	We need more freedom	This house prefers revolution to evolution
We should seek moderation in all things	Necessity can justify anything	This house regrets nationalism
There are no absolutes	Where you stand depends entirely upon where you sit	This house would choose stability over progress
Rank has too many privileges	We should always confuse the issue	A man in armour is the armour's slave
This house would not want to be in charge	We should always play by the rules	Fear is the best peacemaker
Boredom is the worst fate	We should always put the rights of the individual before those of society	An empty barrel makes the most noise
This house believes that money can buy happiness	A new broom sweeps best	This house prefers emotion to reason
We should go for the gusto	Those who do not complain do not gain	We should decide with our hearts, not with our heads
Personality is more important than ability	No pain, no gain	We decide with our hearts, not with our heads
This house would kick the tires	Dreams are as important as actions	We should slow down
Faith is folly	Extremism is always a vice	If you give them an inch, they will take a mile
We should follow the law rather than our consciences	Avoid principles	Society is irrational
Our education is too narrow	When the Gods wish to punish us, they answer our prayers	Nothing of real value can be learned
Revolution is preferable to reform	The virtues of society are the vices of a saint	This house regrets ambition
This house would put security before all else	Never trust the sociable	The duller, the better
Slow and steady wins the race	It is a luxury to be understood	We have all of the answers, it's the will that we lack
Pride goes before a fall	It is better to know everybody than everything	The more we have, the more we want
Never admit defeat	Where there is smoke there is fire	The best way out is through
Bullies win	The pen is mightier than the sword	What we require is easy, the problem is getting the superfluous
We should never worry	Extremism in defence of liberty is no vice	We are never satisfied
	Never hesitate	
	Better a live coward than a dead hero	

We should never be satisfied	Every hero becomes a bore at last	This house would support censorship
It would not be better if things happened to men just as they wish	History is a nightmare from which we are struggling to awake	Intelligence is over-rated
To great evils we submit - it is little provocations that we resent	History is the biography of great men	Books are the curse of the human race
The world would be better off without symbols	To travel hopefully is better than to arrive	There is nothing permanent except change
Anger is a virtue	It is human nature to think wisely and act foolishly	Character is destiny
The individual has no effect on the world	A humanitarian is always a hypocrite	As the twig is bent the tree inclines
Everything is relative	Charity is a mistake	This house would rather live in cities
We prefer pragmatism to principle	Nothing can resist an idea whose time has come	We should be citizens of the world rather than of nations
We should prefer pragmatism to principle	There is nothing stronger than ideas	Cynicism is more deadly than war
We concentrate on the trivial	This house would choose death before dishonour	It is better to die on your feet than to live on your knees
As goes America, so goes the world	This house would let the public be damned	The best goals are those that are unattainable
One is vain by nature, modest by necessity	Two heads are better than one	We are fools for false notions, boldly stated
There is nothing worse than a bad reputation	Fashion is a despot whom the wise ridicule and obey	This house should ignore public opinion
We are what we think that we are	If you wish to win a man's heart, allow him to win.	The public well being requires that men should betray, lie and massacre
If we look after the little things, the big things will take care of themselves	Good swimmers are the most likely to be drowned	The public well being requires hypocrisy
History is determined by trends, not individuals	There is nothing so habit-forming as money	Good government requires hypocrisy
It is better to have a full heart than a full stomach	There is nothing as addictive as power	All rising to a great place is by a winding stair
We would rather be right than successful	Power corrupts	Nations have neither friends nor enemies, only interests
We would rather do the successful thing than do the right thing	Law exists just to serve wealth	Government does enough for us when it does not harm us
Our lives proceed more by accident than by design	We should adopt the policy from each according to his abilities, to each according to his needs	It is more damaging to say foolish things than to do them
The future is out of our control	We should lead from behind	It is more shameful to mistrust one's friends than to be deceived by them
Character is the key to success	America is a country that does not know where it is going, but is determined to set a speed record getting there	The art of living is more like wrestling than dancing
Our goals should always exceed our abilities	America is the most dangerous country on earth	We are more often liked for our defects than for our qualities
In politics, secrecy is best	The business of America is business	There is more difference within the sexes than between them
Sisyphus was basically a happy man	The business of Canada is business	Love is a kind of warfare
The great are only great because we are on our knees	Man is what he believes	Habit is everything

When a man forgets his ideals he may find happiness, but not until then	This house believes that Rambo should be our role model	Liberty has restraints but no frontiers
This house is worried about the fire next door	This house believes that Rambo is our role model	A map of the world that does not include utopia is not worth looking at
It is not enough to do good; one must do it in the right way	This house would always look after number one	White lies are the best ushers to black ones
The means are at least as important as the ends	This house would give up	God is on the side of the big battalions
Excess is the key to success	It is more difficult to be an honourable man for a week than a hero for 15 minutes	The fire of anger that you kindle for your enemy more often burns you than him
Virtue needs limits	Timing is everything	It is better for ambition to creep than to soar
Fidelity to large truths often requires betraying smaller ones	The centre cannot hold	Luck is more important than skill
Fidelity to large principles often requires betraying smaller ones	That which does not kill us makes us stronger	Liberalism has gone too far
The path of duty lies in what is near and man seeks for it in what is remote	It is better to ask forgiveness after the event rather than to ask permission beforehand	Procrastination is a virtue
We as often repent the good we have done as the bad	This house believes that civilization has failed	We do not deserve our fate
Much will have more	This house believes that civilization is a fraud	Memory is our worst enemy
Desire is the very essence of man	This house would ban blood sports	This house would rather not succeed
Students learn from their peers, not from the teacher	This house believes that it is better for a leader to be feared than loved	This house prefers the law of the jungle
It is better to overreact than to underreact	This house believes that money is corrupting sport	Chivalry is dead
This house believes that we should work less	This house believes that though the people should support the government, the government should not support the people	This house is glad that chivalry is dead
This house regrets the passing of the dodo	This house believes that the greatest virtues are only splendid sins	This house prefers the good old days
This house believes that formal education is overrated	War can never bring peace	This house would boldly go where no one has gone before
This house believes that the truth should never be concealed	Tradition is more a liberator than a jailer	Appetite comes with eating
This house believes that criminals deserve our sympathy	We are our brother's keepers	When in doubt, do nothing
This house believes that materialism matters most	Society needs more rebellion and less conformity	This house expects a storm
This house believes that all work and no play makes Jack a winner	Planning to be second best is the best strategy for survival	The system has failed
This house believes that religion does more harm than good	The best way to gather is to scatter	What is wrong with America can be fixed by what is right with America
This house believes that the classless society is a dangerous pipe dream	Those who are only just are cruel	What is wrong with Canada can be fixed by what is right with Canada
This house believes that travel no longer broadens the mind	We should accept inequality	This house believes in magic
	Where the press is safe, all are safe	Resistance is futile
		This house prefers brawn to brain
		This house believes in stereotypes
		Science has the answer to world problems
		There is a case for terrorism

Democracy is the answer	This house believes that the right to vote is more important than the right to eat	Social injustice justifies violent action
Change is good		Feminism is folly
This house would rather switch than fight	This house believes that apathy is the root of evil	This house values loyalty too highly
The US is more of a villain than a hero	This house believes that censorship is against the public interest	This house values victory above all else
The Western world is more of a villain than a hero	This house would rather be beautiful than intelligent	It doesn't get better than this
We have failed	We should mind our own business	We know not what we do
It is all an illusion	We are going backwards	There is no way out
All that we really need to know, we learned in kindergarten	Wealth wins	We have no real choices
The important answers are all simple ones	These are the best of times	Ambition is folly
Simplicity is the answer	Entertainment corrupts	The older, the better
We are in the eye of the hurricane	Entertainment is the downfall of society	We are being fools
We need to let go	Society needs more conformity and less rebellion	This house should be less worried about the means and more worried about the ends
It's safer in the dark	This house believes that the shorter our memory, the better	We are being fooled
Don't worry, be happy	Democracy is a farce	We need more confidence
We must go faster	This house believes that these are the best of times	The best plan is to rely on the folly of others
We should stick to basics	Food first, then ethics	You will be safest in the middle
This house has no soul	This house worships false idols	Patience is the best remedy for trouble
The glass is half empty, not half full	Imagination is more important than knowledge	A great fortune is a great slavery
We have gone too far	We are too cynical	We should be more pragmatic
Mercy is a mistake	It is not the insurrections of ignorance that are dangerous, but the results of intelligence	We think too much
The dream is dead	We are too intolerant	We are too concerned with the big picture
Patience is a mistake	We are too merciful	An oppressive government is better than no government
Winning is everything	We are too critical	We have the all of the advantages
This house is whistling in the dark	Technology has outstripped morality	This house practices what it preaches
This house should have faith	Feminism is corrupting the family	We should be more grateful
This house has not yet begun to fight	Tourists are a global menace	This house aims too high
This house would rally around the flag	We should not interfere in other people's wars	This house sees only what it wants to see
This house cannot see the forest for the trees	Tradition is holding us back	This house prefers fame to fortune
We should sleep soundly	This house prefers lightning to thunder	This house prefers style to substance
This house has faith		We should turn back

This house has too much knowledge and too little wisdom	The information superhighway is a road to nowhere	We support standard province-wide exams in every subject for all Manitoba students
This house does not learn from its mistakes	Courtesy is out of date	There is too much emphasis on marks
This house would turn back the clock	Education is wasted on the young	University entrance standards should be raised significantly
We have sold out	Today's role models aren't	We would re-elect the current federal government
This house has hit the wall	Romanticism is for wimps	We would re-elect the current provincial government
This house believes that more is better	This house prefers big government to lower taxes	The police should have more power
This house goes too far	We buy the sizzle not the steak	This house regrets the Free Trade Agreement
We will win in the end	Life is too convenient	This house would support a mandatory retirement age
Cowards win	We are judged by the content of our characters	This house supports the seal hunt
Truth varies	Rule by the masses is preferable to rule by the elite	Reducing the debt should be the government's first priority
Our lives are shaped primarily by fear	To rule by fear is to rule completely	The government should decrease taxes rather than increase services
The needs of the community should take precedence over the rights of the individual	Competition is superior to cooperation in the achievement of excellence	Canada should join the United States
The cause of America is the cause of all mankind	The government that governs least governs best	The government should spend significantly more on medical care
Change is the only constant	Global concerns ought to be valued above conflicting national concerns	NATO should be abolished
This house believes that poverty is the mother of crime	The rights of the individual infringe unreasonably on the rights of society	Canada should institute a guaranteed annual income program
This house believes that the permissive society has gone too far	National boundaries are out of date	This house supports Quebec independence
Telling the truth is a bad habit	This house looks forward to the 21st century	There should be a triple E senate
Schooling stifles individuality	This house prefers style to comfort	There should be mandatory drug testing of students
This house believes that the profit motive is the best motive		There is too much money in sports
This house believes that we are prisoners of a materialistic society	<b>Issues Based Resolutions</b>	This house supports Western Canadian independence
Hedonism is the national religion	Politicians' personal lives should not be subject to media attention	The Canada should significantly increase defence spending
Feminism has failed society	This house supports the goods and services tax	There should be a national day care system established
Censorship should be left to the individual	Capital punishment should be restored	The Canadian justice system should reduce its reliance on imprisonment
Order is more important than justice	Abortion should be illegal	The court system is too generous to the accused
Morality is an anachronism	The drinking age should be raised	The welfare system is too generous
We should welcome conflict	There should be exemptions from exams	
TV families set a good example		
It is better to be a bully than a wimp		

Affirmative action programs be banned	Public transit should be free	Physical education should be mandatory for all grades in high school
There should be laws enforcing equal pay for work of equal value	The legal system should be simplified	Drivers under 19 should have additional restrictions on their licenses
Environmental protection should be made the top priority worldwide	Lotteries should be banned	We are too fond of the free market
Tobacco products should be banned	We should adopt the Japanese approach to life, school and work	One superpower is better than two
The legalization of drugs is in the best interests of society	Students should be paid	Hollywood has a lot to answer for
We support self-government for natives	There should be school uniforms	The United Nations is our best hope for the future
The environment should be our first priority	Taxes should be raised	This house supports the partitioning of an independent Quebec
The Young Offenders Act is too lenient	Social welfare programs should not be universal	The CBC should be abolished
We should significantly increase foreign aid	Western nations should significantly reduce defence spending	This house supports sexism
Curbs should be placed on population growth	We are becoming too American	We should take stronger action against sexual offences
Schools should put more emphasis on life skills and less on academics	TV cartoons are harmful to the younger generation	Legalized gambling should be significantly curtailed
This house would ban the Ku Klux Klan	Lotteries do more good than harm	Canada will not survive into the 21st century
Universities' chief concern should be research rather than teaching	NATO should expand as soon as possible	Xenotransplant surgery should be allowed
The United Nations should have significantly more power and authority	Canadian trials should be televised	Special interest groups have too much power
This house supports universal free trade	We need to be more accepting of views that are not "politically correct"	The CRTC should be abolished
Canada should significantly reduce defence spending	Students should be streamed academically	Mothers under 17 should not be allowed to keep their children
Taxes on fossil fuels should be significantly increased	The UN should have invaded Iraq and forced Saddam Hussein out of office	This house would vote for the Reform Party (or use some other party in the resolution)
There should be mandatory drug testing of athletes	We need more religion	We should revoke the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms
Canada should have a two tiered health care system	There is a new world order	We should implement the user pay approach
We need more socialism	First world countries should forgive the debts owed them by third world countries	The conservative revolution has gone too far
We should spend more on space research	The public education must be radically reformed	The monarchy should be abolished
We should have stronger gun control laws	Free trade is the answer	The Canadian constitution should be changed
Fur trapping should be banned	Development aid can solve economic inequities	The marriage contract should be abolished
We should send more aid to the former Soviet Union	This house would do away with juries	Western society is in decline
Hockey is too violent	University tuition in Canada should be significantly increased	This house believes that uranium should be left in the ground
	Canada's immigration policies should be significantly altered	

There is too much emphasis on sports

This house believes that royalty is passe

Spanking children should be illegal

We have more to fear than hope from genetic engineering

Our leaders should pay more attention to public opinion

We should censor the Internet

Limited development should be allowed in National Parks

We ought to value what we earn above what we are given.

Individuals ought to sacrifice their ideals for the sake of compromise.

The possession of weapons of mass destruction is immoral.

Capital punishment is justified.

Government subsidization of the arts is justified.

The individual ought to value the sanctity of life above the quality of life.

Community service ought to be a requirement for high school graduation.

Government limitations of Internet content are justified.

Schools ought to have the right to require testing of students for drug use.

The right of an individual to emigrate ought to be valued above a nation's right to limit immigration.

Capitalism is superior to socialism as a means of achieving economic justice.

Human genetic engineering is morally justified.

When they conflict, native sovereignty ought to take precedence over

provincial and/or national sovereignty.

The use of economic sanctions to achieve foreign policy goals is moral.

When they conflict, commercial use of free speech ought to be valued above respect for cultural sensitivity

Community needs justify the legalization of gambling.

A journalist's right to shield confidential sources ought to be protected

Government limitations on political campaign spending are antithetical to democratic ideals.

The need for organ donations justifies prioritizing the rights of the living above the rights of the deceased.

A just social order ought to place the principle of equality above that of liberty

Civil Disobedience is justified in a democracy.

In the justice system, due process ought to be valued above the pursuit of truth when they are in conflict.

An adolescent's right to privacy ought to be valued above a parent's conflicting right to know

**Off-Beat Resolutions**

We need more sheepdogs

Pink elephants have nasty tempers

Canada is a truck, not a sports car

Diamonds are a girl's best friend

Shamrocks should be crushed

We need greener lawns

Winter is better than you think

We should all be cowboys

TV is everything

This house would dance with the devil in the pale moonlight

TV commercials are right

Slow and steady wins the race, but doesn't enjoy it as much

Clocks are great

Mice are nice

Santa Claus is a communist plot

Darth Vader had the right idea

Ketchup is essential

Never believe us

The mouse should be our national symbol (you may substitute some other animal)

Red is rotten

The mirror is mankind's worst invention

We all want to be cowboys

Life is a highway

Violence is the answer

With the lights out, it's less dangerous

All that we ever really needed to know, we learned in kindergarten

We are eggshells

We live in Oz

Life is like football (you may substitute some other sport)

Life is a cabaret

Scrooge was right

Never let them see you sweat

This house will have its cake and eat it too

This house prefers the sounds of silence

We can't get no satisfaction

Nostalgia is not what it used to be

Anything fits a naked man

Good memories are lost jewels

If we set a devil on horseback, he will ride to the devil

God does play dice

A bad excuse is better than none

The half is better than the whole

We should set a thief to catch a thief

The train is running out of coal

The gloves are finally off

The square root is the best route

It is time to cut bait	This house is casting pearls before swine	This house prefers a hiss to a roar
The dream is still alive	Life is a video game	This house is more like Hamlet than Hercules
We don't need no education	This house is a parrot, not an eagle	We should all be devils
To the victor go the toils	The eagle may soar but the beaver doesn't get sucked into the jet engine	This house would just say no
We are out of room	We should pass the pepper	Speed kills
This house would charge the guns	It's not the morality, it's how much you can bear	Living is like licking honey off of a thorn
This house would damn the torpedoes and go full speed ahead	This house would order pizza	At first we hope too much, later on, not enough
Hell has frozen over	It's not the heat, it's the humidity	This house would make haste slowly
Elvis lives	It's lonely out there	Life is one long process of getting tired
This house would rather be a tortoise than a hare	It is never our fault	Good locks are the key to success
This house would keep its powder dry	This doesn't look like Kansas anymore, Toto	It is too hot
This house has no taste	We just can't win	This house would ban the computer
We would rather be Vulcans	This house prefers a bath to a shower	This house prefers night to day
We would rather be Klingons	We would rather be a snail than a tiger	The later, the better
This house believes everything that it reads	Don't trust anyone over 30	This house is a nail not a hammer
The National Enquirer is right	This house would rather not grow up	We are all vampires
No one ever went broke underestimating the public	The X-Files are right	It is getting hotter
This house would sell snake oil	Life is like the Simpsons	We would rather be a sword than a shield
There's gold in them thar hills	Height makes right	If you live with a lame man, you will learn to limp
We would accept the Trojan Horse	This house prefers a rose garden to a vegetable garden	This house would rather be a pauper than a prince
It's not over until the fat lady sings	We should close the border	This house would rather cry over spilt milk than clean it up
The colder, the better	He that shuns trifles must shun the world	This house would rather be the coyote than the roadrunner
We should keep moving	The finest amusements are the most pointless ones	Gossip is good
Tomorrow never comes	Halloween should be banned	This house prefers a whisper to a yell
This house prefers sunset to sunrise	Men are but children of a larger growth	There is no life after graduation
Quantity is better than quality	Each man must watch out for his own arrow	This house is a sprinter rather than a marathon runner
We should not ask for whom the bell tolls	We have made the wrong choice	This house would choose the dark side
This house would bury its head in the sand	This house is wearing blinders	This house would fight the power
We would rather be a trumpet than a violin	We should turn up the volume	This house would leave the Garden of Eden
This house would nuke the whales	This house believes that it is too late	

There are too many of them

There are rocks ahead

Love is the greatest trap

This house is a spider, not a fly

We are heading over the cliff

It's a long way down

Easy come, easy go

Better dead than red

The machines are in charge

This house should start over

This house would rather be the hunted than the hunter

The eagle is dying

Life was better before TV

This house believes that you are better dead than wed

The words of the prophets are written on the subway walls

We should let the animals out of the zoo

**Society**

Euthanasia should be legalized.

Strict discipline is necessary for a well-ordered society.

Capital punishment should be restored.

Drug pushers are guilty of moral murder.

Punishment of criminals is preferable to rehabilitation.

The drinking age in Ontario should be raised to, at least, twenty.

The driving age in Ontario should be raised to eighteen.

Police vice squads are an anachronism in today's society.

The family is becoming an outmoded institution in our society.

We have a moral obligation to help the less fortunate.

The present divorce laws in Canada should be loosened/tightened.

Censorship is necessary in a democratic society.

Laws restricting pornography have no place in a democratic society.

There should be a guaranteed annual income for all adult Canadians.

The youth of today have a more difficult life than the youth of twenty years ago.

The salvation of our society lies in the arts, not in the sciences.

Violence on television and in the movies should be banned.

Corporations have a moral obligation to our society.

Freedom in our society is an illusion.

Poverty is a state of mind.

Mandatory prison sentences for certain crimes should be established in order to protect society.

Abortion should be legalized.

Homosexuals are deviates with no rights.

Guns should only be available to members of registered gun clubs and to own a gun other than as a member is a criminal offence.

The answer to overpopulation is forced sterilization.

Prejudice is natural in all people thus some prejudice in us all should be accepted.

Every person is entitled to speak and act according to his conscience and the dictates of his religion.

Unfit members of society should be sterilized.

**Labour and Business**

Strikes should be resolved by compulsory arbitration.

International unions are too powerful.

The business world is truly a corporate jungle.

The worker in feudal times was better off than the worker of today.

The right to strike should be outlawed.

The strike is an outmoded weapon in the settlement of labour disputes.

Corporations have a moral obligation to our society.

The North American trade unions are too powerful.

The concept of corporate citizenship must be redefined in light of present-day realities.

Strikes by secondary school teachers are justifiable.

**Humorous**

Slang serves a useful purpose in modern vocabulary.

Little leagues do more harm than good.

Santa Claus must be arrested.

Soap operas are detrimental to health.

Music in elevators be recognized as a major source of evil and as such be substituted with Johnny Carson monologues.

Members of the House of Commons should be accompanied by their mothers during the sitting of parliament to ensure behaviour levels above that of pre-schoolers.

The Grey Cup is an expensive and ludicrous binge.

Parliament has become a soap opera - real government is conducted elsewhere.

The faint heart never won fair lady.

The coyote deserves to catch the road runner.

Acting experience is essential for political office.

Shaving be abolished.

Ann Landers and Dear Abby perform a valuable service to our society.

Cheer practices are barbaric.

Humpty Dumpty got what he deserved.

Balloons are of no use to mankind.

## General Politics

Democracy is doomed to failure.

A dictatorship is the only form of government capable of dealing with contemporary world problems.

Dictatorship is the best form of government.

## Canadian Government and Politics

Canada's governmental system should be changed to be more like that of the United States.

The constitutional monarchy of Canada be retained in its present form.

Canada is, and always will be, a satellite of the United States.

Canada should enter into an economic union with the U.S.

Canada should impose a five-year moratorium on all immigration.

Canadian governments should increase their patronage of the arts.

The patriation of the British North America Act is in the best interests of all Canadians.

A charter of rights and freedoms be entrenched in the new Canadian constitution.

The Royal Commission serves no real purpose in our society.

Toronto should secede from Ontario.

This House approves of compulsory national service for young Canadians.

Canadians should be fined for failing to vote.

Equalization payments in Canada should be abolished as a method to

overcome regional disparity among provinces.

Free day nurseries should be provided in Ontario for all working mothers at government expense.

The pursuit of bilingualism in Canada is a blind alley.

American investment is a genuine threat to Canadian sovereignty.

Canada should institute wage and price controls.

Indian reservations be abolished.

A minority government is the most productive at the Federal level in Canada.

Unemployment insurance in Canada should be restricted to people who are unable to work.

The Canadian government must impose an immediate ban on the annual seal hunt off the shores of Canada.

Regional government should be abolished in Ontario.

Politics, in Canada, is an honourable profession.

Political power in Canada be decentralized.

## Education

Education is but a passing fad.

The computerized teacher aids should be banned from the classroom.

The secondary schools in Ontario adequately prepare students for adult life.

Debating is the finest single form of educational experience.

Universities should be institutes of higher learning for the intellectual elite.

Strikes by secondary school teachers are justifiable.

Literacy is declining in the western world.

North American children receive too much formal education.

There should be more sex education in our schools.

All independent schools should become coeducational.

Studying the classics is a waste of time.

Education in Canada should come under the jurisdiction of the federal government.

## International Events and Interests

The development and allocations of scarce world resources should be controlled by an international organization.

The United States is no longer the world's leader.

Oil tankers should be banned.

Arms should be supplied to underdeveloped nations.

The United Nations has lived up to the expectations of its founders as outlined in its charter.

## Environmental Concerns

Canada should halt exportation of nuclear reactors and fuels.

The internal combustion engine should be outlawed in Canada.

Private automobiles should be phased out of major urban downtown areas in Canadian Cities.

Recycling of waste products in urban communities should be mandatory.

## Religion

Hinduism is the best of all religions.

Religion is the root of all evil.

Man is doomed without religion.

**The Arts, Music and Entertainment**

Entertainers are overpaid.

The salvation of our society lies in the arts, not in the sciences.

The arts should not be subsidized in Canada.

The Canadian governments should increase their patronage of the arts.

Music is a mirror of society.

Professional athletes are paid far in excess of their contribution to society.

**Source: Canadian Student Debating Federation**

All extra-curricular activities be abolished.

English classes should devote one period a week to speech communication.

Students who receive an A average be excused from final examinations.

Graduation credit should be given for certain extra-curricular activities.

Girls should help pay the costs of a date.

Wives should teach their husbands to drive.

A man's worth to society is proportionate to the amount of money he owes.

Students should be given one day each month to pursue individual

research and study.

Federal population controls should be established.

It is more desirable to own an eight-cylinder car than to own a six-cylinder car.

Tipping should be abolished.

Is poverty as great an evil to society as illiteracy?

Is a bath better than a shower?

Does television programming reflect public taste?

Is poverty more an occasion and provocation of crime than wealth?

Religion be taught in all the schools in the province.

Progress is an illusion.

Man should seek commitment rather than freedom.

No prophet has more peace than a baby at sleep.

Preservation of our natural environment should take precedence over industrial development in (name a place).

Youth is too precious a commodity to be wasted on the young.

The Federal Government should more strictly regulate all advertising in Canada.

Sports allowing violence and aggression be banned from all forms of mass media.

The Federal Government should be responsible for the education of Canadian citizens.

Unemployment insurance be abolished.

Through a policy of racial and cultural integration the Federal Government foster the development of a Canadian identity.

The world must ultimately starve.

Poets are the unacknowledged legislators of the world.

Nationalism is the last refuge of the scoundrel.

Should foreign unions be permitted to control any activities of Canadian unions?

Should Canadian immigration policies be based purely on national self-interest?

Cosmetics are dangerous.

The Federal Government should pay Canadian wives for their housekeeping services.

Should sex education courses be taught to all students before they reach high school?

What is good for the pocketbook is good for the heart.

The national seat of government be moved to Tancook Island.

Man's place is in the kitchen.

Snoopy is a war-monger.

Ignorance is bliss.

Should Santa's elves have the right to strike?

Interscholastic sports be abolished.

All teachers should retire at forty years of age.

ESP is a fraud of modern day quacks.

UFO's do exist.

Should juveniles be tried in open court?

Should the Canadian Senate be an elected body?

Should all private automobiles be prohibited from the downtown area of (name a city)?

Should major changes be made in the Canada Pension Plan?

Should the Welfare System in Canada be significantly changed?

Debating tournaments should be banned.

To be fit is better than to be fat.

Is bilingualism a worthwhile objective for Canadians?

Canadian citizens be required to donate 25 hours per year or the equivalent in salary to community service work.

Teachers are a hazard to education.

The school year be increased to two hundred and fifty days.

The celebration of Victoria Day should be abolished.

University tuition fees should be abolished.

All male teachers should wear suits and ties.

Television dictates our way of life.

Television violence is addictive.

Art is for the few.

The ends justify the means.

Do fairy tales contribute to violence?

Is progress an illusion?

Governing bodies be denied all powers of censorship.

Genetic engineering be declared illegal.

The physically fit should be awarded a tax credit.

Canada should adopt one official language.

Only peace officers and hunters be permitted to bear arms in Canada.

Prostitution be legalized and regulated in Canada.

**Source: Dalia Rotstein**

Freedom of Speech Should Never Be Restricted.

Some Acts of Terrorism Are Justified.

Christopher Columbus Should Have Stayed Home.

Tradition Is Holding Us Back.

We Fear the New Millennium.

Love Is Blind.

The Pen Is Mightier than the Sword.

The Barbarians Are at the Gates.

Marriage Is Outmoded.

Euthanasia Should Be Legalized.

Appearances Are Deceiving.

Freedom Is an Illusion.

Our Future Is in Good Hands.

Multi-nationals Are the New Imperialists.

The Truth Is out There.

Ignorance Is Bliss.

Style Is More Important than Comfort.

Government Should Protects Individuals from Harming Themselves.

Our Leaders Should Pay More Attention to Public Opinion.

Imagination Is Better than Knowledge.

The Press Is an Enemy of the State.

The Bombing of Iraq Was Justified.

The Internet Should Be Censored.

We Would Beat Our Swords into Ploughshares.

We Support the Use of Economic Sanctions.

Environmental Responsibility Is a Luxury That Only Developed Nations Can Afford.

Corporations Have No Place in Schools.

History Is Bunk.

We Regret the Influence of Hollywood.

We Are Living in an Enlightened Age.

We Support Free Trade.

There Are No Heroes.

Canadians Should Be Fined for Failing to Vote.

The Last Century Has Been the Best Century.

The United Nations Works.

The Health Care System Is Adequate.

War Is Never Justified.

Uniforms Should Be Mandatory.

We are living in a global village.