



**NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS  
2006 TOPICS LIST**

**Palestine (Adults - round 1)**

That peace in Palestine is not an achievable goal  
That the West should not give aid to the Palestinian Authority  
That Israel should withdraw unilaterally from the West Bank

**Rights (Adults - round 2)**

That freedom of expression is more important than cultural sensitivity  
That we should allow animated child pornography  
That holocaust denial should be a criminal offence

**Political funding (Adults - round 3)**

That we should ban professional political lobbyists  
That political parties should receive public funding  
That the Liberal Party should have paid for the workplace reforms advertising campaign

**The more important round (Adults - round 4)**

That economic development is more important than human rights  
That harmony is more important than diversity  
That reconciliation is more important than justice

**Privacy (Adults - round 5)**

That we should publish the location of sex offenders  
That national security outweighs privacy  
That Google should stop censoring search results in China

**Imprisonment (Adults grand final - advised subject area)**

That we should not extradite prisoners to countries where they may be tortured  
That we should give criminals sentenced to life imprisonment the option of the death penalty  
That people convicted of crimes in foreign countries should serve their sentences in their home country

**Rights of children (Schools - round 1 (opening debate) - advised subject area)**

That Australia should remove children from its detention centres for asylum seekers  
That parents should be banned from smacking their children  
That parents should be able to stop their children attending sex education classes

**Education (Schools - round 1 (remaining debates))**

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That the first aim of education should be a career  
That we should require religious schools to distribute contraception  
That schools should be able to stop students wearing religious dress that conflicts with the school uniform

**Iraq (Schools - round 2)**

That removing Saddam was worth the cost  
That Australia should withdraw its troops from Iraq  
That governments should pay for the release of hostages

**Protest (Schools - round 3 - Taminmin High School)**

That street demonstrations are the best form of political protest  
That social injustice justifies violent action  
That we should remove the right to strike from workers in essential services

**HIV (Schools - round 3 - Darwin High School)**

That drug companies should waive patents on HIV drugs in the developing world  
That HIV testing should be compulsory for all  
That failing to disclose an STD before protected intercourse should be illegal

**Economics (Schools - round 4)**

That we should increase taxes on petrol  
That Australia's trade unions have failed it  
That Australia has a poor corporate governance culture

**Health (Schools - round 5)**

That the government should fund research into human cloning  
That insurance companies should have access to genetic information  
That organ donation should be mandatory

**Democracy (Schools - round 6)**

That we should support dissident groups in dictatorships  
That political arms of terrorist bodies should be banned from parliament  
That the West should stop promoting democracy in the Middle East

**Australian politics (Schools - round 7)**

That Australia has become a right-wing country  
That political parties should apply affirmative action when pre-selecting candidates  
That the Liberal Party should tell John Howard it's time

**Globalisation (Schools semi-finals)**

That globalisation has done more harm than good

That deregulated labour markets entrench inequality  
That countries should be able to protect important industries from foreign ownership

**Immigration (Schools preliminary final)**

That we should imprison asylum seekers  
That we should turn West Papuan asylum seekers back  
That Australia should accept more refugees

**Nuclear technology (Schools grand final - advised subject area)**

That we should use force to stop Iran from getting the bomb  
That every country has a right to develop nuclear technology  
That Australia should store other countries' nuclear waste

**International organisations (Spare)**

That the UN Security Council's permanent members should be expanded to nine  
That regional bodies should intervene in their members' internal conflicts  
That foreign aid should be administered by NGOs rather than states

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**SCHOOLS' NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS  
2005 TOPICS LIST**

**Opening Debate - Sunday afternoon  
Liberties**

That speech inciting racial hatred should be illegal.  
That mandatory detention of asylum seekers should be abandoned.  
That censorship is a legitimate tool of the State.

**Round One - Monday morning  
The Environment**

That Australia should implement the Kyoto Protocol.  
That we should embrace nuclear power.  
That the threat from global warming has been overstated.

**Round Two - Monday afternoon  
Law and Order**

That marijuana should be legalised.  
That the primary purpose of imprisonment should be rehabilitation.  
That juries should be abolished.

**Round Three - Tuesday morning  
Religion and the Family**

That the Catholic Church is on the correct path.

That we should fear the rise of Christian evangelism.  
That no-fault divorce has been a failure.

**Round Four - Tuesday afternoon**

**Media**

That the ABC should be privatised.  
That we should abolish controls on the foreign ownership of media outlets.  
That public figures are entitled to private lives.

**Round Five - Wednesday (Earlier Start)**

**Sport**

That governments should stop funding competitive sport.  
That we should impose sporting sanctions against Zimbabwe.  
That sport has become too commercial.

**Round Five - Wednesday (Later Start)**

**Higher Education**

That university education is too expensive.  
That the government should only fund vocational courses at universities.  
That Australia should introduce voluntary student unionism.

**Round Six - Thursday morning**

**International issues**

That Australia was wrong to send troops to Iraq.  
That we need a new approach on Africa.  
That we have been too soft on China over human rights.

**Round Seven - Thursday afternoon**

**Industrial Relations**

That we should fear the Federal Government's industrial relations reforms.  
That we should scrap the minimum wage.  
That the union movement has lost its way.

**Semi-Finals**

**War on Terror**

That the war on terror has impinged too greatly on civil liberties.  
That we should have a national identification card.  
That we should reject the doctrine of pre-emption.

**Preliminary Final**

**Business and Economics**

That Australians pay too much tax.  
That corporations should put shareholder profit ahead of social responsibility.  
That the only "fair trade" is free trade.

**Grand Final**  
**Australia/Asia Drug Trafficking**

That Australia should have harsher penalties for international drug trafficking.

That Australia should oppose the death penalty for its citizens caught drug trafficking abroad.

That Australians caught drug trafficking abroad should be brought home to serve their sentences.

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