

2026 NOF Palm Invitational Debate & Assigned Speaking Prompts

Async Debate Topics:

Elementary and Middle School competitors can choose either the first topic, or any topic from the second list.

Elementary & Middle School:

Resolved: Social media is harmful for democracy.

All Competition Levels:

Resolved: In the United States, national service ought to be mandatory.

Resolved: The People's Republic of China should substantially reduce its international extraction of natural resources.

Resolved: This House would ban live facial recognition in public transportation systems.

Resolved: The United States federal government should significantly increase its exploration and/or development of the Arctic.

Resolved: Moral systems rooted in theism are preferable to non-theistic moral systems.

Async Assigned Platform Topics:

Urban Planning

Political Memes

Synthetic Biology

Satellites

The Gig Economy

Emotion-Detecting AI

Ghost Kitchens

Biometric Authentication

Smart Textiles

Libraries