

Enlightenment Political Party Convention Debate/Discussion Topics

1. **Ideal Form of Government.** A representative democracy is the best form of government.
2. **Presidential War Power.** Only the President should have the power to declare war.
3. **Direct Democracy.** A good way to make laws is for all the people to vote on them directly.
4. **Religion & Government.** Religion should be a part of government. Public schools should include religious instruction. In addition, the Pledge of Allegiance and currency should continue to include specific references to God.
5. **Government Seizure of Property.** The government should have the authority to confiscate a person's property for the public good.
6. **Revolution.** The people should have the right to revolt if they strongly disagree with the government's actions.
7. **Gun Control.** The government should be able to enact strict controls of gun possession, including seizing all guns if necessary.
8. **Regulated Speech.** The government should be able to control and restrict all speech it finds treasonous, vulgar, or offensive to the public good.
9. **Surveillance.** The government should be able to adopt broad surveillance policies on its citizens (e.g., phones, internet, media) if necessary to protect public safety.
10. **Drug & Alcohol Regulation.** The government should be able to adopt strict controls on substances that it views as harmful to public health.