

## BLOCK 1:

*Thought Talk: Can a democracy be successful in all countries?*

- “Democracy Is Not The Answer”  
<http://www.frontpagemag.com/2013/dgreenfield/democracy-is-not-the-answer/>
- “Can Democracy Prevail?” <http://www.meforum.org/40/can-democracy-prevail>
- “Why The United States Should Spread Democracy”  
[http://belfercenter.hks.harvard.edu/publication/2830/why\\_the\\_united\\_states\\_should\\_spread\\_democracy.html](http://belfercenter.hks.harvard.edu/publication/2830/why_the_united_states_should_spread_democracy.html)
- “Transition to Democracy in the Middle East”  
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*Resolved, that the United States cease its military aid to Egypt.*

- “Kerry in Cairo: Egypt aid suspension ‘not a punishment’”  
[http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle\\_east/kerry-in-cairo-egypt-aid-suspension-not-a-punishment/2013/11/03/f5b14242-4491-11e3-a196-3544a03c2351\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle_east/kerry-in-cairo-egypt-aid-suspension-not-a-punishment/2013/11/03/f5b14242-4491-11e3-a196-3544a03c2351_story.html)
- “The cost of cutting US aid to Egypt”  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-23800033>
- “The Case for Cutting Off Aid to Egypt”  
<http://www.cfr.org/egypt/case-cutting-off-aid-egypt/p31264>
- “Egypt and the United States: It’s Not You, It’s Me”  
<http://blogs.cfr.org/cook/2012/02/06/egypt-and-the-united-states-it%E2%80%99s-not-you-it%E2%80%99s-me/>

*Resolved, that a boycott of the 2014 Olympics in Russia would be effectual in curbing the nation’s anti-gay laws.*

- “U.S. Should Not Boycott Russian Olympics Over LGBT Rights”  
[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/cyd-zeigler/us-should-not-boycott-russian-olympics-over-lgbt-rights\\_b\\_3494006.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/cyd-zeigler/us-should-not-boycott-russian-olympics-over-lgbt-rights_b_3494006.html)
- “How Russia’s Anti-Gay Law Could Affect the 2014 Olympics, Explained”  
<http://www.motherjones.com/politics/2013/08/sochi-olympics-putin-anti-gay-law-explained>
- “Merchandise Uses Olympics Principles Against Russian Anti-Gay Laws”  
[http://www.nytimes.com/2013/12/02/business/media/merchandise-uses-olympics-principles-against-russian-anti-gay-laws.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2013/12/02/business/media/merchandise-uses-olympics-principles-against-russian-anti-gay-laws.html?_r=0)
- “Human rights groups support Russia’s anti-gay propaganda law”  
<http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/human-rights-groups-support-russias-anti-gay-propaganda-law>
- “Russia’s Gay Bill Won’t Impact LGBT Olympians: Olympic Committee”  
[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/06/15/winter-olympics-russia-gay-ban\\_n\\_3443485.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/06/15/winter-olympics-russia-gay-ban_n_3443485.html)

- “Will Russia’s New Anti-Gay Law Affect the Sochi 2014 Olympics?”  
<http://lawstreetmedia.com/pro-con/entertainment-and-culture/will-russias-new-anti-gay-law-affect-the-sochi-2014-olympics/>

*Resolved, that Puerto Rico should become an independent nation.*

- “Puerto Rico's Decolonization”  
<http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/53582/ruben-berrios-martinez/puerto-ricos-decolonization>
- “Puerto Rico Statehood Bid Gets New Push”  
<http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424127887323463704578493124250050966>
- “Puerto Rico still deserves independence”  
<https://www.progressive.org/mpespada798.htm>
- “Puerto Rico Debt Troubles Regulators”  
<http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702304441404579119251798925192>

*Resolved, that the nuclear attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki were necessary for ending World War II.*

- “Pro And Con On Dropping The Bomb”  
<http://seattletimes.com/special/trinity/supplement/procon.html>
- “Pros of Dropping the Atomic Bomb” <http://jsg558.tripod.com/pros-of-dropping-the-atomic-bomb.html>
- “Was the US bombing of Nagasaki necessary to end WWII?”  
<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/arts/books/was-the-us-bombing-of-nagasaki-necessary-to-end-wwii/story-e6frg8nf-1226084256784>
- “The Bombing Of Hiroshima and Nagasaki” <http://www.history.com/topics/bombing-of-hiroshima-and-nagasaki>

## **BLOCK 2:**

*History through the eyes of George Washington and Theodore Roosevelt: Resolved, that the United States would be more stable if it were isolationist.*

- “The New American Isolationism” <http://www.thenation.com/article/155725/new-american-isolationism#>
- “The danger of repeating the cycle of American isolationism”  
[http://articles.washingtonpost.com/2013-04-25/opinions/38817519\\_1\\_world-war-ii-u-s-aid-retreat](http://articles.washingtonpost.com/2013-04-25/opinions/38817519_1_world-war-ii-u-s-aid-retreat)
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<http://www.forbes.com/sites/timreuter/2013/10/10/an-isolationist-united-states-if-only-that-were-true/>
- “Isolationist Critics of American Foreign Policy”  
<http://www.airpower.maxwell.af.mil/airchronicles/aureview/1968/mar-apr/holbo.html>

*Resolved, that the United States take all necessary action to prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons.*

- “IRAN: The Nuclear Threat”  
<http://www.cfr.org/iran/iran-nuclear-threat/p8830>
- “Iran's Rouhani: He's no Gorbachev”  
<http://www.latimes.com/opinion/commentary/la-oe-boot-iran-rouhani-reagan-gorbachev-20131124,0,3683596.story#axzz2ITk9dhP6>
- “Get Ready for a Nuclear Iran”  
<http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052748703871904575216260958684670>
- “Lafayette, We Aren't Here, at Least Not on Iran's Nukes”  
<http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702304644104579194243277633548>
- “Why Iran Should Get the Bomb”  
<http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/137731/kenneth-n-waltz/why-iran-should-get-the-bomb>
- “Stay the Dogs of War on Iran”  
<http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2013/11/17/stay-the-dogs-of-war-on-iran.html>

*Resolved, that the European Union should bail out Greece.*

- “Supporters of Bailout Claim Victory in Greek Election”  
<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/06/18/world/europe/greek-elections.html>
- “Greece poll: Pro-bailout party's narrow win hailed” <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-18482415>
- “Greek Bailout Would Violate EU Law: Gopalan” <http://law.nuim.ie/news/greek-bailout-would-violate-eu-law-gopalan>
- “EU's Rehn says new bailout for Greece not the only option”  
<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/08/21/greece-rehn-idUSL6N0GM05K20130821>
- “Pros And Cons: Bailout & Austerity or Default & Euro Exit?”  
<http://www.keptalkinggreece.com/2012/02/12/pros-and-cons-bailout-austerity-or-default-euro-exit/>
- “Battle of the (third) bailout”  
<http://www.economist.com/blogs/charlemagne/2012/11/greece-and-eu>

*Resolved, that the U.S. withdraw all “war on drugs” related aid from Latin America.*

- “America's Drug War In Latin America Expanding”  
[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/02/03/americas-drug-war-latin-america\\_n\\_2610624.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/02/03/americas-drug-war-latin-america_n_2610624.html)
- “Merida Initiative”  
<http://www.state.gov/j/inl/merida/>

- “Have We Lost the War on Drugs?”  
<http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424127887324374004578217682305605070>
- “IN DEFENSE OF THE DRUG WAR”  
<http://www.humanevents.com/2007/01/25/in-defense-of-the-drug-war/>
- “Let's go to war on the folly of decriminalising drugs”  
<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/opinion/lets-go-to-war-on-the-folly-of-decriminalising-drugs/story-e6frezz0-1226386613367>

*Resolved, that globalization harms individual cultures.*

- “Sachs: The Great Failure of Globalization”  
<http://economistsview.typepad.com/economistsview/2011/08/sachs-the-great-failure-of-globalization.html>
- “Globalization Versus Normative Policy: A Case Study on the Failure of the Barbie Doll in the Indian Market” [http://works.bepress.com/priti\\_nemani/1/](http://works.bepress.com/priti_nemani/1/)
- “The Benefits of Globalization”  
[http://www.radford.edu/~mthong/benefits\\_of\\_globalization.htm](http://www.radford.edu/~mthong/benefits_of_globalization.htm)
- “Benefits of Globalization” <https://www.boundless.com/management/globalization-and-business/globalization/benefits-of-globalization/>
- “The Pros and Cons of Globalization”  
<http://www.manufacturing.net/articles/2010/06/the-pros-and-cons-of-globalization>

### **BLOCK 3:**

*Resolved, that the U.N.'s peacekeeping forces are counterproductive.*

- “Paving the Road to Hell: The Failure of U.N. Peacekeeping”  
<http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/55875/max-boot/paving-the-road-to-hell-the-failure-of-u-n-peacekeeping>
- “When peacekeepers go to war”  
[http://bosco.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2013/03/28/when\\_peacekeepers\\_go\\_to\\_war](http://bosco.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2013/03/28/when_peacekeepers_go_to_war)
- “Look at the Benefits and Cost of UN Peacekeeping”  
<http://www.nytimes.com/1998/06/11/opinion/11iht-edced.t.html>
- “Protecting Civilians” <http://www.betterworldcampaign.org/un-peacekeeping/strengthening-peacekeeping/protecting-civilians.html>

*Speed Chess: Resolved, that Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (drones) should not be weaponized.*

- “Which Drone Future Will Americans Choose?” <http://www.thebulletin.org/which-drone-future-will-americans-choose>
- “Drones” <https://www.aclu.org/blog/tag/drones>
- “Charting the data for US airstrikes in Pakistan, 2004 – 2013”  
<http://www.longwarjournal.org/pakistan-strikes.php>

- “Targeted Killing, Pro and Con: What to Make of U.S. Drone Strikes in Pakistan”  
<http://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2012/09/targeted-killing-pro-and-con-what-to-make-of-us-drone-strikes-in-pakistan/262862/>

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- “Syria crisis: Putin ‘confident’ on chemical weapons plan”  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-24166891>
- “Russia’s plan for Syria’s chemical weapons is likely to fail”  
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/vladimir-putin/10299596/Russias-plan-for-Syrias-chemical-weapons-is-likely-to-fail.html>
- “All Syrian chemical weapons munitions destroyed”  
<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2013/12/06/all-syrian-chemical-weapons-munitions-destroyed/3892017/>

*Resolved, that the U.S. remove its trade embargo on Cuba.*

- “U.S.-Cuba Relations” <http://www.cfr.org/cuba/us-cuba-relations/p11113>
- “The Frozen U.S.-Cuba Relationship” <http://www.cfr.org/cuba/frozen-us-cuba-relationship/p27510>
- “The Right Deal on Cuba” <http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB124027198023237151>
- “Why Sanctions on Cuba Must Remain”  
<http://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2013/11/19/sanctions-successes-and-failures/why-sanctions-on-cuba-must-remain-in-place>
- “Cuba” <http://www.hrw.org/world-report/2013/country-chapters/cuba>

*Resolved, that religious differences between enemies in a war determine its severity.*

- “Center For Reduction Of Religious-Based Conflict”  
[http://www.center2000.org/about\\_the\\_center-2/](http://www.center2000.org/about_the_center-2/)
- “World Religions: War And Peace”  
[http://www.ppu.org.uk/learn/infodocs/st\\_religions.html](http://www.ppu.org.uk/learn/infodocs/st_religions.html)
- “Crusades” <http://www.history.com/topics/crusades>
- “Religion Does NOT Cause the Bloodiest Wars”  
<http://www.nolanchart.com/article8467-religion-does-not-cause-the-bloodiest-wars.html>

## **BLOCK 4:**

*Resolved, that the NSA’s surveillance of foreign leaders is an internationally reprehensible violation of sovereignty.*

- “World Fights Back Against the Biggest Brother in History”  
[http://www.truthdig.com/report/item/world\\_fights\\_back\\_against\\_the\\_biggest\\_brother\\_in\\_history\\_20131128](http://www.truthdig.com/report/item/world_fights_back_against_the_biggest_brother_in_history_20131128)
- “NSA spying: Ally anger justified?” <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/nsa-spying-ally-anger-justified/>

- “Keep Spying on Foreigners, NSA”  
[http://www.slate.com/articles/news\\_and\\_politics/view\\_from\\_chicago/2013/11/the\\_nsa\\_should\\_keep\\_spying\\_on\\_foreign\\_leaders\\_and\\_citizens.html](http://www.slate.com/articles/news_and_politics/view_from_chicago/2013/11/the_nsa_should_keep_spying_on_foreign_leaders_and_citizens.html)
- “NSA monitored calls of 35 world leaders after US official handed over contacts”  
<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/oct/24/nsa-surveillance-world-leaders-calls>

*Resolved, that the Israelis’ treatment of Palestinians constitutes apartheid.*

- “The Separation Barrier” [http://www.btselem.org/separation\\_barrier/map](http://www.btselem.org/separation_barrier/map)
- “Structural Roots of Israeli Apartheid”  
<http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/opinion/2013/10/structural-roots-israeli-apartheid-20131028101932219688.html>
- “The question is not ‘Is Israel the same as South Africa?’ It is ‘do Israel’s actions meet the international definition of what apartheid is?’”  
<http://www.ceia-sc.org/page55/page55.html>
- “An open letter to Roger Waters: Why Israel is not an apartheid state”  
<http://www.haaretz.com/opinion/.premium-1.540513>
- “Israel is Not an Apartheid State”  
[http://www.jewishfederations.org/local\\_includes/downloads/56288.pdf](http://www.jewishfederations.org/local_includes/downloads/56288.pdf)

*Resolved, that all developed countries should adopt a universal health care system.*

- “Where in the world can you get universal health care?”  
<http://www.cnn.com/2012/06/28/health/countries-health-care/>
- “Universal Health Care” [http://www.balancedpolitics.org/universal\\_health\\_care.htm](http://www.balancedpolitics.org/universal_health_care.htm)
- “Right to Health Care” <http://healthcare.procon.org/>
- “UN adopts ‘momentous’ resolution on universal healthcare”  
<http://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2012/dec/13/un-momentous-resolution-universal-healthcare>
- “Cons to Universal Healthcare” <http://voices.yahoo.com/cons-universal-healthcare-2153144.html>

*Resolved, that the creation of the Latin American Pacific Alliance will ultimately increase stability in its future financial crises.*

- “Pacific Arc Plan: Innovative But Challenging”  
<http://www.samuellogan.com/articles/pacific-arc-plan-innovative-but-challenging.html>
- “Pacific Arc Deepens Integration Between Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Peru”  
<http://www.as-coa.org/articles/pacific-arc-deepens-integration-between-chile-colombia-mexico-peru>
- “The Challenges of the Pacific Alliance: Regional Sovereignty in Latin America or a Pampered Periphery” <http://upsidedownworld.org/main/international-archives-60/4354-the-challenges-of-the-pacific-alliance-regional-sovereignty-in-latin-america-or-a-pampered-periphery>

- “Latin America’s Pacific Alliance liberalizes trade”  
<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/09/25/trade-latinamerica-idUSL2N0HL27620130925>
- “The Pacific Alliance, yet another bloc in Latin America”  
<http://en.mercopress.com/2012/06/12/the-pacific-alliance-yet-another-bloc-in-latin-america>
- “The Pacific Alliance: An Example of Lessons Learned”  
[https://csis.org/files/publication/130711\\_CDadeCMeacham\\_PacificAlliance.pdf](https://csis.org/files/publication/130711_CDadeCMeacham_PacificAlliance.pdf)

*Thought Talk: What role should the U.S. play in the conflict between North and South Korea?*

- “The United States Enters the Korean Conflict”  
<http://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/korean-conflict/>
- “North Korea Profile” <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-pacific-15278612>
- “60 Years After The Korean War, The U.S. Must End Its Cold War Alliance With South Korea” <http://www.forbes.com/sites/dougbandow/2013/07/15/60-years-after-the-korean-war-the-u-s-must-end-its-cold-war-alliance-with-south-korea/>
- “Should U.S. Continue Annual Military Exercise in South Korea?”  
<http://www.policymic.com/articles/5170/should-u-s-continue-annual-military-exercise-in-south-korea>