

### **Lincoln Douglas Debate Topics**

Directions: Along with your “partner,” read through the LD topics below and choose the three that you would most like to debate. Put a “1” next to your first choice, “2” for second choice, and “3” for third choice. I will try my best to ensure that you get the resolution that you want. Really spend some time thinking about all of the different angles and implications of each resolution before deciding. If you would rather write your own LD resolution, you must get it approved by Mrs. Snell.

1. Resolved: The United States ought to prioritize the pursuit of national security objectives above the digital privacy of its citizens.
2. Resolved: Placing political conditions on humanitarian aid to foreign countries is unjust.
3. Resolved: In the United States criminal justice system, truth-seeking ought to take precedence over attorney-client privilege.
4. Resolved: In a democracy, voting ought to be compulsory.
5. Resolved: Oppressive government is more desirable than no government.
6. Resolved: The United States is justified in intervening in the internal political processes of other countries to attempt to stop human rights abuses.
7. Resolved: Rehabilitation ought to be valued above retribution in the United States criminal justice system.
8. Resolved: The United States ought to guarantee universal health care for its citizens.
9. Resolved: The United States ought to extend to non-citizens accused of terrorism the same constitutional due process protections it grants to citizens.
10. Resolved: A government has the obligation to lessen the economic gap between its rich and poor citizens.
11. Resolved: Targeted killing is a morally permissible foreign policy tool.

12. Resolved: It is morally permissible for victims to use deadly force as a deliberate response to repeated domestic violence.
13. Resolved: Individuals have a moral obligation to assist people in need.
14. Resolved: When forced to choose, a just government ought to prioritize universal human rights over its national interest.
15. Resolved: In the United States, juveniles charged with violent felonies ought to be treated as adults in the criminal justice system.
16. Resolved: The abuse of illegal drugs ought to be treated as a matter of public health, not of criminal justice.
17. Resolved: Compulsory inclusion of non-felons' DNA in any government database is unjust.
18. Resolved: That the United States government has a moral obligation to afford the same constitutional rights to all people on United States soil.
19. Resolved: Public health concerns justify compulsory immunization.
20. Resolved: Public High school students in the United States ought not be required to pass standardized exit exams to graduate.
21. Resolved: When in conflict, the preservation of minority cultural values ought to be valued above the preservation of a unified national culture.
22. Resolved: Vigilantism is justified when the government has failed to enforce the law.
23. Resolved: In a democratic society, felons ought to retain the right to vote.
24. Resolved: It is morally permissible to kill one innocent person to save the lives of more innocent people