

## **Persuasive Speech Topics: If you need help with a topic, take a look at these and see if any interest you.**

### **Technology**

1. Should tech companies regulate the development of AI systems and automation to protect humans' jobs?
2. Should we limit screen time for children?
3. Is it ethical for AI models like Dall-E to train themselves on artists' work without the artists' permission?
4. Should the government regulate the use of personal drones?
5. Is mass surveillance ethical? Does its threat to civil liberties outweigh its benefits?
6. Are virtual reality experiences a valuable educational tool?
7. Do the positive effects of powerful AI systems outweigh the risks?
8. Do voice assistants like Siri and Alexa invade individuals' privacy?
9. Are cell phone bans in the classroom effective for improving student learning?
10. Does the use of facial recognition technology in public violate individuals' privacy?
11. Should students be allowed to use ChatGPT and other AI tools for writing assignments?
12. Should AI-generated art be allowed in art shows or contests?
13. Who holds responsibility for accidents caused by self-driving cars: the driver or the car company?

### **Business & Economy**

1. Is it ethical for companies to use unpaid internships as a source of labor?
2. Is it ethical for companies to use sweatshops in developing countries?
3. Should the government provide free healthcare for all citizens?
4. Should the government regulate prices on pharmaceutical drugs?
5. Should customers be required to tip a minimum amount in order to ensure food service workers make a living wage?
6. Should someone's tattoos or personal appearance factor into the hiring process?
7. Should US workers have more vacation time?
8. Is big game hunting beneficial for local communities?

### **Bioethics**

1. Should we legalize euthanasia?
2. Is it ethical to use animals for medical research?
3. Is it ethical to allow access to experimental treatments for terminally ill patients?
4. Should we allow genetic engineering in humans?
5. Is the death penalty obsolete?
6. Should we allow the cloning of humans?
7. Is it ethical to allow performance-enhancing drugs in sports?

### **Family**

1. Should the government limit how many children a couple can have?

2. Should we allow parents to choose their children's physical attributes through genetic engineering?
3. Should we require companies to give mandatory paternal and maternal leave?
4. Should children be allowed to watch violent movies and video games?
5. Should the government provide childcare?
6. Is it an invasion of privacy for parents to post photographs of their children on social media?

## Social Media

1. Should social media platforms ban political ads?
2. Do the benefits of social media outweigh the downsides?
3. Should the government hold social media companies responsible for hate speech on their platforms?
4. Is social media making us more or less social?
5. Do platforms like TikTok exacerbate mental health issues in teens?
6. Should the government regulate social media to protect citizens' privacy?
7. Is it right for parents to monitor their children's social media accounts?
8. Should social media companies enact a minimum user age restriction?
9. Should we require social media companies to protect user data?
10. Should we hold social media companies responsible for cyberbullying?
11. Should schools ban the use of social media from their networks?
12. Should we be allowed to record others without their consent?
13. Do online crime sleuths help or hurt criminal investigations?

## Education

1. Would trade schools and other forms of vocational training benefit a greater number of students than traditional institutions of higher education?
2. Should colleges use standardized testing in their admissions processes?
3. Should schools do away with their physical education requirements?
4. Should we allow school libraries to ban certain books?
5. Should we have mixed-level classrooms or divide students according to ability?
6. Should graphic novels be considered literature?
7. Should all students have to take financial literacy classes before graduating?

## Sports

1. Should colleges pay student athletes?
2. Should we ban violent contact sports like boxing and MMA?
3. Should high schools require their athletes to maintain a certain GPA?
4. Should high schools ban football due to its safety risks to players?
5. Should all high school students be required to play a team sport?

