

Proposal No. 101

Name: Arrion Azimi
Delegation: Albany YMCA

1 TOPIC OF CONCERN:

2 Federalizing and reforming education

4 JUSTIFICATION:

5 The education system in America, one of the most prosperous and powerful nations
6 in the world, is broken. According to a study from Newsweek, the U.S. ranks #26 on
7 the List of 100 Countries with the Best Education. This is due to lack of a steady
8 curriculum, which allows certain districts to teach biased curriculum and private
9 schools with religious agendas to ignore certain material (according to a study by
10 TIME, private school test scores are on the same level as public school ones, and the
11 education from public schools is usually less biased). The US also lacks the effective
12 trade school system of Europe, which benefits both the economy and students
13 uninterested in higher learning. The U.K., which has both trade schools and a
14 standardized curriculum, ranks #8 on the aforementioned list and has a more stable
15 economy than the U.S. Also, many U.S. schools also lack Regional Occupational
16 Programs (e.g. Video Production, Auto Shop, Culinary Arts, Graphics Arts, Child
17 Care, etc.), which also help students learn job skills to become assets to society
18 without college.

20 ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

21 The government will take control of all K-12 schools in the United States. The
22 public schools will have a single curricular standard, while private schools will be
23 disbanded and turned into European-style trade/ROP schools for high school
24 students and graduates.

Proposal No. 102

Name: George Zhang
Delegation: South Valley/SV YMCA

1 TOPIC OF CONCERN:

2 This proposal calls for mandatory fact checking by a third party for all
3 commercial media outlets.

5 JUSTIFICATION:

6 It's undeniable that people assume the news they watch is factual.
7 Unfortunately, this isn't always the case. There have been many cases where
8 the breaking news of the day is blatantly incorrect, with the usual victims being
9 the new media, politicians, and whatever's popular among the current
10 generation. Perhaps the most well-known example among teenagers is the 2008
11 Fox News report on the Mass Effect "sex scandal", where it was alleged by an
12 invited speaker that there was "full digital nudity and sex" and that players
13 could engage in "graphic sex". It was later found out that said speaker had
14 never even played or seen the game. While the publicity certainly helped the
15 game sell, it also gave a very bad impression of the game, and the medium in
16 general, to parents.

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18 In addition, if there's one thing modern society is good at, it's nit-picking. A
19 job where all you do is point out what's wrong with someone else's work
20 would be an ideal one, and the vast amount of news outlets would require a vast
21 amount of fact checkers.

23 ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

24 All media outlets are to contract fact checkers. All news reports are to be
25 screened through these fact checkers, who will consult with either certified
26 experts or extremely reliable sources. These people/sources are to be cited. This
27 will hopefully remove but more likely just lessen the total amount of faulty
28 news reports.

Proposal No. 103

Name: Asseret Frausto
Delegation: South Bay Family/SDSC YMCA

TOPIC OF CONCERN:

The corruption of government bailouts to private financial institution

JUSTIFICATION:

Our economy is in twilight, and since 2008 the United States government has spent approximately \$3 trillion in an attempt to secure the financial system and prevent a second great depression. However, rather than this money having the maximum benefit to our economy and it's citizens The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 and the Troubled Assets Relief Program were a \$700billion response (and tons more has been added since) wasted money that could have been better spent, and bought the US an expensive life jacket. The real problem created by these government bailouts of private companies and banks is the distortion the functioning of the economy in a way that will inevitably lead to another calamity. This system has made private corporations dependent on the government for sustainability, and rather than suffer the natural consequences for their own risky investments, it will encourage more irresponsible risk taking by removing the fear of failure which is a fundamental principle to the free market systems. The irresponsible actions of countless banks and private corporations are bailed out by the government, with no interrogations or accountability. This is has a dramatic effect on our economy fiscally and our society ethically. The free market system is predicated on fair competition and good business ethics and the government regulating, but not supporting private enterprise.

Furthermore, this problem is further compounded by the lack of transparency, oversight and control in regards to exactly how taxpayer funds are utilized. Many can still hear the echos lingering over the public out cry and frustration over companies like Citi Group and AIG continued the practice of giving millions of dollars in bonuses despite taking billions from the US government to stay afloat. Accountability is almost nonexistent as the public receives little to no information on the US federal reserve's actions in regards to exactly how this money is to be utilized once given; the Clearing House Association, (which represents 20 of the country's biggest commercial banks) is asking the Supreme Court to keep the bailout details secret. As financial markets shuddered and then nearly imploded in 2008, the U.S. Federal Reserve opened its vault to the world on a scope much wider and deeper than previously disclosed. Citigroup, sought help from the Fed at least 174 times during one remarkable 13-month period, and Barclays, the British bank, at one point owed nearly \$48 billion to the Fed. At its peak at the end of 2008, the Fed had about \$1.5 trillion in outstanding credit on its books. Under orders from Congress, the Fed released details on December 1, 2010 of more than 21,000 transactions under the array

of emergency lending programs and other arrangements it conjured up in response to the crisis.

Through out this economic recession the government has been bailing out unreliable company's with no regulation. It is completely preposterous that the law does not require the Federal Reserve to disclose information about loans from its discount window. Such disclosure would show whether the central bank may have violated the law by lending to any insolvent banks for extended periods. It would tell us which banks needed government assistance to survive, as well as which didn't. In essence, the government bailouts are a legal form of corruption and contradict the principles upon which our economy is founded. As it is, risk is now covered by taxpayers. Hard- working middle class citizens are being asked to pay for the misdeeds and incompetency of greedy bankers. This is morally wrong, and it is also dangerous.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

All of government bail outs to private financial institutions will be banned. With exception if they are determined to be indispensable to the economic market, then they shall be interrogated by a clearing house and the Supreme Court will have to decide if they shall be granted the bailout by the US Federal Reserve. Furthermore, if they are granted a bailout all CEO's and their top asides will go bankrupt; this will prevent any bonuses which shall be punished harshly. Lastly, the US Federal Reserve will be required to disclose ALL information about public funds being made available to private companies.

Proposal No. 104

Name: Paige Zimmerman
Delegation: Salinas YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Elimination of the Standby Function on All Electronics
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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 Although everyone uses electronics on a daily basis, no one considers how
6 much energy is being used by those electronics when they are on standby
7 mode. Some electronics, such as televisions, still have electricity running when
8 they are presumably off. For most electronics, a circuit of electricity is
9 constantly running, in order to monitor the remote control or other sensor. This
10 circuit is only cut if the electronic is completely separated from its electricity
11 source. For example, a computer can use a current of 70-watts when it is not
12 even in use.
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14 This amount of wasted energy costs Americans much more than they realize.
15 Standby power accounts for approximately fifteen percent of all energy used.
16 Americans are also unaware that this energy used to keep their electronics on
17 standby costs over \$4 billion a year. This energy also puts our environment at
18 risk. That electricity amounts to over 30 million tons of carbon dioxide
19 emissions, and it is equivalent to the total emissions released by approximately
20 4 million cars. While this problem continues to grow every year, there is an
21 easy solution. If all American companies that produce electronics change their
22 model so the electricity current is not always flowing, this number could be
23 significantly reduced.
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25 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

26 The United States Department of Commerce will require all American-made
27 electronics to be changed so the standby mode is no longer an option and a
28 current of electricity is not always flowing. This new law will be enacted by
29 2013.

Proposal No. 105

Name: Audrey Graves
Delegation: Santa Barbara YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 The removal of political parties in the system of government.
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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 Political parties have existed since the very infancy of the United States. Since
6 that time there has always been at least one major political party in the
7 government and from the very beginning our founding fathers were even
8 against it. George Washington said in his farewell speech that the political
9 party systems "serves always to distract the public counsels and enfeeble the
10 public administration. It agitates the community with ill founded jealousies and
11 false alarms; kindles the animosity of one part against another, foment
12 occasional riot and insurrection." Thomas Jefferson once said, "If I could not
13 go to heaven except with a political party, I would rather not go there at all."
14 The Constitution doesn't even mention political parties demonstrating the
15 disinterest in their establishment.
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17 Removing political parties from the political system will redirect the focus back
18 to ideas rather than the meeting the interests of the party. This can be beneficial
19 in voting and in legislature. In regards to the voter, many of them vote straight
20 ticket. Many of these people simply look for the candidate or proposition with
21 their party name on it without looking at the actual ideas that proposition or
22 candidate represents. If we remove parties from the system, voters will have to
23 focus on those ideas and vote according to how they think it will benefit the
24 country. This will have the same effect on people in office. The elimination of
25 political parties will force the legislature to vote on a bill based on the content
26 of that bill without having any preconceived notions based on which party
27 authored the bill. Also the elimination of political parties will allow a greater
28 variety of voters to participate in the primaries. The primaries is set up as a set
29 of political party elections. Here each party nominates a candidate for the
30 presidential election. Because of this system in the primaries, Supreme Court
31 has ruled that voters can be prohibited from participating in a party election if
32 they do not belong to that specific party. Though this ruling is indeed practical,
33 it alienates a great majority of the voters. Without political parties, a new
34 system can be put in place that allows a greater majority of the populous to
35 participate in nominations. Finally, removing political parties will also remove
36 a disunifying obstacle in this nation. It will be harder for people to draw
37 distinctions based on political beliefs. It will also take away a tool some
38 dubious politicians use to create disunity for their own personal benefit.
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Proposal No. 106

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

Party affiliation will be removed from being listed on the ballot and all campaign materials. Primaries would occur to simplify the list of candidates running rather than finalize a candidate associated to a party. Candidates will not be funded by parties and instead will receive donations from other sources to run their campaign.

Name: Kate Battaglia
Delegation: Crescenta-Canada YMCA

TOPIC OF CONCERN:

Banning Polystyrene Foam (Styrofoam) in Public Schools

JUSTIFICATION:

Polystyrene Foam, more commonly known as Styrofoam, is unnecessarily used in public school cafeterias. Four million Styrofoam trays are used a week in New York City Public Schools alone, that is 850, 000 a day. That figure does not include other forms of Styrofoam (including bowls, cups, etc.) nor does it include anywhere else but New York City. To continue using Styrofoam in public schools would be irresponsible. Styrofoam takes up to 2000 years to decompose. An EPA report on solid waste named the polystyrene manufacturing process as the 5th largest creator of hazardous waste. According to the National Bureau of Standards Center for Fire Research, 57 chemical byproducts were released during the combustion of polystyrene foam. When heated (such as when hot food is placed on a Styrofoam tray), toxic chemicals are released and would be eaten by those who had the hot food. These chemicals threaten human and animal reproductive, immune, and central nervous systems. When eaten by animals, it often breaks up and chokes them. Styrofoam is even dangerous to the workers who create it. They are exposed to styrene, the main component in Polystyrene Foam (or Styrofoam), and symptoms of chronic exposure include fatigue, depression, headache, weakness, and can cause minor effects on kidney function and blood. According to Eric A. Goldstein, a lawyer for the Natural Resources Defense Council, "The D.O.E. (Department of Energy) is wasting taxpayer dollars and generating unnecessary pollution and waste every day it serves food on costly, throwaway polystyrene tray." This is true; the waste associated with Polystyrene Foam is extensive.

The dangers and risks a simple tray can cause are certainly not worth the small, replaceable benefit it provides. Styrofoam can never be recycled into anything other than Styrofoam, and many trash companies do not recycle Styrofoam. However, reusable trays can be used throughout public schools systems. This would cut back on the money lost from buying more and more Styrofoam trays. Jobs can even be created for those who wash these plastic trays. Energy and natural resources can be saved from the production of Styrofoam trays.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

By the beginning of the 2012 – 2013 school year, each public school would be required to use a reusable plastic tray in their cafeterias. The district superintendent would be in charge of making sure each public school had complied.

Proposal No. 107

Name: Parker Bates
Delegation: Salinas YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 To establish an American version of the Autobahn.

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 If an American version of the Autobahn were to be made, there would be
6 several benefits. The Autobahn is a high speed highway with no speed limit at
7 most areas, with a speed limit in a few areas. Some benefits are quicker travel
8 throughout the country, making it easy for people to travel from large city to
9 large city in a much shorter time. Because of this, the economy will rise and so
10 would tourism. Also if new roads had to be built, it would create an
11 opportunity for more jobs.

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13 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

14 The Federal government will enact a policy to which all major highways be
15 remove of a speed limit unless it be too unsafe as well as begin new
16 construction for new routes.

Proposal No. 108

Name: Ryan Comstock
Delegation: Verdugo Hills YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Any prisoner in the Federal Prison System may volunteer for gladiatorial
3 competitions to win their freedom.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 The competition will be split up into three rounds. The first round round will be
7 8 free for all bouts with the winners advancing. To round 2. This round will be
8 a 1 vs 1 bout, with a bracket system until there is only one champion. This
9 champion will then advance to the final round which consist of a 1 vs 1 fight
10 with a ursus arctos horribilis, (Grizzly bear). The fighter will choose amongst
11 three weapons, which will be, a garrote, a pipe, and a nunchuck. If he is to
12 defeat the bear he will be granted freedom and sent to a nearly desserted island.

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14 The US Government will be prodcasting the fights on pay-per-view channels. It
15 will cost 50 dollars to prescribe to one round per household. The US
16 Government estimates that they will gross \$25 million dollars per round. In
17 total the Government will make roughly \$75 million dollars per competition.
18 Three of these competitions will be held per year which means the US will
19 make about \$225 million dollars annually. This money will be used to fund
20 educational programs across the country. The production of the competition
21 will also create jobs, which in turn, will reduce the unemployment rate.

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23 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

24 The US governemnt will build an arena to hold the fights in Albany, Texas. All
25 money spent on the building of said arena will be earned back within the first
26 year of the competitions existence. After that all money made will be straight
27 profit.

Proposal No. 109

Name: Andre Theus
Delegation: Simi Valley YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 The removal of bans on blood donations from homosexual men and women.

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 Over the last several years the acceptance of homosexuality has risen in the
6 United States. With gay television networks and increasing portrayls of positive
7 LGBT characters, society has found a new understanding and perception of the
8 gay community. Companies such as the American Red Cross have no right to
9 deny homosexuals the right to donate blood at blood drives and organized
10 donation centers. It is another form of discrimination, just like any other
11 minority group like African Americans. Gay men, in all practical senses, are
12 prohibited from donating blood in the United States because of a U.S. Food and
13 Drug Administration (FDA) policy first formulated in the mid-1980s. In the
14 1980's the HIV epidemic was new and the nation gripped in panic. To this day
15 HIV testing is still in development. When the Red Cross arrived at the Library
16 of Congress in 1998 for its annual blood donation drive, gay library employee
17 Charles McMoore signed up but was turned away when he revealed that he had
18 sex with a man after the year 1977.

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20 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

21 All homosexuals will be given the right to perform the civic duty of donating
22 blood and held to the same standards as heterosexual donors.

Proposal No. 110

Name: Lucia Dominguez
Delegation: Mission Valley/SDSC

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 A proposal to give unemployed citizens an opportunity to pay off their personal
3 debts.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 In California there are over 2.2 million unemployed citizens. Jobless numbers
7 will continue to rise for the foreseeable future. Government benefits are
8 expiring for a large number. Without any income and debt relief, the vicious
9 cycle of debt will continue for millions of unemployed workers until our
10 economy begins to generate more jobs.

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12 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

13 There are many ways that the unemployed could pay off their debts and
14 contribute to society through an expanded temporary federal work programs.
15 These programs would allot a percentage of a persons income to vicious
16 essential needs as a specified amount for debt relief. These programs would
17 include bringing back the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) created as part
18 of the New Deal. Programs such as these were originally created during the
19 Great Depressin to spur growth and to deal with the severe economic troubles.

Proposal No. 111

Name: Anders Nordmeyer
Delegation: SRV - Valle Lobo YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 This proposal focuses on the bettering of the environment through use of
3 different paving material.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 Many skeptics see this as either an unimportant issue which does not
7 have enough facts to support action or a problem that has nothing to do with
8 humans. Average temperatures have climbed 1.4 degrees Fahrenheit around the
9 world since 1880, much of this in recent decades, reported from NASA's
10 Goddard Institute for Space Studies. "The Fifth U.S. Climate Action Report
11 concluded, in assessing current trends, that greenhouse gas emissions increased
12 by 17 percent from 1990 - 2007," according to the Environmental Protection
13 Agency. Global Warming, caused by humans or not, is a real problem.
14 "The greenhouse effect is the rise in temperature that the Earth experiences
15 because certain gases in the atmosphere trap energy from the sun. Without
16 these gases, heat would escape back into space," according to the EPA.
17 Obviously not all the heat is trapped from the sun, the amount that is depends
18 on the amount of green house gasses in the atmosphere. The problem does not
19 only effect the local regions of emissions, places with low emissions can be
20 effected even more. For example in Alaska, Western Canada, and Eastern
21 Russia average temperatures have risen at twice the global average, according
22 to the multinational Arctic Climate Impact Assessment. With the potential to
23 completely change Earth's ecosystems, this concerns every country.

24 Many environmental scientists focus on how we can reduce the
25 excess emission of these gasses, such as with hybrid vehicles and renewable
26 energy. They focus on one half of the problem, the gas emissions; this proposal
27 would concentrate on the other side, the solar energy. We have all been outside
28 on a hot summer day, barefoot and noticed that the black asphalt is hotter than
29 the grey concrete. The lower albedo of the asphalt compared to the concrete
30 causes the difference in temperature. There are over 100,000 square miles of
31 black asphalt pavement and roofs in the USA; that is a lot of heat being
32 absorbed. If we repave these roads with concrete, the USA would save 258
33 million dollars a year. Plus the concrete has a lower life cycle cost than asphalt.
34 To give an example of the money that this would generate for the economy,
35 increasing the average pavement albedo in the Los Angeles area to 0.25 (aged
36 asphalt is .15) could save \$90 million annually.

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38 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

39 This proposal would require all public roads to be repaved, when the next
40 repaving is due, with concrete or material with equal or greater reflectance.

Proposal No. 112

Name: Morgan Webb
Delegation: Kings County YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 The fetuses of abortions.

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 1 out of 3 women in America have an abortion. In 2008 there were 1,212,350
6 abortions throughout the United States. Stem cells are necessary to forming a
7 healthy child. Stem cells can be formed into any type of cells in the body.
8 Since these stem cells can be formed into anything in the body they can be used
9 to help cure diseases and disabilities. Stem cells can help spinal cord injuries,
10 Alzheimer's, burns, strokes, heart disease, and cancer!

11 The way to help is to do the research which requires the stem cells. The United
12 Kingdom showed a remarkable growth in stem cell research by using the stem
13 cells from abortions. Researchers in the field of stem cell research are NOT
14 trying to create clones or farms. But the least we can do is offer these unwanted
15 fetuses to research facilities. The more we provide the more medical
16 breakthroughs may be provided to us.

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18 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

19 When an abortion has taken place the facility MUST send the fetus to the
20 nearest stem cell research lab. Fetuses are not being used and are thrown away!
21 Why not take a controversial and upsetting thing and try to turn it to help the
22 people suffering from disease and disabilities.

Proposal No. 113

Name: Johnny Frohman
Delegation: Westside Family YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**
2 Population Control in the United States
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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 Every problem in the United States, social, political, and economic, can be
6 traced back to the growing population. This bill will decrease the population to
7 a sustainable level so that the country will be able to sustain itself on internal
8 resources. Some people might say that this bill will further separate the rich and
9 the poor classes in this country. If that is what needs to happen before we can
10 have a sustainable population, then that's what is going to save our country.
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12 The current population of the United States is at 311,000,000. We have a net
13 gain of one person every 15 seconds. The carrying capacity of the United States
14 is approximately 200,000,000, far fewer than even the current population. You
15 can do the math, but our population is growing exponentially and there's only
16 one thing we can do to stop it. Parents would fill out a form that would
17 guarantee that they could financially, mentally, and medically support up to
18 two children, just in case the children are twins. The first document would have
19 to be filled out by their doctor, guaranteeing that they don't carry any dominant
20 genetic disorders that could debilitate the child and cause it to live a reduced
21 quality of life. The diseases that would be considered detrimental to the child's
22 welfare will be regulated by the ASHG (American Society of Human
23 Genetics). The next would be a form signed by a psychologist verifying a
24 healthy mind prepared to have a child. The last and final form would prove that
25 the parent(s) are financially stable enough to support the child. A court
26 assigned "fiscal analyzer," would assess the parents living conditions and
27 determine how much money the parents would need to have. The fiscal
28 analysis would consist of local food budget, school materials, and the ability to
29 maintain a residence. One must be at least 21 in order to apply for a child form.
30 Anyone who has a child without court permission must pay a fee of 5,000
31 dollars or serve time in jail. No mother can have birth more than once.
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33 Some might say that we are biologically evolved to reproduce, and that that is
34 the essence of life itself. This proposal allows for reproduction at minimal rates,
35 and allows for the existence of life itself to continue evolving and prosper.
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37 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

38 This bill will create a system in which people must go through a court
39 facilitated documentation system in order to have children. This process will
40 help stabilize our current population problem, which will allow for
41 advancement in all fields of humanity.

Proposal No. 114

Name: Lauren Anderson
Delegation: SRV - Valle Lobo YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**
2 Enact a one-child policy in the U.S.
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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 Limiting the number of births will help improve the effects of an overpowering
6 population. With a current population of about 308,000,000 and a current
7 growth rate of 2.1%, the US is growing at a pace much too rapid for our
8 economic situation. By enacting the one-child policy, the population will begin
9 decreasing while resources and production stay constant. With a lower
10 population, the unemployment rate will go down and the nations' GDP will
11 increase, thereby increasing the national savings rate and stimulate economic
12 growth.
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14 Without adequate resources, production, and savings for the entire population,
15 the need to limit the population is clear. The US population is projected to
16 increase to 392 million by 2050; more than a 50 percent increase from the 1990
17 population size, and our nation won't be able to provide for such statistics.
18 Exemption from the one-child policy will be acceptable for religious purposes
19 and special exceptions. Violators will be fined and given community service.
20 Women will be given more access to contraceptives and better health care as
21 encouragement to abide the policy. Tax deductions will also be given to those
22 who follow the one-child policy.
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24 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

25 The United States will enact a one-child policy that would be enforced by
26 federal and local law enforcement.

Proposal No. 115

Name: Yun Lim
Delegation: Torrance-South Bay YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Legalizing the Sale of Cigarettes to Anyone

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 Ever since the twentieth century, the sales of tobacco have been rising. 4.4
6 billion cigarettes were sold in 1900. Because of the massive production and
7 exports, it has been deemed to legalize the sale of cigarettes, starting from a
8 certain age limit. However, not all countries have an age limit. Because of its
9 grand popularity in many states, I believe that the age limit should not be
10 implemented for a greater revenue. Money has always been the issue since day
11 one. Countries fall in debt and many businesses fail because of this. For
12 example, the State of California has been going through rough financial
13 problems. This would be easily fixed if only state revenues were higher,
14 another reason why the failure of proposition 19 is a failure to the country and
15 the State.

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17 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

18 The United States will add a constitutional amendment, legalizing the sales of
19 tobacco/cigarettes to anyone.

Proposal No. 201

Name: Meghan Beauchamp
Delegation: Newport-Corona del Mar

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 This proposal calls for the banning of all child pageants from ages 0-18. This bans
3 all child pageants that include beauty competitions, talent competitions, modeling
4 competitions, and any other form of judging children on their appearance and talent.

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6 **JUSTIFICATION:**

7 Although a subtle form of it, child pageants should be looked at as child abuse.
8 Parents of poor children throughout the nation dress up their children to be what
9 they believe is “beautiful” when really all they’re doing is teaching their children
10 that real “beauty” is covering one’s up. There was even a random sample taken of
11 8-10 year olds who compete and 40% admitted they have previously been on a diet.
12 The way the money crazed parents of these children brainwash their children
13 causing the young ones to develop mental issues thinking that they aren’t good
14 enough. This is ultimately causing many of these young children to become
15 completely unsatisfied with themselves. Many critics have also discovered the idea
16 of pageants becoming too revealing and sexual for these children. High heels,
17 revealing evening gowns, and extremely heavy makeup contribute to this idea. A
18 child pageant= a pedophile’s dreams.

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20 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

21 The United States Government will ban any child pageants including beauty
22 competitions, talent competitions, modeling competitions, and any other form of
23 judging children on their appearance and talent.

Proposal No. 202

Name: Forrest Gitlin
Delegation: Magdalena Ecke/SDSC YMCA

TOPIC OF CONCERN:

There is currently no law that prohibits a mentally unstable person from purchasing a firearm or ammunition, unless the person has been declared by the courts to be mentally unstable or has been institutionalized in a mental hospital.

JUSTIFICATION:

According to current federal law, a highly agitated or mentally unstable person can purchase a firearm and/or ammunition as long as they have not been deemed ineligible because of a court ruling of mental instability. The National Rifle Association defines ineligibility in relation to mental instability as, "Those adjudicated as mental defectives or incompetents or those committed to any mental institution." Therefore a highly agitated or clearly unstable citizen can buy a firearm and/or ammunition as long as they have not been institutionalized or declared to be mentally defective by the court.

The recent events in Tucson, AZ, involving Jared Loughner provide an immediate example of where restricting the purchase of a firearm and/or ammunition could have been the deterrent needed to avoid the shooting spree which left six people dead and thirteen injured. Mr. Loughner was never officially declared mentally defective, and therefore he was able to purchase ammunition for a firearm under the current law. Loughner had been originally denied in his attempt to purchase ammunition at a local Walmart because of his odd behavior. However, he went to a second Walmart store which allowed him to buy the ammunition. The store that sold him the ammunition broke no current law and this needs to change. In order to help protect the public from mentally unstable individuals that intend to use a firearm to harm others, we need to enact a protective measure that compels firearm and ammunition sales outlets to deny the sale of these dangerous commodities to people demonstrating behaviors indicating dangerous tendencies.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

There should be a federal law that requires merchants selling firearms and/or ammunition to customers that appear to be highly agitated, mentally disturbed, or whom they suspect may intend to harm others, to notify the local police department of their concern and suspend the transaction for seventy two hours. The local authorities would be required to interview the person attempting to purchase the gun and/or ammunition within the seventy two hour period. In support of this law, all firearm dealers and their employees would be required to complete a specialized training program designed to help them identify potentially unstable customers based on behaviors and actions.

This law would be enforced by requiring all police departments within the United States to adopt a formal process for interviewing people

referred by firearm and ammunition sales professionals because of suspicious behaviors indicating they may be highly agitated or mentally unstable. Additionally all firearm and ammunition dealers would need to complete an annual certification process administered by the A.T.F. The certification process will ensure that a dealer is educated and knowledgeable about the requirements to inform local police and suspend the sale of any firearms and/or ammunition to a person or persons suspected of being mentally unstable. When a firearm and ammunition dealer follows the alert and suspend protocol detailed in this proposal they will be relieved of responsibility for any violent action taken by their customers.

Proposal No. 203

Name: Eli Coplan
Delegation: La Jolla YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Police are supposed to be helpful to and protective of law-abiding citizens, but
3 are often unnecessarily intimidating when interacting with people who have not
4 yet been proven guilty of any crimes.

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6 **JUSTIFICATION:**

7 How many times has this happened to you? You are driving safely and doing
8 nothing wrong – then all of the sudden you see a cop. Even though you know
9 you have done nothing illegal, you are still nervous. Why? Because police
10 have made themselves out to be unnecessarily intimidating. The so-called
11 public servants hardly ever act as servants should to common citizens. This bill
12 seeks to change that. Police should be friendly and approachable, and treat
13 citizens in a way that shows that they recognize that we are innocent until
14 proven guilty, and not the other way around.

15 Think about it this way: In whose classroom are you more likely to break the
16 rules: a teacher who is punitive and authoritarian yet largely unobservant, or a
17 teacher who treats you with respect and greets you with a smile, and who
18 doesn't watch over you because he or she trusts that you will not break the
19 rules?

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21 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

22 It will be mandatory for police to begin non-emergency interactions with
23 citizens with a smile and a friendly greeting. (Examples include: "Hi, how are
24 you today?" "What can I do to help you out today?" and the like.) An
25 emergency is defined as any situation in which immediate action must be taken
26 to uphold justice. If it is found that an officer does not comply, the first offence
27 will be punished with a warning, the second with a fine of \$50, the third with a
28 fine of \$100, the fourth with a fine of \$200, and the fifth with a fine of \$500.
29 Every offence after that will be met with a fine of \$500. All of the money
30 collected will be used to support public education.

Proposal No. 204

Name: Jane Desmond
Delegation: Triunfo YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Regulating the financial spending of lobbyists that gives large corporations
3 advantages over small business interests and non-profits.

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6 **JUSTIFICATION:**

7 I want to reform the lobbyist system so that large corporations do not have
8 such an advantage over small businesses and non-profits. It is time to level the
9 playing field so that dollars no longer determine who has the power to
10 influence legislation. The United States government prides itself on democracy
11 and equality, yet the people that get their voices heard are the ones with a heavy
12 wallet.

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14 Currently, the top 10 lobbyist firms all spend over 12 million dollars a year,
15 with some firms greatly exceeding that number. For example, Patton Boggs
16 LLP spent \$29,980,000 just last year. Large lobbyist firms like these contribute
17 to the massive overall dollar amount spent on lobbying. In 2010 that dollar
18 amount was equivalent to 2.6 billion dollars.

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20 My proposal would limit the amount that each lobbyist firm could spend in a
21 year. With regulated spending, small businesses and non-profits would no
22 longer be at such a great disadvantage. This proposal would bring us back to a
23 time when all people were given equal opportunity to voice their opinion no
24 matter how much cash they had to promote their ideas.

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26 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

27 Beginning in 2012, all lobbyist firms will be limited to spending 6 million
28 dollars each year on lobbying efforts.

Proposal No. 205

Name: Kristi Caietti
Delegation: El Dorado YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Public safety in ski resorts and on snow mountains.

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 Snow sports are becoming more popular and more people attempt to push their
6 limits when it is dangerous. All ski resorts are required to clearly mark their
7 boundaries, but they don't prohibit wandering outside of the boundaries. Many
8 skiers get lost or severely injured when they go out of bounds where no one
9 else is around to help. When an accident occurs out of the boundaries in harsh
10 unknown terrain, it is less likely that the skier will receive help in time. By the
11 time it takes to notice that the person is missing and to find them in unfamiliar
12 areas, the skiers safety is jeopardized. Most resorts have parks and runs that are
13 plenty challenging for advanced skiers or boarders so there isn't a reason to
14 have to explore the dangerous territories.

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16 In unexplored territories out of boundaries, hazards such as rocks, trees, and
17 unstable snow all come into play. Many avalanches can be started by a skier or
18 boarder riding on very unsafe areas. Accidents are more likely to occur with
19 these unknown hazards and by the time Search and Rescue finds the person it
20 may be too late. The average price for a helicopter Search and Rescue is about
21 \$1,600 per hour, not including the rescue team. Taxpayers shouldn't have to
22 pay for someone else's thrill seeking mistakes.

23
24 More advanced skiers or boarders that like to do things such as helicopter
25 skiing, still put themselves in danger, but they are more likely to be with
26 authorized professionals with help on standby.

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28 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

29 Resorts are required to add more ski patrol depending on the size of their resort.
30 It is up to the resort how they would like to handle their employees, whether
31 paying them or having volunteers. Infringing boundaries in snow resorts will
32 be outlawed and a fine be paid for violating these boundaries. For exploring
33 new areas in sports such as helicopter skiing, it will be required to be with
34 authorized personnel, and it will be required to wear an avalanche tracker.
35 Also, if these are violated and a Search and Rescue team is needed, the violator
36 will have to pay for their search and rescue.

Proposal No. 206

Name: Lucia Hernandez
Delegation: Wilmington YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Foreign Language programs should be available in every Elementary school
3 throughout America

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 A child being able to have the opportunity to learn a different foreign language
7 is something that they benefit from and appreciate since it provides exposure to
8 other cultures. Studies have shown and experience has supported that the earlier
9 a child is introduced to a second language, the greater the chances are that the
10 child will become truly proficient in the language. Having the program
11 available for students at an early age provides alternative ways of expressing
12 themselves and to different cultures generally broadens their outlook and gives
13 them the chance to communicate with many more people.

14
15 Three major types of programs that can be used in elementary schools are
16 Language Immersion programs, Foreign Language in Elementary Schools
17 (FLES) programs, and Foreign Language Exploratory (FLEX) programs.
18 Immersion programs allows children to spend part or all of the school day
19 learning in a second language which includes the basics like math, science,
20 social studies etc. FLES programs teach the foreign language as a distinct
21 subject, normally it is taught three to five times per week, depending on the
22 frequency of the classes and time to practice the children may attain proficiency
23 in the language studied. The FLEX program introduces students to other
24 cultures as a general concept. In fact children enrolled in foreign language
25 programs score statistically higher on standardized tests conducted in English. It
26 will not be mandatory for the students to be enrolled in the programs but
27 optional for them in every elementary school. Having foreign language
28 programs available in every elementary school can help the children that enroll
29 understand and learn something new that will later benefit them in the future.

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31 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

32 The first step in building a Foreign Language program is to have a steering
33 committee to lead the process which will include the parents, foreign language
34 teachers, classroom teachers, and school administrators from elementary
35 schools.

36 Components of the program should include scheduling, curriculum design,
37 instructional materials, staffing, student accessibility, language choice, and
38 program articulation, coordination, and evaluation.

Proposal No. 207

Name: Edgar Aguirre
Delegation: Weingart Urban

TOPIC OF CONCERN:

The U.S. must extend the years required for teachers to be granted tenure and add additional qualifications or requirements to be granted tenure. This will assure that schools are hiring qualified individuals to serve as instruments of knowledge for students, children, and the future.

JUSTIFICATION:

The public education systems must be mended so that future generations can achieve a proper education. With over crowded classes, underfunded schools and unmotivated teachers it is no wonder many either drop-out or fail to gain proper knowledge to succeed in life; thus ending up either on the streets of part of the unemployed. Communities are in decay because of the lack of proper education, is education enough of a priority in America? Drop out rates are in an all time high and the education of those who have the will and are fortunate enough to graduate are not even prepared adequately for college level courses. Many fail or drop out also many are found to be behind, they were not prepare for the type of environment college presents. Research has shown that many Americans are academically behind by the time they reach fourth grade; Obama himself said in his State of the Union speech the many countries provide better education than America. More than a quarter of all high school freshman fail to graduate from high school on time and from nearly 2,000 high schools in the U.S. 40% of the typical freshman class leaves school by its senior year.

1.2 million students drop out of high school in the U.S. alone, that equals to about 5,000 drop-outs daily or 1 every 26 seconds. If a student drops out, where is the most logical situation to end up either the streets of financial aid offices, drop outs make up nearly half the heads of household on Welfare. We are in a crumbling economy and the ones who will be left with the broken pieces to mend will be the generations to come and we must be sure they are going to be well prepared. It is the teacher's job to instruct students in the path of knowledge, is he or she does nothing but "babysit" the students then what are they to do. In many sates in the U.S. a system has been created for those teachers who are fulfilling their job to the best of their intentions and capabilities. This system is known by many names such as "passing the hot potatoes" or "passing the lemons". Teachers have a special privilege that allows them after a certain amount of teaching years to be granted tenure, which in the simplest forms prevents teachers from being fired. Many take advantage of this system by after being granted tenure loose all interest in the job thus lessening the quality of education given to students. What "passing the lemons" does is since these teachers can not be fired without a long complicated process including possible prosecution, they simple rotate these teachers between

schools within their district, in hopes that the new lemon (the teacher) is better than the last.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

A system similar to or an addition to aid "The College Ready Promise" should be enacted as a federal system to assure that schools and teachers are doing their best to assure students are ready for college. This proposal or movement was put forth to create, initiate, and put forth a revolution called "The College Ready Promise". Many have all ready seen that education need help and have begun to help for example the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will support The College-Ready Promise as part of a groundbreaking effort to boost of student achievement, they gave 60 million dollars to promote effecting teaching. In addition, tenure must be extended for teachers; the minimal amount of years should be about five to seven years. In the state California it takes two years to be granted tenure, increasing it to five will assure teachers are doing their job properly for at least three more years. Once granted tenure, teachers are to well protected by the system, it must be fixed by decreasing their protection. Too many rights have allowed teachers to become incompetent or slum, yet to few then they are taken advantage of. Other qualifications must also be created and executed when granting tenure and when hiring a teacher. By requiring tenure to rely on student academic progression, showing that students grew while being under the teachers instruction while allow the hiring board dictate if he or she is qualified. A yearly report or evaluation should be submitted by fellow teachers, students, parents, and principal or assistant principal. Seniority should also be eliminated; it is unjustified and unfair that teachers get benefits or higher payment based on the years they have taught instead it should be based on student progression reports to assure that teachers are actually doing their job correctly during their time of employment.

Proposal No. 208

Name: Nina Benton
Delegation: Westchester/LA YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Change the death penalty from a state law to a federal law.

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 The current death penalty differs by state, this allows the freedom of
6 committing a crime but receiving different legal action (punishment) in each
7 state. By implementing a unanimous death penalty law this will eliminate the
8 possibility of legal actions being different. This would make the requirements
9 and regulations for death sentences the same for every state.

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11 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

12 As of 2012 a unanimous death penalty law will be implemented in every state.

Proposal No. 209

Name: Annemarie McDaniel
Delegation: Palomar/SDSC YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 To reduce America's foreign aid budget until the United States has reached pre-
3 recession unemployment rates.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 The financial crisis of 2007–2010, often called the Great Recession, was the
7 longest recessionary period since 1929. And although it may have officially
8 ended, the nation is still in a period of recovery. Every 1 in 7 people in
9 America live below the poverty line, and the unemployment rate has been at
10 9.5% or above for the past 16 months. Before the recession, the rate was a
11 steady 4.7%.

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13 At a time when the United States is facing large deficits, the country should
14 focus on the needs of its own people, not the needs of other nations. Yet, the
15 budget requested by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)
16 for 2011 was a staggering \$56.8 billion. This money could be funneled back
17 into improving the lives of our own citizens, such as increasing job creation or
18 helping middle and low class families.

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20 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

21 The United States will decrease the budget for the Agency for International
22 Development by 5% every year for five years (a total 25% decrease from the
23 original budget). The budget will then maintain this 25% total decrease until
24 the unemployment rate returns to 4.7%. All money no longer allocated to the
25 Agency for International Development may only be used to increase job
26 creation thus reducing poverty.

Proposal No. 210

Name: Amanda Spaziano
Delegation: Palomar/SDSC YMCA

TOPIC OF CONCERN:

Amending the Constitution's 14th amendment, to read that a person is a citizen is if and only if at least one of their parents is a citizen.

JUSTIFICATION:

According to the Center for Immigration Studies (CIS 2002) it is estimated that illegal immigrants cost legal US citizens an estimated 26.3 billion dollars each year and only pay about 16 billion dollars, creating a 10.4 billion dollar deficit (or \$2,700 per illegal immigrant household). The government spends at least 17 billion dollars on so-called "anchor babies," or children that are born in the US and who are used as an "anchor" to keep their illegal parents and relatives in the United States. Actually there are about 300,000 "anchor babies born in the US each year. Once parents have their "anchor" they need a means to care for them, which leads to the (at least) 22 million dollars of social welfare spent on these families each year. Some of the other largest costs include Medicaid (\$2.5 billion) treatment for the uninsured (\$2.2 billion); food assistance programs such as food stamps, WIC, and free school lunches (\$1.9 billion); the federal prison and court systems (\$1.6 billion); and federal aid to schools (\$1.4 billion).

Health Care costs have also been affected by these undocumented immigrants and their "anchor" babies. "At the state and local level, illegal immigrants already cost more in public services such as education and health care than they pay in taxes, the Congressional Budget Office reported recently. Illegal immigrants make up less than 5% of the cost in most states, but closer to 10% in some California counties. In 2000, counties along the Mexican border lost more than \$800 million in health care services for which they were not paid; about 25% of that went to care for illegal immigrants, according to a report by the United States/Mexico Border Counties Coalition." (usatoday.com).

Furthermore there are about 10.8 million undocumented immigrants in the US, in 2009 (according to The Department of Homeland Security). Between 1996 and 2010 the number of illegal immigrants has risen about 830,000 each year, according to dhs.gov.

Countries that have successfully adopted citizenship laws similar to this one include: Germany, Finland, Austria, Greek, Ireland, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Sweden, England, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, and Spain (immigrationcitizenship.eu).

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

The fourteenth amendment will be amended to read: "All persons whose parent and or parents, biological or adoptive, are citizens or are naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside." A person must offer physical proof that they are a legal citizen (I.e certificate of citizenship, US Birth certificate, proof of naturalization or other means). These will be verified by any legal officers working in the health care building and included in the normal requirements for that professional.

Starting 2012 a parent who is a citizen will be a citizen based on laws passed prior to this proposal. Also, this law will not make void the citizenship of those who were born under previous citizenship laws.

If a child has one parent who is a American citizen, they will qualify as a citizen. If neither parent is legal, and they are to be deported, the child will be deported with them as a citizen of their parents home country.

Furthermore, as these people are not citizens they are not protected under the U.S. constitution and are not eligible for any social benefits it offers, so any arguments that plead that the illegal's "rights" are being violated, are invalid. This does not permit, however, any cruel or unusual punishment or treatment of the illegals by US citizens or US officials.

Proposal No. 211

Name: Jonathan Mims
Delegation: San Francisco YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Cell phone Tracking and Privacy Issues

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 Did you know that cell phone tracking software exists besides in the movies?
6 Cell phone spying has actually been around for a number of years. Over the
7 years the process of spying on cell phones has surfaced to the public and has
8 become extremely easy to use. With that said, you are probably being tracked
9 right now!

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11 Tracking activity can result in abduction of kids, tracking of people that are in
12 witness protection programs, and the unauthorized use of personal
13 conversations that tell the whereabouts of one's location in any criminal
14 investigation(i.e. text messages and recorded phone conversations, etc.).

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16 Furthermore, cell phone companies and/or companies selling tracking devices
17 are not liable for any personal tracking activity. All liability falls on the
18 consumer. Public Law 90-351, Title 111 18 U.S.C., Section 2511, simply
19 states in short that consent must be given to record a phone conversation or for
20 one to be tracked. However, the big issue here is that there are no major laws
21 that require cell phone to put in barriers so that cell phones are not tracked
22 without consent. This is an area where the law clearly hasn't kept up with the
23 times and technology and it's time to change that.

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25 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

26 I am proposing that cell phone companies be required to notify consumer when
27 they are being tracked and to make it virtually impossible for third party
28 tracking devices to be used on cell phones.

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Proposal No. 212

Name: Saul Blas Pedral
Delegation: Southwest/Riverside YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 The sale of U.S. water to foreign countries.

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 Globally less than one percent of the Earth's freshwater is available for the
6 human population, with the majority of it frozen in glaciers and ice caps.
7 Despite decreasing water sources, the United States continues to trade water
8 without considering the country's future needs for water in the upcoming
9 decades. Around the world, rivers, lakes, and aquifers are dwindling faster than
10 Mother Nature can possibly replenish them and industrial and household
11 chemicals are rapidly polluting what's left. It is estimated that global fresh
12 water consumption is doubling every 20 years, and the United Nations expects
13 demand to outstrip supply by more than 30 percent come 2040. While the
14 global population is ticking skyward, the scarcity and value of water is quickly
15 increasing. However, by the time water resources become dangerously low in
16 the United States other countries will also be facing water shortages and we
17 will be forced to depend on other countries for water creating a paralleled
18 dependency to that of oil. Though different methods have been presented that
19 can clean ocean water such as desalinization, they are extremely expensive and
20 would not be able to bolster our large population.

21 In Sitka, Alaska the reservoir named "Blue" holds trillions of gallons of pure
22 clean water that is currently being sold to other foreign countries. According to
23 sources, private investment in the water industry is set to double in the next five
24 years; the water-supply market alone will increase by 20 percent. The United
25 States is expected to grow by fifty percent in the next few decades. The U.S is
26 trying to focus their attempts to engage Canadians to trade their water
27 resources. If Canada allows the United States to consume Canadian water with
28 their stunningly high population growth and their Great Lake's low percentage
29 of renewable water, Canada will soon find that their lake's water levels will be
30 dropping drastically, endangering its own and the United States growing
31 population.

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33 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

34 Instead of purchasing water from Canada, the United States should focus on
35 acquiring fresh water from resources in Alaska. If water is to be traded to other
36 countries, the United States must first make sure that there are enough water
37 resources to support its own population.

Proposal No. 213

Name: Caitlyn Birer
Delegation: Marin/SF YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 To eliminate free healthcare in prisons and redistribute funds to VA hospitals.

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 There are 162 VA (Veteran Affairs) hospitals operating in the US, yet few
6 provide adequate care for our former soldiers. An ABC news hidden camera
7 investigation recently found multiple instances of inhumane and unsanitary
8 conditions. Bathrooms are filthy with excrement, instruments and operating
9 tables are left unsterilized, patients are almost completely ignored. Many are
10 forced to beg for food and water or to relieve themselves on a towel because
11 the nurses cannot be bothered to help the patients to a bathroom. Even with
12 these horrifying conditions veterans still wait an average of seven months for
13 an appointment. Doctors in these hospitals are often not certified in their
14 specialties. Underfunding is to blame for these conditions. There is simply not
15 enough money to properly care for our veterans; as Rep. Ted Strickland stated,
16 the "situation is crying out for change." These men and women deserve the
17 best treatment available instead of what one patient described as hell.

18 At the same time, prisoners, those who have broken the law, receive a
19 higher standard of care than our veterans. In the state of Texas alone 270
20 million dollars are spent annually on prison healthcare. It is bizarre that those
21 who protect the law have worse care than those who break it. Drastic change is
22 required to reach a healthy balance for our nation; a balance that can be
23 achieved by reducing benefits for those incarcerated in order to properly care
24 for our veterans. It must be stated that this proposal does not seek to take away
25 healthcare from inmates. The Supreme Court has declared that prisoners have
26 a constitutional right under the 8th Amendment to have access to healthcare.
27 The issue at hand is not to eliminate medical services for prisoners, but rather
28 to dissolve the institution of free healthcare. Under this proposal an inmate who
29 needs medical care will have half the costs covered by the government. This
30 would also cut the funding for prison healthcare by approximately fifty percent.
31 The saved money would then be redistributed to VA hospitals in order to raise
32 the standards of care for the heroes of our country.

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34 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

35 Federal healthcare firms will require inmates using their services to pay back a
36 portion of the medical costs; the portion paid for by the inmates must remain
37 interest-free. The jobs performed in the rehabilitation process will go towards
38 repaying the federal government until half of the cost has been returned. A
39 minimum of one-half of the annual savings will be redistributed to funding for
40 VA hospitals. The federal government will strictly supervise this funding in
41 order to ensure that the administration properly utilizes its new resources.

Proposal No. 214

Name: Diana Gomez
Delegation: Downey Family YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Ban the shackling of pregnant inmates

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 Currently, 40 states in the U.S. allow pregnant inmates to be shackled.
6 Therefore, there are only 10 states in the U.S. that regulate the shackling of
7 pregnant inmates, these states include California, Illinois, Vermont,
8 Pennsylvania, New York, New Mexico, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Texas, and
9 Colorado. On September 20, 2003 a prisoner from the McPherson Unit in
10 Newport, Arkansas named Shawanna Nelson arrived at Newport Hospital after
11 being in labor for over 12 hours. Throughout the 12 hours she was in labor her
12 legs were shackled together and were not removed until her actual delivery. In
13 the 40 states that allow restraints to be applied on pregnant inmates, officers
14 have the ability to apply restraints to the arms and legs of pregnant inmates as
15 well as their waist. The 8th Amendment protects every individual from cruel
16 and unusual punishments; however, allowing pregnant inmates to be shackled
17 violates this amendment.

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19 According to the Department of Justice Bureau of Statistics, each year
20 approximately 40,000 females are sentenced to prison and 5% of these females
21 are pregnant when they arrive. Hence, close to 2,000 female inmates are
22 pregnant and the majority of them are shackled and give birth with restraints
23 applied to their body. Shackling pregnant inmates by applying restraints to their
24 legs potentially puts the life of an unborn child at risk. A pregnant inmate with
25 restraints on her legs could cause the inmate to lose balance and fall which
26 would harm the child by causing it to be born with a defect. Or even worse, the
27 child may be killed. In conclusion, the shackling of pregnant inmates should be
28 banned because it is unethical as it violates the 8th Amendment and puts the
29 life of an unborn child at risk.

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31 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

32 The United States will ban the shackling of pregnant inmates during labor and
33 delivery and require that no restraints more extreme than handcuffs will be used
34 on a pregnant inmate once her second trimester has begun.

Proposal No. 215

Name: Anna Schlueter
Delegation: Crescenta-Canada YMCA

1 TOPIC OF CONCERN:

2 Increasing focus and care on Neonatal units in hospitals and adding a 50 hour
3 minimum of community service hours as a graduation requirement for all high
4 school students.

5 JUSTIFICATION:

6 Over the years, the attention on Neonatal units has dropped, the focus being
7 turned towards Oncology, Emergency and Geriatric services. While these are
8 important, preserving and caring for new life should be a priority. America has
9 an infant survival rate that is significantly lower than similarly developed
10 nations. Despite providing a higher number of neonatal intensive care resources,
11 the United States provided fewer preconceptions and less prenatal care than
12 Australia, the United Kingdom, and Canada. The influx of PhD hopefuls looking
13 for a job in the baby business has decreased notably in the past decade.
14 However, the research of the past twenty years has helped decrease infant
15 mortality in all developed countries. To increase awareness and raise funds
16 specifically for neonatal care, hospitals should be required to have a minimum
17 number of volunteers in the neonatal unit.

18 High school students should be required to have a certain number of service
19 hours before they graduate. The hospital is a great place to learn and gain
20 experiences. Students should be able to choose between a small number of
21 focuses where their hours need to be spent. Students will be more passionate
22 about their work if they choose to do it. With a new work force of volunteers in
23 all areas, hospitals will be able to increase patient care. By forcing high school
24 students to choose a focus and spend a certain number of hours working in that
25 area, schools, humane societies and other organizations will also benefit.
26 Working with babies, if the student chooses to volunteer at a hospital and is
27 placed in the unit, will also help students learn about and experience caring for
28 children.

29 The purpose of this proposal is increasing the care for babies and research
30 towards helping find better solutions for the illness that befall them.

31 ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

32 Each state government will pass a law forcing all high school students to work at
33 least fifty hours of public service in one of four disciplines: health, education,
34 arts, childcare.

Proposal No. 301

Name: Caleb Bell
Delegation: Westside Family YMCA

1 TOPIC OF CONCERN:

2 Government is letting genetically modified seeds into market.

3 JUSTIFICATION:

4 A genetically modified organism (GMO) is an organism composed of genetic
5 material that has been altered using genetic engineering techniques. These
6 techniques, generally known as recombinant DNA technology, use DNA
7 molecules from different sources, which are combined into one molecule to
8 create a new set of genes. This DNA is then transferred into an organism,
9 which has DNA that originated in a different species.

10 Some GMOs contain no DNA from other species and are therefore not
11 transgenic but cisgenic. GM foods were first put on the market in the early 1990s.
12 Typically, genetically modified foods are transgenic. Several scientists argue that
13 in order to meet the demand for food in the developing world, a second green
14 revolution with increased use of GM crops is needed. Some plant products
15 include soybean, corn, canola, and cotton seed oil. Others argue that there is
16 more than enough food in the world, and that the hunger crisis is caused by
17 problems in food distribution and politics.

18 In 2010 three scientists published a statistical re-analysis of three feeding trials
19 that had previously been published by others as establishing the safety of
20 genetically modified corn. The modified corn developed and owned by
21 Monsanto caused liver, kidney, and heart damage in mammals.

22 GM foods are developed and marketed because there is some perceived
23 advantage either to the producer or consumer of these foods. You may have, at
24 the time, known exactly how much salt, fat and carbohydrates were in each of
25 these foods because regulations mandate their labeling for dietary purposes.
26 But you would not know if the bulk of these foods, that literally every cell had
27 been genetically altered!

28 ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

29 Whenever food is genetically modified, it must be required by law that it be
30 placed on the label of such food products so that the consumer can determine
31 whether they would like to partake of such foods. We must not value fast
32 profit before good health. Time and further research by independent qualified
33 professionals should be done to first prove that GMO foods provide without
34 doubt safe nutrition for the people. The health of Americans is of the utmost
35 importance for the future of our country and our world.

Proposal No. 302

Name: Julia Dunnigan
Delegation: El Dorado YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**
2 Public School Foreign Language Education
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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**
5 The majority of high school students across the country take some kind of
6 foreign language. Some of the most common of these foreign languages taken
7 are Spanish, French, and Italian. All of these languages, including English,
8 Portuguese, Catalan, and Romanian are all Latin-based languages. Learning
9 Latin would help to improve a person's knowledge of any of these languages,
10 because one would better understand the roots and meanings to words.
11 Besides helping further the understanding of a foreign language, learning Latin
12 helps for a person to comprehend English better as well. Because Latin is not a
13 spoken language, it is not as necessary for it to be taught as a multiple year
14 course. It may only need to be taught for a year or two for one to be able to
15 gain a large amount of knowledge.
16

17 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**
18 It will be mandatory for all public school students to take a one year Latin
19 course one year before entering high school. The course will be a basic course
20 designed to help students comprehend languages and prepare them for one of
21 the Latin-based foreign languages taught in high school. If a student chooses
22 not to take a foreign language after the course is finished, or does not need to,
23 taking this course will still help them with their understanding of the English
24 vocabulary.

Proposal No. 303

Name: Rachel Mitnick
Delegation: Rancho Family/SDSC YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**
2 To subsidize organic farms by providing tax breaks to those qualified.
3

4 **JUSTIFICATION:**
5 Organic foods are incredibly vital to the health of America. These foods benefit
6 Americans for three main reasons. One reason why organic farms are helpful in
7 our country is because they would boost employment. Thirty-two percent more
8 jobs per acre are found on organic farms compared to conventional farms. This
9 is a result of the reduced machinery.
10

11 Secondly, organic foods lead to healthier lifestyles. Organic foods are more
12 nutritious because of the significantly higher levels of vitamins, which can help
13 prevent cancer. Lastly, organic farms would benefit the environment. By using
14 non-toxic fertilizers and less pesticides, organic farms create less green house
15 gas emissions. Also, organic farms use nearly half the water of conventional
16 farms because of crop rotation and mixed cropping.
17

18 Most people do not buy organic foods because of the added expense. These
19 products require more money to be made because of the careful precision to
20 make this food by the increased number of workers. By the government
21 providing tax breaks to organic farms that were qualified by the USDA (United
22 States Department of Agriculture), Americans would benefit.
23

24 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**
25 The United States federal government should give a 15% tax break each year to
26 farms that are certified as organic by agencies that have been approved by the
27 US Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Proposal No. 304

Name: Kaitlyn Elvidge
Delegation: SRV - Valle Lobo YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 All United States driving schools are required to purchase only fuel efficient
3 cars with a rating of 30mpg or better.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 In order to decrease carbon dioxide emissions the United States driving schools
7 need to phase in fuel efficient cars. Road vehicles produce a third of the
8 country's smog-producing air pollution. The National Traffic Safety
9 Administration reports that a new car manufactured in the United States
10 receives an average of 23.1 miles per gallon. An average small car produces
11 200 grams of carbon dioxide per .6214 miles. Carbon dioxide produced from
12 cars contributes to green house gases which increases global warming. Right
13 now the polar ice caps are melting at a rapid pace because of green house gases
14 produced by carbon dioxide. Driving schools need to be regulated regarding
15 what type of car they drive with their students in order to keep carbon dioxide
16 emissions down. Driving schools should not be worried about the type of car
17 that will entice the students to their program, but on curriculum and techniques
18 that they teach to the student drivers. There is over twenty five hundred driving
19 schools in the United States and each school owns around seven or more cars.
20 In the long run driving schools will save more money on gas and will be
21 protecting the environment by not releasing as much CO2 into the environment
22 as they did prior to the enactment of this law. This law will also lower the
23 amount of gas used lowering the fees for the students drivers.

24
25 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

26 Congress shall pass legislation mandating that all driving schools must use cars
27 that receive thirty miles per gallon or above by the year 2015. If the driving
28 schools are not in compliance with this law their un-fuel efficient vehicle will
29 be denied license renewal. This law will be mandated by the federal
30 government and carried out by local state Department of Motor Vehicle.

Proposal No. 305

Name: Spencer Lane
Delegation: Tri Valley YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 U.S. colonizing Saudi Arabia.
3

4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 The United States of America was founded upon the principles of
6 representative and humanitarian government upon consent of the governed. We
7 fought a war of independence with Great Britain because we did not wish to be
8 ruled by a monarch, and today the graves of hundreds of thousands of
9 Americans are scattered across the globe, monuments to our love of freedom
10 and democracy. Those are remnants of the past however, for today one of our
11 more important allies is the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. This country is the 48th
12 most populous in the world with about 25 million people, is governed by Sharia
13 Law as interpreted through Wahabbi Islam and administered through a
14 totalitarian royal family. Ruled by the Royal House of Saud, it ranks 160 of 167
15 countries according to The Economist index of democracy (number 167 being
16 North Korea). The Royal Family may have as many as 25,000 members, but at
17 least 7,000 official members occupy a government post. However, about 200
18 male members effectively govern the country, all of whom are under the thumb
19 of the king and his immediate family. They impose a strict penal code upon the
20 population: you are liable to have your hand cut off for thievery; homosexuals
21 are often imprisoned and whipped and occasionally are beheaded in a public
22 square. All women, regardless of age, are required to have a male guardian.
23 Women cannot vote or be elected to high political positions. It is the only
24 country in the world that prohibits women from driving. The World Economic
25 Forum, 2009 Global Gender Gap Report, ranked Saudi Arabia 130th out of 134
26 countries for gender parity. Sex segregation is expected in public. Women and
27 men must minimize social interaction. Most offices, banks, and universities
28 have separate entrances for men and women. According to law, there should be
29 physically and visually separate sections for the sexes at all meetings including
30 weddings and funerals.

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32 Saudi Arabia's brand of fundamentalist Islam is not merely contained within
33 the sands of the Arabian Peninsula. They also export terrorism and hatred, as
34 well as oil. Osama bin Laden is an Arab national, as were fifteen of the
35 nineteen 9/11 Hijackers. Included amongst the documents released by
36 WikiLeaks were cables revealing that Saudi Arabia is the primary funder of
37 Sunni terrorists. Many of their strict religious rules are enforced by the
38 religious police, the Committee for the Promotion of Virtue and the Prevention
39 of Vice, who enforce strict dress codes, separation of men and women, and they
40 force everyone to pray during the five daily prayer times. However, these rules
41 do not apply to the Royal Family. A vibrant night life abounds for the young

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Saudi Princes who indulge in the finest alcohol from around the globe, along with innumerable prostitutes. In brief: a brutal, totalitarian, hypocritical, corrupt theocratic-monarchy is one of our best friends due to the fact that their territory includes about 20% of the world's known oil reserves.

- http://articles.cnn.com/2010-12-06/world/wikileaks.terrorism.funding_1_saudi-arabia-terrorist-funding-terrorist-groups?_s=PM:WORLD
- <http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/525348/Saudi-Arabia>
- <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/sa.html>

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

The United States Congress will declare war on Saudi Arabia and the military will occupy it for at least 20 years. In that time it is to be administrated by a Viceroy, to be appointed by the President and confirmed by Congress, who will be tasked with securing the nation through use of the armed forces, developing the economy, and protecting American interests.

Name: Emily Guidry
Delegation: Torrance-South Bay YMCA

TOPIC OF CONCERN:

Federally mandating helmet usage for all motor vehicle operators and passengers.

JUSTIFICATION:

Riding in automobiles is dangerous; with the threats of bad road conditions and visibility, and distracted, reckless, or drunk drivers on the road. We need to protect our country's heads from concrete and asphalt, and the best way to do that is tell them to wear helmets. Over half the accounts of traumatic brain injuries in America are caused by motor vehicle crashes, according to the National Institutes of Neurological Disorders, and these accounts could decrease dramatically if drivers and passengers wore helmets.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

The incentive to mandate helmet laws in automobiles will be placed on all states, with transportation funding being withheld from those states which do not comply.

Proposal No. 307

Name: Leo Garcia
Delegation: El Dorado YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Regulating puppy mills

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 For those who don't know what a puppy mill is, they are basically places that
6 mass produce puppies. These places currently don't have clear rules on how to
7 treat their animals. It would be much simpler if every state had to abide by the
8 same laws. As the law stands right now puppy mill owners are allowed to make
9 the dogs breed at any age, such as less than a year old, they don't have to
10 provide adequate food, and mills don't have a limit on how many times a dog
11 can be bred.

12
13 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

14 create a law that regulates puppy mills. The bill should put a limit on how many
15 times a dog can be bred, make all large scale dog breeding facilities submit to a
16 random governmental inspection, allow dogs to have access to both indoor and
17 outdoor environments, and have no dogs under the age of one year old breed.

Proposal No. 308

Name: Hanna Garner
Delegation: Simi Valley YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 This proposal calls for an end to the captivity of sea mammals within the
3 United States.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 Aquariums and marine parks have been around for quite some time. Each one
7 is home to a large number of sea mammals. Even though the parks bring in
8 money and create jobs they also endanger the lives of those aquatic animals
9 that live there. The life expectancy of cetaceans in the wild is about 40 to 60
10 years but in captivity their life expectancy dwindles down to about fifteen
11 years. About half the whales and dolphins taken into captivity die within the
12 first 90 days of being taken from the wild. For orca whales less than 20 have
13 been known to live more than 20 years in captivity, which is much shorter than
14 the life expectancy of wild orcas.

15
16 The primary reason for the captivity of sea mammals is to educate the public
17 and learn more about the animals. How can this be possible if their diet,
18 behavior, ability to communicate, and mental state drastically change in
19 captivity? The stress of confinement and isolation a lot of the time results in the
20 animals change in behavior, exposure to disease, and premature death. Wild
21 sea mammals most commonly travel in large numbers and in aquatic parks they
22 are isolated or forced to live with just a few others. Dolphins and whales also
23 communicate and navigate through the wild using echolocation and in small
24 cement tanks the sound waves bounce off the walls and overwhelm the
25 animals. This results in disorientation, confusion and physical injuries to the
26 mammals.

27
28 Currently there has never been a recorded death of a human due to an orca in
29 the wild but over the years of sea mammal captivity dozens of people have died
30 or been seriously injured due to the captive whales and dolphins. Even with all
31 of these deaths and injuries aquatic parks continue to capture whales for show.
32 The Oceanic Preservation Society stated that "when we subjugate these animals
33 for our amusement, despite their consistent protesting behavior, it says more
34 about our intelligence than it does theirs."

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36 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

37 The United States shall pass laws to eliminate the captivity of sea mammals.

Proposal No. 309

Name: Lucy Zheng
Delegation: Fremont/Newark YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Keeping the Gray Wolf and Grizzly Bear on the Endangered Species List.

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 The Obama administration is seeking to lift the Endangered Species Act
6 protection from two of the most iconic symbols of the American West, the gray
7 wolf and the grizzly bear. This is an unwise choice. Removing these two
8 animals from the list will only send them back where humans have driven
9 them, to near-extinction.

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11 It is hard to deny that human beings are greedy. If we remove these two
12 animals from the Endangered Species list, hunters and landowners will go to
13 the extreme to get what they want. They either want the bear's parts (which can
14 be used for medicine, clothing, etc.) or just to be rid of it. Grizzly bears are
15 needed in the ecosystem. After consuming fruit, the seeds are dispersed through
16 feces along with other nutrients. They also stir up soil, which increases richness
17 in alpine ecosystems. Grizzlies directly regulate prey populations, and also help
18 prevent overgrazing in forests by controlling the populations of other species in
19 the food chain. If the Grizzly Bear were to be taken off the list, become extinct,
20 then the prey population will increase. This prey population may even grow so
21 large, that they will also go to human civilization in order to find food;
22 therefore causing these animals to be killed unnecessarily, and putting them on
23 the threatened or endangered list.

24
25 Removing the Grizzly Bear from protection will lead to more animals being
26 placed on the Endangered Species list, because many humans will do anything
27 to get money or to live a more comfortable life. If more animals are placed on
28 the Endangered Species list, then it will affect the rest of the food chain, thus
29 creating chaos. As we know, we do not need to keep spending money to fix
30 such chaos, when we could simply just leave something that was already there.

31
32 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

33 Keep the Gray Wolf and Grizzly Bear on the Endangered Species List

Proposal No. 310

Name: Frankie Williams
Delegation: SRV - Valle Lobo YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 A proposal to make it a misdemeanor to be an accessory to drunk driving.

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 It is estimated that 2.6 million drunk driving crashes occur each year. These 4
6 million innocent people who are injured or have their vehicles damaged are
7 victimized. Although drunk driving is looked down upon as negligent and
8 reckless, in some areas of the United States it is socially acceptable to drive
9 home after having a couple of drinks. Often times drunk drivers are encouraged
10 to get in their cars by passengers that need a ride home. Currently in 46 states,
11 when drunk drivers are pulled over, the driver is the only one that is prosecuted.
12 Whether the passenger is sober or drunk, they should know that it is not okay to
13 be driven by somebody who is intoxicated. Making it a misdemeanor to be a
14 passenger in the car with someone driving drunk will reduce the annual amount
15 of drunk driving accidents because the passengers will convince the drivers to
16 find other ways to get to where they need to go. This is similar to the law
17 already passed in North Carolina.

18
19 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

20 The federal government will pass a law that requires each state to charge
21 passengers age 16 and older in the car of a drunk driver with a misdemeanor. If
22 the state refuses to enforce this law, then congress will revoke all of their
23 annual road funding. This is similar to the way that congress enforces a national
24 drinking age.

Proposal No. 311

Name: Sarah Reynolds
Delegation: Newport-Corona del Mar

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Ban the sub therapeutic use of antibiotics in livestock on factory farms.

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 Since the 1950's, farm factories have been feeding livestock with antibiotics to
6 help them grow faster and avoid illness. Livestock are fed low doses for a long
7 period of time before they are ready to be processed. However, this continual
8 feeding of antibiotics to these animals-when they aren't sick- encourages
9 antibiotic resistant bacteria such as E. coli, Salmonella, and Campylobacter.

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11 The antibiotics fed to the animals are tetracycline, monensin, and lasalocid.

12

13 The World Health Organization has asked countries to phase out the non-
14 prescription use of these antimicrobials in the production of animals for food.

15

16 According to a recent study by the New England Journal of Medicine,
17 researchers found that people who developed Cipro resistant bacteria had
18 acquired them from eating pork. The report concluded that this salmonella
19 resistant to the antibiotic (flouroquine) can spread from swine to humans, and
20 then human to human.

21

22 For the health of all humans, the sub therapeutic use of antibiotics in livestock
23 on factory farms should be banned so that drug resistant bacteria do not
24 continue to multiply.

25

26 Sources:

27 <http://www.fmi.org/docs/media/bg/antibiotics.pdf>

28 <http://cattletoday.com/archive/2010/August/CT2302.php>

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30 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

31 The FDA will ban the sub therapeutic use of antibiotics in livestock on factory
32 farms effective January 1st, 2013.

Proposal No. 312

Name: Courtney Kronfeld
Delegation: Triunfo YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 To balance the gender ratio in congress.

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 In the world today, there is one gender that over rules the other dramatically,
6 especially regarding representation in the United States congress. Currently, the
7 gender minority makes up as little as 17% of congress, meaning 90 out of the
8 435 seats.

9

10 If there was an equal representation of genders in congress, there would be new
11 perspectives on populated topics brought up around the world. The minority
12 brings a different demographic of people and should be able to have the chance
13 to express their own opinions.

14

15 Women make up a higher percentage of the population, therefore should have
16 an equal representation in congress.

17

18 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

19 The United States congress will place term limits on the gender majority in
20 order for the gender minority to have the chance for equal representation.

Proposal No. 313

Name: Lauren Osmonson
Delegation: Covina

1 TOPIC OF CONCERN:

2 Requiring those who own and use a motorcycle to become a registered organ
3 donor, as well as make it illegal to wear a helmet while riding a motorcycle.
4

5 JUSTIFICATION:

6 It is well known that there is a lack of organs for those who need them. Every
7 11 minutes, a new name is added to the national organ transplant waiting list
8 and each day, on average, 18 people die in the United States because of the
9 shortage of organ donors. [New York Organ Donor Network] Research shows
10 that every death prevented by motorcycle helmet laws decreases the number of
11 organ donors by 0.12. Based on this estimate, along with published estimates of
12 the number of organs recovered per donor, each death that occurs among
13 helmetless riders saves the lives of 0.33 persons on the vast organ transplant
14 waiting lists. [Michigan State University] By targeting a group of people who
15 put themselves at a higher risk of death (motorcycle fatality rates increased by
16 90 percent over a course of five years) we may be able to collect said organs for
17 those in need. By eliminating the use of the helmet, this effectively solves two
18 problems: if said motorcyclists do get into an accident and land on their head
19 they are likely to die while their organs may remain intact for practical use, and
20 because this group of people were presumably healthy before the accident, their
21 organs would be in good condition for transplanting. A transplant surgeon
22 quoted in the New York times had this to say about this valuable resource of
23 organs: "Motorcycle fatalities are not only our No. 1 source of organs, they are
24 the highest-quality source of organs, because donors are usually young, healthy
25 people with no other traumatic injuries to the body, except to the head." This
26 proposal will also bring in revenue for the state as it can be assumed that there
27 will be individuals who choose to pay a fine continually rather than have an
28 increased chance to die. Society has an understanding that there is an ever
29 increasing need for organs, although, there does not seem to be an increasing
30 pool of people. It has been found that 3.1 to 4.6 percent of those who died
31 while awaiting an organ in 2007 would have instead received a transplant if all
32 helmet laws were repealed, making this a viable and responsible solution.
33

34 ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

35 All state laws concerning mandatory helmet use while operating a motorcycle
36 will be repealed. Also, a clause will be added into vehicle code requiring that
37 all people who have a registered motorcycle or are insured to use a motorcycle
38 must become an organ donor. Also, it will become a law that any person
39 operating a motorcycle while wearing a helmet will be given a minimum fine
40 of \$500, not to exceed \$1,200. The enforcement of this law will be carried out
41 by local and state police.

Proposal No. 314

Name: Jenna Galper
Delegation: Crescenta-Canada YMCA

1 TOPIC OF CONCERN:

2 Setting a minimum age requirement for child beauty pageants.
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4 JUSTIFICATION:

5 In a study conducted by author Dr. Margo Maine for her book Body Wars:
6 Making Peace with Women's Bodies, 42% of girls in first to third grade
7 reported the desire to be thinner. This unhealthy obsession with weight only
8 grows with age- 78% of 18 year old girls say they are "unhappy with their
9 bodies". Our culture's objectification of women's bodies and fixation on
10 weight has, according to the National Institute of Mental Health, pushed 10%
11 of women and girls to develop eating disorders. That's over 9 million young
12 women who are at risk of severely hurting, or even killing, themselves over
13 their appearance. The fact that every young girl is at risk of developing deep
14 seated feelings of inadequacy from her appearance is no secret. It would seem,
15 then, that our country would never expose thousands of children each year to an
16 environment that is proven to cultivate these body image disorders. However,
17 with child beauty pageants, we do. Approximately 250,000 young girls
18 nationwide are covered in glitter, spray tanned, dressed up in sparkling bikinis
19 and barely-there costumes, given fake teeth, and instructed on what to say, how
20 to say it, and when to say it. They are judged on their hair, their eyes, their
21 smile, and how their body compares to that of the girl standing next to them.
22 They win or lose based solely on their appearance, instilling in them that beauty
23 is their only value. Beauty pageants create a culture of objectifying women's
24 bodies, and they start at an age when children are most impressionable.
25

26 Jillian Croll, author of Guidelines for Adolescent Nutrition Services, explains
27 in a criticism of child pageantry, that "Poor body image is strongly associated
28 with low self-esteem and low self-worth," noting that these feelings
29 can "severely limit the potential for youth to succeed." As a country, we are
30 facing tough times, and we must rely on the potential of our youth for progress.
31 We cannot do so, however, if we allow half of our young population to feel
32 degraded, looked down upon, and judged by the way they look, and not the
33 way they act. Child beauty pageants are detrimental to the mental health and
34 stability of young girls everywhere, and this damage permeates into the rest of
35 society, further inculcating the sexist undertones that we have fought so long
36 and hard to exterminate.
37

38 ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

39 A minimum age requirement of thirteen years be set for all beauty pageants in
40 the United States of America.

Proposal No. 315

Name: Karengha Sullivan
Delegation: Weingart Urban

1 TOPIC OF CONCERN:

2 This proposal will mandate that the government provide all public, and charter high
3 schools with computers.
4

5 JUSTIFICATION:

6 Many schools across America face formidable challenges that are taxing
7 conventional strategies. Fresh new approaches are needed to address persistent
8 problems of the past and provide students with an education appropriate to the needs
9 of a modern, information-based global economy. Now, after more than two decades
10 of unfulfilled promises to revolutionize education, computer and communication
11 technologies are finally able to offer opportunities to significantly improve teaching
12 and learning. Education and learning are among the most important of all human
13 activities and always have been the principal means of creating productive learning
14 in schools. With globalization and the increasingly dominant role that information
15 and knowledge play in all economies, providing quality education is becoming ever
16 more important. At the same time, the emergence of information and knowledge as
17 core assets for development and economic growth is widening the gap between the
18 rich and the poor.
19

20 ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

21 Action to Be Taken:

22 The school board will create a fund that will grant money to charter schools to
23 provide them with computers for their students. It is an urgent need to provide
24 education that goes beyond teaching basic literacy and numeracy skills. Education
25 must help to build higher-order cognitive abilities, strengthen processes of inquiry,
26 enable collaborative problem solving, and prepare people to compete in global
27 markets and become productive members of democracies.

Proposal No. 401

Name: Lauren D'Agostino
Delegation: SRV - Valle Lobo YMCA

1 TOPIC OF CONCERN:

2 Banning of all commercial canine breeding facilities in the United States.
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4 JUSTIFICATION:

5 In the United States today, approximately 10,000 canine breeding facilities are
6 in business to breed puppies, which are then sold across the nation in pet stores,
7 at auctions and on the internet. The only breeding facilities that are required to
8 be licensed under federal law (and therefore subject to inspection) are the ones
9 that sell their puppies to pet stores. This accounts for approximately 4000
10 breeders. The remaining 6000 facilities, that sell over the internet or privately,
11 are exempt from abiding by any federal humane care standards. The federal law
12 that protects the rights of animals in breeding facilities is the Animal Welfare
13 Act, which has been in effect since 1966. The AWA outlines a set of minimum
14 standards for food, water, exposure to weather conditions, socialization,
15 veterinary care and cage size. These standards are both lax and ineffectively
16 enforced. For example, Chapter 1, Part 3, Section 3.4 of the Animal Welfare
17 Act states "...the shelter structure must be large enough to allow each animal to
18 sit, stand, and lie in a normal manner and to turn about freely." The accepted
19 interpretation is that as long as the dog can stand up and turn in a circle, their
20 enclosure is legally large enough. The majority of breeding dogs spend the
21 entirety of their lives in a cage of this size. Many go mad from lack of
22 companionship and stimulation, leading them to pace incessantly and mutilate
23 themselves. Though legally obligated to provide adequate food, water and
24 waste disposal, many breeding facilities have been found to starve their dogs
25 with cockroach infested, nutrient poor food; stack wire cages on top of one
26 another and allow animal waste to collect at the bottom of the cage for weeks.
27 Inspectors have found facilities where puppies have been unprotected from the
28 elements, freezing to death in the winter and dying of heat stroke in the
29 summer. In one extreme case, puppies literally fried to death on the burning hot
30 wires of their cages. Recurring violations include dogs found covered in
31 parasites and mange, jaws rotted away from tooth decay and wounds ulcerated
32 to the bone. As stated, the Animal Welfare Act exists to enforce compliance by
33 routine inspection of all licensed facilities. However, an internal audit of the
34 USDA Animal Care Unit, completed in 2010, found that the enforcement
35 process was entirely ineffective; inspectors were grossly negligent in
36 conducting investigations, and lax in issuing citations and documenting
37 violations. The USDA Administrator for Veterinary Services, Mr. Ron
38 DeHaven, stated that "the USDA does not have enough time or money to
39 prosecute citations." In fact, there are only 96 inspectors employed by the
40 USDA to inspect canine breeding facilities. That is barely 2 inspectors per
41 state. These same inspectors are also in charge of overseeing circuses,

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laboratories, and zoos. Mr. DeHaven went on to state that the USDA preferred to obtain compliance with the regulations by educating and encouraging the kennels to comply, rather than issuing citations. This is consistent with the audit's findings, documenting countless examples of lax and corrupt enforcement practices that illustrate the chronic ineffectiveness of the federal system for inspection and enforcement. Even if the current standards of care set forth by the AWA were strengthened, as advocated by The Humane Society and the ASPCA, the inadequate budget, shocking shortage of inspectors and abysmal enforcement record inspire no confidence that the canine breeding industry can ever be sufficiently reformed or regulated.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

All commercial canine breeding facilities, defined as any facility with more than three breeding females, will be banned in the United States.

Name: Tyler Cherry
Delegation: Conejo Valley YMCA

TOPIC OF CONCERN:

Mandating Chemical Castration for Registered Sex Offenders

JUSTIFICATION:

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, there is a 33% chance that a child in the United States will fall victim to sexual assault, and that the typical child molester will assault 117 children. These statistics are too high. Convicted sex offenders are already registered for life and must complete hours of therapy and community service; however, the National Alert Registry notes that released offenders are 10.5 times more likely to assault than those without a prior record. The solution, chemical castration is, in itself, a misnomer; no physical or internal damage is caused and, it is a safe and effective method for reducing the libido. Chemical castration does not sterilize the recipient; rather, it contains sexual impulses and reduces the capacity for sexual arousal.

Chemical castration, in the form of the drug Depo Provera (a progestin hormonal drug), is shown to reduce the capacity for sex drives and is a safe alternative to surgical procedures. More importantly, the effects of the drug are temporary and wear off after three months, discrediting human rights groups' criticisms that it permanently inhibits procreation. Depo Provera is a drug injected every three months and is shown to dramatically reduce sexual arousal in men. Rarely, side effects including weight loss and reduced boy hair occur in male recipients. Since Depo Provera is not an estrogen-based drug, feminization of males receiving the drug is a discredited argument. Countries including all throughout Europe, Israel and Argentina have employed this practice for registered sex offenders.

The average cost of Depo Provera ranges from \$30-75 per shot. Registered sex offenders would be required to pay for the administration and purchase of the drug, unless severe financial incapability is demonstrated. In that case, the state would pay for the shots for no more than one year (4 shots).

This proposal strictly calls for the injection and administration of the drug for registered sex offenders that engage in physical assault offenses, such as lewd and lascivious acts, rape, sexual assault, kidnapping, incest, and murder.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

Require registered sex offenders to pay for and receive quarterly injections of the hormonal drug Depo Provera once released from prison for two years. Optional injections will be made available upon request following the two year mandatory period.

Proposal No. 403

Name: Meagan Bryan
Delegation: Conejo Valley YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 A proposal to mandate that public colleges and universities must give out an
3 equal or greater amount of academic based scholarships as athletic based
4 scholarships.

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6 **JUSTIFICATION:**

7 The number of students applying to college in the United States continues to
8 grow each year. Last year, 3.2 million seniors graduated from high school and
9 several colleges had over a ten percent increase in the number of applicants.
10 The competition to get into college is increasing as the applicant pools grow
11 larger, but a student's dream to go to their ideal school can be cut off by the
12 reality of the cost. With the average debt upon graduating public schools
13 spanning between \$15, 000 and \$ 25, 000, scholarships can be an essential
14 piece to helping students pay for college. However, recent studies have shown
15 that scholarships in the athletic fields are growing, while academic based
16 scholarships are not increasing. A study made by the Knight Commission on
17 Intercollegiate Athletics showed that in 2008, public schools spent a median of
18 \$84, 000 per student on athletics and equipment, and \$13,000 per student based
19 on academics. Students that have spent four years of high school hunched over
20 books working to make over a 4.0 GPA should not be given a lesser amount of
21 money just because they cannot throw a football or catch a softball. A student
22 who qualifies for an academic based scholarship should be given the same
23 amount of money as a student who qualifies for an athletic based scholarship.

24 College is meant to be a place of academic growth and preparation for the
25 working force. Most of the students attending college will graduate and find a
26 job that relates to their academic field of study. Less than two percent of
27 students who attend college for athletic purposes make it into the field of being
28 a professional athlete. Colleges should not invest more money in their athletic
29 students when such a low number are going on to make a career out of it.
30 College should be based on learning and not the commercialized income they
31 can make off of their sports team. A public college or university that give out
32 athletic based scholarships must also give out the same or greater amount for
33 academic based scholarships to create a fair money situation for students of
34 both talents.

35
36 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

37 All public universities in the United States would be mandated to give an equal
38 or greater amount of scholarship money to students who qualify for academic
39 scholarships as students who qualify for athletic scholarships. Private schools
40 would be exempt from this and this would not change the amount of money
41 given out on a need-based manner.

Proposal No. 404

Name: Emily Zsarko
Delegation: Burbank YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 This proposal calls for five percent of the NASA programs budget to be given
3 to the NOAA Ocean and Atmospheric Research program for two years
4 consecutively to be used for the research of oceans exclusively.

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6 **JUSTIFICATION:**

7 While the NASA program receives countless millions of dollars even with the
8 recent cutbacks the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
9 (NOAA) is largely ignored even in times of crisis, such as the Gulf Oil Spill.
10 This administration is crucial to American sea research, both biological and
11 geographical. One year of NASA's budget could fund the NOAA program for
12 over twenty five years. Instead of proposing a drastic cut such as that, this
13 proposal only cuts NASA funding by five percent of its budget. This five
14 percent is enough to give NOAA that funding it needs to actually research
15 while allowing NASA to continue on with their space program almost
16 unhindered. This five percent would promote the research of oceans, something
17 dearly important. It is more important to explore our own planet and spend a
18 sixteenth of the cost of exploring space than to explore space for billions of
19 dollars. Organic discoveries could lead to highly advanced medicines as
20 organisms that live at extreme depths often have characteristics that, if
21 harnessed, could save millions from disease or impairment. An example would
22 be a species of jellyfish that can actually make its cells young again, thus never
23 dying. These research benefits, along with a true map of the ocean, could be
24 achieved with this funding boost.

25
26 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

27 NASA will forfeit five percent of its budget to the NOAA Ocean and
28 Atmospheric Research program for two years consecutively to be used for
29 ocean research, both organic and non-organic.

Proposal No. 405

Name: Susie Kang
Delegation: Verdugo Hills YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 This proposal calls for the removal of the Scholastic Aptitude Test and the
3 American College Test from all public university applications.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 The SAT and ACT no longer assess a student's aptitude accurately. Students
7 who come from a wealthier background have parents willing and able to pay
8 for SAT Prep and ACT Classes that, if attended weekly, costs an average of 36
9 thousand dollars per year. Students coming from lower income families cannot
10 afford such supplements to their basic school curriculum, placing them far
11 behind. Instead of ranking students based on a mindless multiple choice test,
12 students instead should be considered for acceptance on school grades, extra
13 curricular activity, and merit. In February of 2010, a poll was taken in four high
14 schools state wide to find the averages of how students score on the SAT at
15 those four schools. Two of the schools had an average of 1797 and 1792
16 respectively while two others had 1269 and 1080. The two schools found to
17 have scored better were from an upper middle class town whose parents were
18 making two to three times more income than those of the latter two schools.
19 For students in New Jersey households making \$20,000 to \$40,000 a year, for
20 example, the average score was 1349, according to the College Board. For
21 those in households earning \$160,000 to \$200,000, the average score was 1615.
22 This just goes to show that admission offices need to remove the SAT and ACT
23 portion of the application because it inaccurately assess students.

24
25 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

26 Congress shall pass legislation mandating that all public and private
27 universities annul the requirement of SAT and ACT scores.

Proposal No. 406

Name: Spencer London
Delegation: Westchester/LA YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 The Legalization of Running Stop Signs Under Safe Conditions For Crossing

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 When driving in California, stop signs are not few and far between. The
6 amount of unnecessary stop signs in California consumes our gas and wastes
7 time that citizens can spend working and making money to help stir the
8 economy. Whenever a driver stops at a stop sign and begins driving again,
9 more gas is being used. If one was able to speed past these signs, both fuel and
10 time would be saved.

11
12 Stop signs are useful in the way that they protect drivers from other drivers. But
13 when no other drivers are present, it is superfluous to stop for safety. Some
14 might argue that running stop signs can be dangerous. But sometimes its better
15 to live on the edge. And with no other drivers around, there would be no danger
16 in crossing the street.

17
18 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

19 Authority will no longer be able to ticket drivers that run stop signs so long as
20 teh intersection is clear of all other vehicles and pedestrians on every side. If
21 one runs a stop sign while another vehicle and/or pedestrian is present,
22 authority shall ticket said lawbreaker as usual. Drivers cross at their own risk.

Proposal No. 407

Name: Sam Martin
Delegation: East Valley/LA YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 To abolish the ability to convict a minor (person under the age of 18) with a life
3 sentence without parole in the United States of America.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 There are approximately 227 people in the state of California serving a
7 sentence of life without parole that were give this sentence as a minor. Many of
8 these 227 prisoners were convicted of murders that they didn't commit and/or
9 were prosecuted under an associated murder circumstance. This means that
10 they were given life without parole for being the person sitting in the get-away
11 car during a robbery and the robber, who they were robbing with, unexpectedly
12 killed someone during the robbery. In many of these unfair convictions, the
13 minors convicted were given harsher punishments than the adults they
14 accompanied.

15 Some argue that the point of jailing someone is to rehabilitate them so that they
16 can one day be let free, to punish people who have wronged, and to keep the
17 public safe from hostile criminals. By giving someone a life sentence, the
18 whole idea of rehabilitating the prisoner is irrelevant. If they are never getting
19 out of jail, than what would be the purpose of rehabilitation? If anything, jailing
20 people for life costs the government a whole lot of money. An estimated
21 amount of money that it would take to jail 227 people for 50 years would be
22 around 500 million dollars. That is 500 million dollars being spent on criminals
23 who have wronged the government. The 500 million dollars could potentially
24 be put to a much better use than to house criminals.

25 I believe that, even in the case that a minor is convicted of a murder, they are
26 still very capable of rehabilitation. I firmly believe that a person can be
27 rehabilitated rather than housed for life on money we do not have.

28
29 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

30 All cases of a minor getting sentenced to life without parole would be
31 terminated and no longer given.

Proposal No. 408

Name: Sally Oh
Delegation: Verdugo Hills YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Prohibiting U.S. private corporations, organizations, or companies
3 from funding lobbyists for or against Ugandan anti-homosexuality bill of 2009

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 In March of 2008, three American evangelicals spoke at the "Seminar on
7 Exposing the Homosexuals' Agenda." These three men, Scott Lively, Caleb
8 Lee Brundidge, and Don Schmierer, have set a controversial movement in
9 motion: the Anti-Homosexuality movement in Uganda. Because these men
10 spoke about homosexuality as a threat to their custom family life, the ultimate
11 result of the movement was the Anti-
12 Homosexuality bill of 2009, which stated that homosexual Ugandans may be
13 hanged for their sexual orientation.

14 After appeasement from a flustered Western world, the Ugandan government
15 has agreed to change "death" into "life imprisonment." A debate has been
16 raging throughout all of 2010, and finally, the bill was tabled. However, U.S.
17 organizations and corporations have been funding lobbyists and evangelical
18 groups seeing as it remains on the congress floor.

19 Although governments around the world are threatening to withdraw aid,
20 Western groups from the U.S are fueling Uganda's controversial debate. This
21 issue has caused the regression of the fight for LGBT equality in the Ugandan
22 community, and is currently sponsored by the determination of both ends of the
23 debate to outbid the other.

24
25 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

26 U.S. private groups will no longer be allowed to pour money into the debate
27 over the anti-homosexuality bill in Uganda. They must cut off funding to the
28 lobbyists who are currently on the floor.

Proposal No. 409

Name: Anna Kasirye
Delegation: El Dorado YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 The requirement of building four safe houses for victims of sex trafficking.

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 Sex trafficking is a form of human trafficking, which is considered a form of
6 modern day slavery, and is the second largest and fastest growing criminal
7 industry in the world. About 20,000 people are trafficked into the United States
8 each year, many of whom are women and minors (20% are women and 50%
9 are minors). Victims of sex trafficking are often forced into a life of prostitution
10 and often isolation by their captors. These traumatic events leave their victims
11 with a need for psychological and medical help, things that rescued victims are
12 not always provided with. In fact, left without the care that they need, some
13 victims end up being re-trafficked or on the living on the streets.

14
15 Safe houses provide rescued victims with medical service, job training, and
16 psychologists to help them rebuild their lives and keep them from being re-
17 trafficked. According to Michelle Bryant, an advocate for raising awareness of
18 human trafficking, the cost to build a safe house is at least 2.5 million dollars,
19 along with a monthly fee to run it, which depends on the amount of staff and
20 residents. These costs will be included in the public health portion of the health
21 care budget.

22
23 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

24 One safe house is to be built in each of the top four US gateway cities for
25 trafficking: Miami, Florida; Portland, Oregon; Las Vegas, Nevada; and Toledo,
26 Ohio.

Proposal No. 410

Name: Sam Goodnough
Delegation: Simi Valley YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 This proposal calls for the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien
3 Minors.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 Each year three million students graduate from US high schools and have the
7 opportunity to follow their dreams. About 65000 students are denied this
8 opportunity. This proposal would allow the 65000 illegal immigrant high
9 school graduates an opportunity to continue their lives in the US and pursue
10 higher education and employment. Currently many alien minors graduate from
11 high school and face many difficult obstacles. Such obstacles included the 1996
12 provision enacted as part of the Illegal Immigration Reform Responsibility Act,
13 which discourages states and localities from granting unauthorized aliens
14 certain "postsecondary benefits". Furthermore, unauthorized aliens are unable
15 to legally work and are in constant danger of deportation.

16 This Act would allow high school graduated illegal immigrants, who have lived
17 in the US since before the age of 16 consistently, a chance to gain citizenship.
18 To qualify, students would be required to serve two years in the military or
19 complete two years of higher education. This proposal is not only an incentive
20 for higher education and military service; this is a way to give these children a
21 chance. Many of these children have lived in the US their entire lives and they
22 do not deserve to be punished for their parents' choices. This would be a step in
23 handling illegal immigrants who are already in the United States, and excelling
24 for that matter.

25
26 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

27 In order to qualify for citizenship, individuals must meet specific requirements.
28 The illegal immigrant must be a high school graduate who resided in the United
29 States consistently since before the age of 16. The United States would grant
30 full citizenship after either two years in the military or two years of higher
31 education are completed.

Proposal No. 411

Name: Akash Yadav
Delegation: SRV/ Fuerza Unida YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 This proposal will give families an incentive to help their children achieve
3 higher educational goals.

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6 **JUSTIFICATION:**

7 American education is now lagging behind many other countries, especially in
8 the subjects needed for advances in technology. Proportionally, we are now 9th
9 in the world in the percentage of college graduates. We are now 28th out of 41
10 industrialized countries in math and 22nd out of those same countries in
11 science. The roots of most outstanding students start with an importance placed
12 on education by parents or guardians. This proposal essentially kills two birds
13 with one stone, by increasing the incentive for families to encourage and help
14 their children do well in school while helping these families economically.
15 Many of these other industrialized nations have students who are pushed by
16 their families to thrive in school and even though it is not the only way for a
17 student to succeed it definitely will help families push their students to do well
18 in school.

19
20 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

21 In order to jumpstart this mindset in families where education may not be a
22 priority, a tax credit of \$2000 per student will be provided to families whose
23 students graduate high school. In addition, a \$1000 tax credit per student will
24 be provided to families whose students are proficient on statewide standardized
25 tests.

Proposal No. 412

Name: Emma Sutter
Delegation: Berkeley YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 This proposal calls for the presence of a witness to affirm sanity of the
3 consumer purchasing a firearm.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 The right to bear arms has become an increasing problem and in several cases
7 has jeopardized our public safety. This law would bar mentally unstable people
8 from access to handguns and therefore make our country safer and more
9 trusted. As early as the Gun Control Act of 1968, there have been laws against
10 selling weapons to mentally ill individuals. But preventing the mentally ill
11 from purchasing guns is meaningless if the National Instant Criminal
12 Background Check System does not have any records of the illness.

13
14 In order to assure that those incapable of fully thinking through their ideas
15 cannot purchase a weapon we must initiate a new law so that those without
16 government records are unable to cause harm.

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18 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

19 Congress shall pass legislation mandating a witness of sanity to all purchases of
20 firearms. This witness will sign for the consumer confirming the consumer is
21 mentally stable and capable of using a firearm. If the owner does commit a
22 crime involving the firearm and is proven to have a mental condition, the
23 witness of sanity will be liable to pay a fine that will correspond to the severity
24 of the crime. Fines will go to gun safety programs for children.

Proposal No. 413

Name: Spencer Perry
Delegation: Albany YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Legalization of compensated surrogacy

4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 Nationwide, compensated surrogacy is inconsistently legislated. These laws
6 create confusion in something as fundamental as birthing rights across the
7 country. The majority of states permit compensated surrogacy, but there are
8 outliers. Some argue that surrogacy has less of a chance at success than natural
9 insemination, but in fact, there is a 60% rate of success for surrogates, and 64%
10 for natural births during ovulation. Florida permits compensated surrogacy for
11 married couples; others such as Kansas permit surrogacy but without
12 compensation; finally states such as New York prohibit surrogacy, although
13 according to the New York Police Department it is almost unenforceable.

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15 The public, and the majority of legislators have continuously seen these
16 restrictive laws as unfair and unethical. The number of surrogates has doubled
17 from 2004 to 2008, from 738 babies born to nearly 1,400. These laws have
18 deprived women across the country that either lost the ability to bear children,
19 or never had it at all, of a fair and contractual solution to rear children with
20 their partner's genetic material. In a nationwide study done by Stanford
21 University in 2002, it was found that 41% of parents using a surrogate were
22 unable to bear children.

23
24 By individual states continuously taking conflicting positions, the national
25 government has inadvertently built a reputation of permitting multiple family
26 arrangements by standing idly by. Eighty-eight percent of Californians agreed
27 with their surrogacy laws. It has been said that child surrogacy should be
28 illegalized because it's unethical to sell one's ability to produce children, and
29 that it takes advantage of low-income women, but Census Survey of 2010
30 showed that the majority of surrogates were white middle class working
31 women, who had other sources of income.

33 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

34 Congress will enact legislation legalizing surrogacy and its compensation to
35 surrogates, and will nullify any state laws illegalizing surrogacy.

Proposal No. 414

Name: Laurel Hinson
Delegation: Estancia

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 The topic at hand is regarding the fact that Styrofoam is posing a threat to our
3 environment and should be made illegal to use in the food industry.

5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 Styrofoam, which is made from a plastic known as Polystyrene, is an
7 appliance used in everyday life by millions of Americans. Studies have shown
8 that each year, Americans throw away approximately 25 billion Styrofoam
9 cups. Based on these statistics, this is enough to circle the earth 436 times.
10 Aside from the fact that Styrofoam is non-recyclable, it poses a health threat to
11 animals. Polystyrene, one of the main components in making Styrofoam, is
12 primarily composed of petroleum. Petroleum is extremely flammable and toxic,
13 inevitably a hazard to the health of all animals, including humans. For example,
14 if Styrofoam gets into an animal's system, it can block the digestive tract and
15 lead to starvation. In addition, one of the only ways to "recycle" Styrofoam is
16 to burn it. However, the burning of Styrofoam may release a styrene gas which
17 can affect the nervous system.

18 Thankfully, some United States cities have taken a step in the right direction.
19 An estimated two dozen cities have banned the use of Styrofoam for packaging
20 foods. Nevertheless, this is not enough. Our society talks about "going green",
21 and a great step towards a greener environment is to make the use of Styrofoam
22 in food industries illegal in the United States.

25 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

26 Due to the facts, the ethical action to be taken would be to create a federal law
27 making the use of Styrofoam appliances in the food industry illegal in the
28 United States. If caught using Styrofoam appliances, the industry would be
29 fined by the degree of the offense by the Environmental protection Agency. An
30 alternative product that would be used in its place is corn products. This would
31 be enforced by the beginning of year 2012.

Proposal No. 501

Name: Kendall Davidson
Delegation: Albany YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Requiring citizens to obtain an approved visa in order to enter an overpopulated
3 state.

4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 The United States is currently facing huge issues when it comes to the growth of
6 their population. California, Texas, New York, Florida, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio,
7 Michigan, New Jersey and Georgia are all considered to be overpopulated, which
8 means that there is a higher population than can be sustained in a given area. The
9 higher the population living in a specific area is, the higher the demand for factory
10 made goods. Overpopulation causes improper use of natural resources,
11 gentrification, increase in crime rates, pollution due to traffic and a lower quality of
12 life overall. Overpopulation has become more and more prevalent over the past
13 couple of decades and it needs to come to an end. According to a New York Times
14 article, "...it can be concluded that poverty is directly related to overpopulation." By
15 only allowing citizens of the United States to enter an overpopulated state with the
16 appropriate \$75 visa, the nation will become a more sustainable place to live.

17 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

18 Citizens living in the United States will not be allowed to enter an overpopulated
19 state without an approved \$75 visa for study, travel longer than two weeks, work, or
20 immigration. People traveling for less than two weeks must go to the local city hall
21 when they arrive to receive documents stating their arrival and departure dates.
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Proposal No. 502

Name: Steven Wickman
Delegation: La Jolla YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 The legalization of Same-Sex Marriage should be enacted in order to protect
3 the freedom of lifestyle and choice of those involved.
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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 Same sex marriages must be legalized because people have a right to choose
7 their own lifestyle. Denying homosexuals the right to marry one another is
8 discriminating against a minority that should be protected under the United
9 States Constitution. The marriage of two homosexuals does absolutely nothing
10 to harm society in any way, and the legalization of such marriage would not
11 cause any real change. Also, times have changed to a more laid-back lifestyle,
12 in that more and more people are becoming more comfortable with the idea that
13 a man and a man may marry (or woman and woman). If this right to marry is
14 denied, then the nation is nothing but a brutal oppressor, forcing religious
15 aspects to blend in with civil aspects. After all, the only real hatred towards
16 same sex marriages stems from religious sects (primarily Christianity). If this
17 right to marry is not approved, then the Constitution is violated as well, in that
18 in the First Amendment, it is stated that there is a separation of church and
19 state. If this were actually true and enforced, same sex marriage would be
20 common place.
21

22 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

23 In order to legalize same sex marriage, the United States will add an
24 Amendment to the Constitution reforming the rights for homosexuals and
25 marriage. That is, a change will be made to allow same sex partners to become
26 married in a civil ceremony.

Proposal No. 503

Name: Alexis Denes
Delegation: Downey Family YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Allow minors to receive abortions without parental consent or notification.

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 In 2010, approximately 495,000 teenage girls aged 15-19 gave birth. Eighty
6 percent of these women will end up on welfare, costing the United States 7
7 billion dollars annually. Statistically, only 1 in 3 of these mothers will graduate
8 high school and only a depressing 1.5% will obtain a college degree by the age
9 of 30. Sons of these young mothers are 2.7 times more likely to end up in
10 prison than to mothers who have a child at age 20. One billion dollars could be
11 saved in correctional cost and three billion saved in enforcement costs if these
12 moms waited until they were no longer a teen to reproduce. Daughters of teen
13 moms are more likely to become impregnated as teenagers themselves, and
14 both boy and girl babies are twice as likely to be neglected and abused by teen
15 parents. Eighty percent of these babies will have an absent father in their life as
16 well which can cause emotional issues for them.

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18 These are just some of the statistics and issues regarding teenage motherhood.
19 So why are 35 states mandating parental consent and or notification when
20 ultimately, it should be the girl's choice? Girls who have issues with their
21 parents might be forced to swallow poison or go to other extremes to rid
22 themselves of an embryo. The American Civil Liberties Union said, "Such laws
23 are unnecessary for stable and supportive families and ineffective and cruel for
24 unstable, troubled families." This proposal is simply offering the privacy that
25 pregnant teenagers deserve.

26

27 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

28 The United States ban all state laws requiring minors to obtain parental consent
29 or notification in order to receive an abortion.

Proposal No. 504

Name: Nika Pakravan
Delegation: SPPY-Palos Verdes YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Social Networks, such as Facebook, have become a major addiction and are
3 causing many problems.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 A social network is a website where one connects with those sharing personal
7 or professional interests and information such as Facebook, MySpace,
8 LinkedIn, and Twitter. Facebook reaches over 500 million active users. There
9 are about 125 million people with a MySpace and around 14 million Twitter
10 users. While social networks are useful for communicating with friends and
11 keeping in touch they have also become a major addiction to this population of
12 users. An active user spends on average 15 to 20 hours per week on such social
13 network sites. Doctor Kimberly Young, a psychologist who works at the Center
14 for Internet Addiction Recovery in Bradford, Pennsylvania, says she has
15 spoken to many teenagers who are trying to break their Facebook habit. The
16 social aspect is good for the development of friendships, advertisement, and a
17 free way to keep in touch; however teenagers, for example, should be focusing
18 on school and academia rather than spending a significant amount of their time
19 with social network websites. Instead of being more productive and physically
20 active with their time, children, teenagers, and adults spend hours on websites
21 like these.

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23 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

24 Social network users will be limited to 60 minutes per day per account.

Proposal No. 505

Name: Kelly Barnes
Delegation: Verdugo Hills YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 The United Nations Security Council's limited ability to get things done
3 because of an inefficient great power unanimity system.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 When there is conflict between nations then many people look toward the
7 United Nations Security Council to help resolve the issues. Under the current
8 United Nations Charter (Article 27.3), all five permanent members or the big
9 five nations must concur on a resolution in order for it to pass. The permanent
10 five members of the United Nations Security Council are the United States of
11 America, the United Kingdom, France, the Russian Federation, and the
12 People's Republic of China. In essence any of these five nations have an ability
13 to veto any resolution brought to the floor of the Security Council. If any of
14 these five nations vote no on a resolution then there is no possibility of the
15 resolution passing.

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17 As we look at recent times, there was a very significant time in which the veto
18 power was used. Look at the situation that occurred in Darfur and is still a
19 problem even though it's not as bad as it was. Many people looked directly
20 toward the United Nations Security Council to help with this exact problem.
21 Resolutions were brought to the floor of the Security Council to send
22 peacekeeping troops to help the people of southern Sudan. The members of the
23 Janjaweed were pushing people away from their homes and family and killing
24 some. Most people in the world wanted to in essence save Darfur but this was
25 very difficult without the help of the United Nations Security Council. The
26 Security Council could not do anything because China is an ally of the
27 government of Sudan that is involved with the Janjaweed. The alliance between
28 Sudan and China exists because China gets a majority of their oil from Sudan.
29 Because of this China said no to the resolution and in essence vetoed the
30 resolution. If the Security Council had an ability to override the veto then we
31 would be able to send United Nations peacekeeping troops to Darfur and lives
32 could have been saved.

33
34 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

35 The United Nations charter in Article 27.3 would be amended to add a clause
36 stating "If more than two thirds of the permanent and rotating members have
37 concurring votes then the resolution may pass."

Proposal No. 506

Name: Brendan Perry
Delegation: So. Pasadena-San Marino YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 This proposal calls for the implementation of "baby credits" and a "baby credit"
3 market in the United States to address the issue of overpopulation and the
4 struggling economy.

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6 **JUSTIFICATION:**

7 Almost every environmental issue the planet is facing today can be traced back
8 to the problem of overpopulation and unsustainable living. The global
9 population has more than doubled over the past 50 years and is currently
10 nearing 7 billion people. Due to the massive number of people, resources are
11 being depleted at unsustainable rates and pollution and waste are reaching
12 unthinkable levels. If nothing is done, Global population is expected to reach 9
13 billion by 2045, which would have catastrophic effects on the planet.

14
15 Countries such as China have already implemented policies to address this
16 issue. Unlike China, however, the United States will not be limiting couples to
17 one baby. The United States will take a much more capitalistic approach, a
18 free-market (cap and trade) "baby credit" system, in which every woman is
19 given one "baby credit" which they can choose to use and give birth to a child,
20 or sell on the "baby credit" market to the highest bidder. To clarify a "baby
21 credit" gives a woman/couple the expense-free ability to have a child.

22
23 This system will not only discourage couples from having multiple children
24 and contributing to the problem of overpopulation, but also create a new and
25 stimulating facet to the national economy.

26
27 If a woman would like to have multiple children she can buy more "baby
28 credits" on the "baby credit" market, or have another child and pay a hefty
29 penalty of 15% of her/ the couple's income for 18 years. Twins, triplets,
30 etcetera, would be exempt from the penalty.

31
32 If a child is born without a "baby credit" and the woman/couple does not want
33 to pay the penalty, the child can be put up for adoption free of charge.

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35 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

36 An open market shall be created for women/couples to buy and sell "baby
37 credits".

Proposal No. 507

Name: John Schinkel
Delegation: Fremont/Newark YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Shutting down all websites produced by tax-exempt (nonprofit) organizations
3 that expose false medical information regarding Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and
4 Transgender Americans.

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6 **JUSTIFICATION:**

7 Organizations such as the National Association for Research and Treatment of
8 Homosexuals (NARTH) have been misleading society on the physical health of
9 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Americans by making false medical
10 statements. Some of the statements are that homosexuality can be cured and is
11 responsible for the spread of diseases such as Syphilis, HIV, and Staph, that
12 homosexuality is responsible for the rise in mental disorders such as depression
13 and bipolar disorder. They also claim that homosexuality leads to a higher risk
14 of drug and alcohol abuse.

15
16 This organization is highly visible in the media and therefore is responsible for
17 creating public opinion. People who are uneducated medically believe in these
18 false statements. This website and others like it are the cause of the
19 reinforcement of negative stereotypes that can affect both the psychological
20 health and self esteem of American citizens, especially those who are youth
21 members of our society.

22
23 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

24 The US Government shall shut down all websites such as NARTH and others
25 like it. There shall also be a ban put on creating websites that are produced by
26 tax-exempt (nonprofit) organizations that expose false medical facts regarding
27 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Americans.

Proposal No. 508

Name: Osmar Gonzalez
Delegation: Border View/SDSC YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 In order to reduce communism in Cuba, American Business should be allowed
3 into Cuba, finally eliminating the Helms Burton Act.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 The Helms Burton law's intensions are to continue the United States embargo
7 against Cuba. By abolishing this law, not only can we establish a good
8 economic relation ship with Cuba, but we can help reduce the initiative of
9 communism in Cuba.

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11 We've turned China from a genocidal, Communist regime into a Fascist regime
12 by allowing business into it. We can easily end the ideals of Communism in
13 Cuba by allowing Capitalism spread naturally.

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15 Communism, historically, works because of force and ruthlessness. Capitalism,
16 on the other hand, has worked because of letting the people decide. We would
17 easily see business flourish with less government involvement in Cuba by
18 simply doing business with them.

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20 The pathway to realistic world peace starts with Globalization.

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22 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

23 Allowing free travel and trade between the United States and Cuba.

Proposal No. 509

Name: Marelle White
Delegation: Newport-Corona del Mar

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Diagnosed schizophrenics must attend therapy and comply with medical
3 prescription.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 Schizophrenia is a serious disorder of the brain and mind that affects 2.2
7 million citizens of the United States. Schizophrenics often suffer from
8 hallucinations and delusions. Those diagnosed claim to hear voices, believe
9 that someone is following him or out to kill him, and feel that someone is
10 interfering with or reading his thoughts. Over one-third of the homeless
11 population is made up of schizophrenics, while twenty-five percent live with a
12 family member. Schizophrenia is not curable, but highly treatable with
13 antipsychotic medications and psychosocial therapies. Those who are
14 prescribed treatment have shown noticeable improvement in behavior, are less
15 violent, and are relieved of hallucinations and allusions. As much as forty-five
16 percent of the schizophrenic population have acknowledged their disorder but
17 refuse to take their medications because they believe they do not need help and
18 that the disorder will improve on its own. Without taking medication two-third
19 of sufferers remain impaired and continue to be detrimental to society and their
20 loved ones. There are many cases that have been noted where schizophrenics
21 have killed their own family members or committed outlandish crimes because
22 of the voices they hear. Also, about 13 percent of schizophrenics kill
23 themselves, while forty percent have attempted suicide. These violent
24 behaviors can be diminished with the use of medicine and continuous therapy.

25 I propose to make a law that says all schizophrenics who are diagnosed and
26 prescribed medication must attend monthly therapy so they comply with their
27 medical prescription. If the therapist or physician finds the patient to be off
28 their medication, they will receive a warning. After two warnings or the
29 patient's first violent act/attempt, the patient will be institutionalized until
30 deemed "well" and back on their medication.

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32 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

33 This law will ensure that diagnosed schizophrenics attend therapy and continue
34 to take their medication in order to improve the effects of the disease.

Proposal No. 510

Name: Ana Valeria Gonzalez
Delegation: South Bay Family/SDSC YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Granting citizenship to undocumented immigrants who attain a Bachelor's
3 degree in a U.S institution of higher learning, or join the armed forces and serve
4 for a minimum of 2 years active duty.

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6 **JUSTIFICATION:**

7 About 65,000 eligible immigrant students graduate from U.S. high schools each
8 year, but upon graduation, they fail to move forward. They either don't have
9 the support, the money, or the status to become educated or join the armed
10 forces. As America tries to overcome the economic crisis, impeding illegal
11 immigrants to grow to their full potential makes it ever harder. A study
12 conducted in January of 2010 by UCLA Professor Raul Hinojosa- Ojeda,
13 (based in part on surveys done after 1986 legislation that resulted in the
14 legalization of nearly 3 million undocumented immigrants) showed that
15 immigrants who became legal moved on to better-paying jobs and became
16 more educated, resulting in more spending and more tax revenue.

17 The U.S. government predicts that by 2020 it will be short between 800,000
18 and one million nurses. (Close to 117,000 short in California alone.) Before that
19 – 2015 – the U.S. Department of Health projects that 400,000 new nurses will
20 be needed just to fill vacancies left by retirees. Same goes with teachers, as the
21 Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts that between 2008 and 2018 the nation will
22 need to hire nearly half a million additional teachers. They also predict that by
23 2030 the last of the Baby Boomers will have reached retirement age and 77
24 million Baby Boomers will have left the workforce, this means there will be
25 twice as many retirees as there are today, but only 18% more workers. As
26 America struggles to fill these vacancies, allowing illegal immigrants to
27 contribute, and get educated will help ease the problem of labor shortages while
28 providing better qualified professionals.

29 Finally, our military is required for duties that vary in nature; one of the
30 primary duties of anyone in military service is to come when called upon. A
31 part of every serviceman's oath is to protect the United States against all
32 enemies, both domestic and foreign. Of course, it is the United States that
33 defines who the enemy is and therefore who servicemen will be fighting. By
34 letting undocumented immigrants who wish to join the armed forces, to take
35 this oath, we are letting them serve a country which they feel is their own. If
36 someone is willing to die for this country, it would be wrong to deny them the
37 rights that Citizenship carries. Furthermore, it is no secret that our military was
38 stretched thin to the point of near collapse in the very recent past. Put simply,
39 we need all the soldiers we can get.

Proposal No. 511

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

The Congress of the United States shall enact legislation to grant citizenship to any previously undocumented immigrant who arrived to the United States before the age of 14, graduated from a U.S. high school, and attain a bachelor's degree in an institution of higher learning or serve in the United States armed forces for at least 2 years active duty. This proposal would apply to individuals currently in the United States, and would not be offered to undocumented immigrants arriving after the enactment of the legislation.

Name: Jake Ksendzov
Delegation: Verdugo Hills YMCA

TOPIC OF CONCERN:

Dissolving the United States Postal Service.

JUSTIFICATION:

The United States Postal Service must be dissolved for fiscal reasons. Currently, taxpayers pay \$21.05 billion to the United States Government yearly. Of this revenue, \$10.1 billion was allocated to the United States Postal Service. In 2009 and 2010, the USPS lost a total of \$7 billion dollars. In order to aid their inefficiency, they raised the cost of 1st class postage and their international rates went up 8.5%. One factor contributing to their deficit was the over 400 audits and more than 5,500 investigations. This money has many better uses.

As well as the great fiscal impact of the USPS, it is simply inefficient, obsolete, and unnecessary. In modern society, approximately 75% of Americans use the internet and have access to online communication and particularly, email. Email is quickly taking over the world of communications, and there is no longer a place or a need for our government to deliver citizens their mail. The mail we get at home is filled with more advertisements than actual letters of importance. Packages are being delivered by efficiently run private companies for less money than the USPS charges. The USPS plans to close 1,000 of their branches which is no surprise seeing that this past year, about 9.5 billion less mail items were delivered than the year before. This shows a true decline of our government postal service which is why we should take the next step now and get rid of it completely.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

The United States Government will, similarly to the 1971 Postal Reorganization Act, put an act into effect which will dissolve the United States Postal Service. This will pertain only to the government established post offices, not any private companies.

Proposal No. 512

Name: Marley Windham-Herman

Delegation: Desert Family YMCA

TOPIC OF CONCERN:

On the Implementation of The New Socialist Federalist World Order.

JUSTIFICATION:

As humans have continued to develop their societies, their communications, and their technologies, they have advanced their nations. From tribes to villages and from villages to cities, and from cities to countries, we have progressed. Today, we hold alliances and unions among many countries, joined both politically and economically. One cannot deny the rise of globalization in the world over the last century, and now we in America stand at a peak of social and economic symbiosis with other developed nations. Where is the next step? Which historical trends can we rely upon to prophecy our inevitable future as a species, and what do those predictions say? Well, if the lineage of historical, human progression has any bearing on the matter, then we march steadfast towards a future, socialist world government, ruled by collaboration and peace across the planet.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

The construction of the New World Order necessitates many specific actions. The institution of the United Nations is a primary foothold in the preliminary process. The UN operates roughly as a representative senate of the world's nations. Of course, the current UN structure would not be a feasible base upon which to construct a new world government, yet a modified version would be a perfect launch point for this new policy. The UN's "permanent members" would have to go, and be replaced by a system similar in nature to our House of Representatives in which power is accorded to by population, a so called "World Panel." The UN would then be granted powers that allow actual enforcement of decisions, unlike the mostly symbolic power the UN holds today. The representatives would be democratically elected to the World Panel by their respective countries of representation. Politically, a democratic system allows direct participation of every human citizen within member countries and leads to a unified human race. The representation of various nation governments within the world government system would be a Federal system similar to the Federal government of the United States. Laws would vary among countries, yet would usually be superseded by laws passed at the global level. The various member countries would then have the task of deciding world laws and economic practices. If a standard currency is decided upon, it can be issued and controlled by a modified World Bank. There are many ways in which a world economy could be run, but a realistic ideal would be a socialist model. The vast differences in standard of living and law practices around the world would make for a very diverse place, relative to various

locations within the US. A socialist system would allow for a gradual equalization of the people of Earth. If capitalism was allowed to function on a global scale, it would sacrifice stability and unitary prosperity among the human species for the goal of higher production efficiency. Allowing humans to be united would allow for concentration on progressing our technologies and understandings, ultimately leading to a higher standard of living for every individual and most likely ruling out death by any war and famine in the future.

Proposal No. 513

Name: Erin Hickok
Delegation: Tri Valley YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Use of Embargo to enforce UN Human Rights Policy

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 The United Nations Human Rights Council has drafted and enacted numerous
6 Human Rights conventions that have guided many countries to improve living
7 conditions for the underprivileged. Some examples are the Convention on the
8 Elimination of Discrimination against women and the Convention on the Rights
9 of the Child. Six additional conventions cover issues such as torture, racial
10 discrimination, and the rights of the disabled. Additionally, fundamental
11 liberties are outlined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which was
12 adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on December 10,
13 1948.

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15 Currently, the United Nations does not have the power to enforce these vital
16 acts. If a country chooses to sign and ratify a convention, they first need to
17 present how they are going to implement new procedure in their government, to
18 satisfy the convention's requirements. After they have been approved, they are
19 required to submit a regular report showing progress, and a shadow report is
20 done if necessary. However, the issue is if the country is not complying to
21 human rights procedure, the United Nations has no real bargaining power.
22 Many countries who have been known to violate fundamental human rights
23 have been members of the Human Rights Council itself, such as Zimbabwe,
24 Russia, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, and in the past, Algeria, Syria, Libya, and
25 Vietnam. The fact that countries known to be in violation of human rights are
26 on the Commission illustrates how little power the United Nations has to
27 enforce its protocol. A global trade embargo with a violating nation would
28 solve this problem. Nations in violation of Human Rights acts would be forced
29 to address the situation if they were the victim of this crippling ban on trade.
30 This enforcement would allow for a peaceful and effective solution to the
31 continued violation of humans' rights in uncooperative nations.

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33 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

34 If a country has voluntarily ratified a Human Rights Convention and has been
35 found to be in violation of said convention's protocol, then all participating
36 countries of the United Nations will cut off all forms of trade with this country.
37 The Human Rights Committee will be responsible for recommending new trade
38 contacts for participating countries, so that their economies will not be
39 significantly impacted with their involvement.

Proposal No. 514

Name: Kian Rahbari
Delegation: Conejo Valley YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 De-privatization of the military.

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 As it stands, the weapons and technologies used by our armed forces are
6 largely provided by private organizations. The Government Accountability
7 Office (GAO)—says there has been a 78 percent increase in Department of
8 Defense spending on private sector services since 2001. There is obviously a
9 lot of money to be made marketing to the military. This gives private
10 companies a strong incentive to be at war. This, on principle, is immoral, as
11 businesses are driven by the profit motive to benefit from the killing of people,
12 not only foreign, but even Americans. A government should go to war in spite
13 of the cost, not because of them. Estimates of the number of private
14 international security personnel range from 15,000 to 20,000. That is about
15 15% of the entire United States presence of approximately 130,000. These
16 private soldiers are not accountable to the government, and are licensed to kill
17 as bounty hunters. They too, make their living off of war, rather than the
18 security of our country.

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20 The fiscal impact of having a privatized military is detrimental. Although, yes,
21 we would have to pay for our government to produce these weapons,
22 technologies, and soldiers through taxes, the truth is we already do pay these
23 taxes. We already pay our government to buy the products of these companies,
24 and are essentially giving our tax dollars to the companies in the process. The
25 system that results is horrendous, as these companies now have a special
26 interest to go to war, and can lobby to influence our politicians to act on this
27 interest. Right now, 20% of our national budget is being spent on a war that's
28 objective was declared complete on May 1, 2003. A major part of that
29 complication is lobbying from these companies against peace. This system of
30 dealing death for money must be changed.

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32 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

33 Private weapons and military development companies are given a 15 year time
34 frame to either assimilate into the U.S. government or to stop selling to the
35 military. After 5 years, the production of military weapons and technologies by
36 these companies must be slowed. By 10 years this sale must fall even more, and
37 at 15 years it will be outlawed.

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39 The U.S. government is no longer permitted to enlist the services of mercenary
40 soldiers on a 5 year time table. The amount hired must incrementally decrease
41 each year until at year 5 none are contracted.

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Organizations wishing to stay active in the weapons industry but unwilling to assimilate into the government are only permitted to produce and sell firearms for domestic and recreational purposes.

The United States Military is to construct its own organizations or buy out existing ones to create its weapons and technologies in congruence with the set time lines.

Meaning of“assimilation”: in this case, the company is assimilated into the government when it becomes integrated into the U.S. bureaucratic system, being controlled and regulated by the Department of Defense. This can occur through government buyout of the company or voluntarily.

Name: Jennifer Dutton
Delegation: Crescenta-Canada YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 The installation of microchips into new born babies to speed up the discovery
3 process of kidnapped children.
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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 Kidnapping is the taking away or transportation of a person against the persons
7 will, usually to hold the person in false imprisonment, a confinement without
8 legal authority. This may be done for ransom, in furtherance of another crime,
9 or in connection with a child custody dispute.
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11 As one can see kidnapping is a huge problem in the United States and this
12 needs to end now. As stated by the U.S. Department of Justice, “If any other
13 segment of our population were so impacted, we would declare an epidemic;
14 the center of disease control would fund a cure; we would pass and enforce
15 legislation and we would increase private and public security.” But since it is
16 only our children many in our society accept theses appalling numbers as the
17 status quo.
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19 There is current technology microchip and gps technology currently used on
20 our cats and dogs today. Our pets have a microchips in them so if they get lost
21 or stolen the people who find them can take them to the pound where they then
22 check to see if they have a chip if they do then they can contact the owner that
23 they have found there pet. Currently this procedure for our pets cost around 68
24 dollars, its 40 for the actual chip and 18 for the registration fee.
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26 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

27 By the year 2015 we should install microchips, with additional gps
28 capabilities, into all new born babies to act as a low jack/gps devices to be
29 activated when they are kidnapped which would dramatically increase the
30 recovery rate for kidnapped children. The cost would be rounded up to 100
31 dollars extra on to your hospital bill. Starting in 2015 it will be mandatory for
32 all new born babies to get the microchip. The location of the chip would be
33 randomized in each child. In order to keep the federal government in check
34 with the GPS on the microchips, the microchips can only be turned on within
35 48 hours of a missing person report, then once the child has been found they
36 must immediately turn it off again, or else they will lose there job.
37 The Executive Departments of Health and Human Services, Housing and
38 Urban Development, Justice, and Transportation, along with the national
39 Center for Missing and Exploited Children, would do what they normally do
40 for a missing persons report except that when they are notified then they turn
41 on the chip. Also if the respective person does not abide by the rules set in

Proposal No. 602

place for the turning on of the microchip and tries to use it in other way other then to locate the missing child then that person will get fired and fined accordingly and at worst imprisoned.

If your child does not get the microchip put in when they are born then the parents will be fined 1000 dollars by the federal government because this is a mandatory federal law that they will have just broken.

Name: Jenirae Beyer-Johnson
Delegation: Conejo Valley YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 This proposal calls for the elimination of any and all tax-dollars to be spent on
3 funding abortion clinics. Instead, individual clinics would be funded by selling
4 the aborted umbilical cords.
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6 **JUSTIFICATION:**

7 Under President Obama's new healthcare bill, Maryland alone is slated to
8 spend \$85 million in federal funds covering abortions. In addition,
9 Pennsylvania will receive \$160 million for abortion related services. Although
10 President Obama signed the bill stating that no tax money would go to
11 abortions, the language of the bill was not strong enough to support this
12 intention. Abortion is highly debated topic, but whether it is moral or immoral
13 is irrelevant to this proposal. What is relevant, however, is the fact that millions
14 of federal dollars are being devoted to a practice that millions of the Americans
15 find reprehensible. Therefore, it unjust that the taxes of these Americans should
16 be spent on abortion and abortion related services.
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18 A single umbilical cord can be sold for up to \$30,000. This figure was reported
19 by the Children's Hospital in Randwick, Australia and confirmed in the 10th
20 edition of the Principles of Anatomy and Physiology, 2003 page 1076.
21 Considering that there are approximately 3700 abortions performed each day in
22 the U.S, this would provide \$111,000,000 daily. If only 1% of these abortions
23 are federally funded, \$ 1,110,000 could be allocated to operated clinics that
24 were once federally funded. If each individual clinic sells aborted umbilical
25 cords, the burden of funding falls on the individuals who support abortion and
26 not on those who are morally opposed to the practice. Thus, this proposal
27 solves both the practical problem of supporting abortion clinics for those who
28 support abortions, but also solves the moral dilemma of tax dollars supporting a
29 practice which many tax payers find morally objectionable. Additionally, stem
30 cell research is continued and funded by those individuals who support
31 abortion, thus ending the moral controversy over stem cell research.
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33 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

34 Each federally funded clinic would provide fair and honest records of their
35 projected operating expenses over a six month period. The federal government
36 would then extend loans covering these expenses for the allotted six month
37 period. These loans would be offered at a fixed, low interest rate to be paid
38 back to the government by each individual clinic over a ten year period. After
39 this six month period, each clinic would be funded solely by the sale of
40 umbilical cords generated from the sale of each clinic's abortions.

Proposal No. 603

Name: Noah Lax
Delegation: Desert Family YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Lowering the taxes and regulations on Californian company.

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 The Californian government has been heavily taxing and regulating major
6 Californian companies. Over the past year, the list of companies leaving
7 California has increased by 84, taking a large amount of taxes and jobs with
8 them.

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10 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

11 California will decrease the taxes and regulations on companies, making it look
12 profitable to have a business in California.

Proposal No. 604

Name: Danielle Landry
Delegation: Ventura Family YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Mandate that no person with a record of psychological illness be permitted to
3 bare arms.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 In the last four years, as a result of fire arms being sold to psychologically ill
7 persons, at least 39 murders have tragically occurred and countless other lives
8 have forever been torn apart. From April 16, 2007, the Virginia Tech shooting,
9 to the Arizona shooting on January 8, 2011 we have seen what will continue to
10 happen if we don't put this proposal into action. These tragedies and more like
11 them could have been prevented. This proposal will help put an end to any
12 further shootings by individuals with psychological illnesses.

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14 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

15 All persons who attempt to purchase guns shall be subject to a background
16 check. All gun salesmen will have access to background records, which will
17 include any psychological illnesses, on every person who wishes to purchase
18 the arms. If the consumer has a psychological illness, it will be on their record
19 and they will be unable to purchase the arms.

Proposal No. 605

Name: Wyatt Gormley
Delegation: Thousand Oaks/CVY YMCA

TOPIC OF CONCERN:

The fourth amendment is violated when digital devices, files, and documents are not recognized as the “papers and effects” of the author or communicating parties.

JUSTIFICATION:

In *The People v. Gregory Diaz*, the California Supreme Court ruled for allowing warrantless searches of text messages to prevent the destruction of possible evidence of criminal activity. This is insufficient justification to suspend constitutional rights, as it follows that a suspect’s possessions and home may likewise be searched to preserve possible criminal evidence, effectively removing the need for a warrant. The last decade has already seen excessive compromises to privacy in the form of the Patriot Act. To allow further infringement of citizens’ constitutional right to privacy is no longer in the people’s best interest.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

Congress should pass legislation recognizing the ownership and accessibility of digital documents, including, but not limited to text messages, phone calls, e-mails, pictures, and video as the papers and effects of the author or communicating parties. This ownership may not be waived.

Proposal No. 606

Name: Desiree Jimenez
Delegation: Covina

TOPIC OF CONCERN:

To decrease the amount of times food manufacture companies filter their food.

JUSTIFICATION:

Due to the trillions of dollars that is owed by the United States, it has caused a money crisis in America, the country needs to find an alternative way to gain money. If not soon dealt with, the country may become bankrupt and begin an economic depression worse than the first one. Ignoring this money crisis is a risk for everyone.

The United States has a debt of 27 trillion dollars to foreign governments and private investors. This equates to around 20 percent of the countries suffering and slipping in to and economic depression. Our current methods of helping this crisis has improved although a risk still looms for the economy. Declining house prices and millions of homes foreclosing are depressing housing markets around the country.

The percent of jobs in the United States consists of 54 percent, for an average of 35 percent of the economic income in the United States. The amount of money that comes out of the food manufactures will help the United States lure out of the beginning of an economic depression. These manufacturing companies can help bring revenue to the country by decreasing the amount of times companies filter their food.

In current food manufacturing companies the FDA approves approximately a total of 33 percent of extra debris fallen from animals. This equals 9 hairs for every 3 ounces and 1152 hairs in 3 gallons of the company’s food. Yet, there has been a failed attempt to find any harmful substance in the manufactured product to make a person seriously ill. Scientists found that even though the extra debris is not generally toxic it is not necessarily healthy for you either.

The toxics that people are worried about, should not be an issue that they should learn about. If a rodent is diagnosed with a disease and their dropping fall into the food product, then the way the disease disintegrates is in the food. When the product absorbs the debris and the disease mixes in leaving it nontoxic for the food. Although the way to manage the increase will be in regulating the higher tolerance of the debris; the concern of whether the product is beyond regulation will not be a concern anymore.

Proposal No. 607

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

These days the country is poor and with manufactures decreasing the amount of times they clean out their product will gain benefit to the economic finance of food companies. The food companies will gain this finance by selling more food to costumers that would before be disposed because of its fail to comply with the 33 percent limit. Unlike the 45 percent which gets more food to pass the limit, selling more food in companies will ultimately give more money to the country. This will be a solution in the economies financial crisis, which is impacting everyone today.

Name: Eric Bergstrom
Delegation: Culver-Palms YMCA/LA

TOPIC OF CONCERN:

To create a federal law that gives tax incentives to companies that keep their facilities and operations in the United States.

JUSTIFICATION:

We live in a world where the majority of our day-to-day products are from factories that are located outside of the United States. By 2015, it is estimated that more than 3 million additional U.S. jobs will vanish due to outsourcing. These lost jobs would mean a loss of \$176 billion in wages for American workers. At this rate, unemployment in the United States is going to increase phenomenally. If businesses kept their facilities in the United States, it would create jobs and help stimulate the economy.

Since 2001, the United States has lost more than 2.5 million manufacturing jobs and more than 850,000 professional service and sector jobs. By moving manufacturing plants across seas, companies are becoming more profitable by avoiding the corporate taxes and paying cheaper labor.

When a company outsources, it is mainly to reduce the costs of the company or to increase the companies' profit. Some of the major corporations who are outsourcing are: American Express, Apple, AOL, AT&T Wireless, Best Buy, Sprint, Toys "R" Us, United Airlines, and hundreds more (according to a list released by CNN in "Exporting America"). The major companies that Americans are used to are outsourcing to different countries. Most of the population is unaware of these facts, which could be why these companies are getting away with it.

If the taxes were lower for companies who kept their companies in the United States, then the companies who are not making enough money won't outsource as a last resort.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

Businesses are to have a 5% tax break if they discontinue to outsource their businesses to countries outside of the United States. This tax break would also apply to businesses that never outsourced. With this tax break, it will give an incentive for companies to not be driven to outsourcing and it would promote more jobs in the United States.

Proposal No. 608

Name: Erin Hoey
Delegation: El Camino YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 The legalization of the selling of organs and blood.

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 Currently, more than 110,000 people are on the national organ transplant list
6 for a life-saving organ donation in the United States alone. A new person is
7 added to the list every 11 minutes. With only 6,000 living donations a year, not
8 everybody gets what they need, and as a result, 18 people die every day while
9 waiting on the transplant list.

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11 The need for blood is just as great. Every 2 seconds, a person in the United
12 States needs blood, with more than 38,000 blood donations needed every day.
13 Only roughly 5% of the population that is eligible to donate blood actually does
14 so. There is always a shortage of every blood type.

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16 Reasons for not donating blood vary, ranging from a fear of needles to not
17 enough time. Donors are not compensated for their blood, so why should they
18 bother doing it? Donating an organ is even more invasive than a blood
19 donation, and very few people undergo the surgery to donate to someone they
20 do not even know. But blood and organs are in great demand and needed every
21 day.

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23 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

24 The National Blood and Organ Agency (NBOA) will be set up using money
25 from health insurance companies. The NBOA will send money to blood and
26 organ donation sites to pay people for their blood and organs- \$15 for a pint of
27 blood, \$20 dollars for plasma, and \$1,000 for each organ. The regular
28 restrictions on eligibility to donate will still apply.

Proposal No. 609

Name: Annie Humphrey
Delegation: SRV - Valle Lobo YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Creating a Do Not Mail Registry to reduce junk mail.

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 Junk mail is more than just a nuisance; it is a disaster to our environment and
6 economy. At least 10 million trees are destroyed each year to produce junk
7 mail. 28 billion gallons of water are used to create this paper. The
8 manufacturing and transportation of junk mail produces more greenhouse gas
9 emissions than 9 million cars. An estimated \$320 million of local taxes are used
10 to dispose of junk mail annually, and transportation of junk mail costs about
11 \$500 million per year. All of this for a bunch of advertisements most
12 Americans don't even want to look at. In fact, 50% of junk mail is thrown out
13 unopened, and the rate of response to junk mail is less than 2%.

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15 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

16 An easy, free, and enforceable Do Not Mail Registry, modeled after the Do Not
17 Call Registry, will be created. Businesses who continue to send junk mail to
18 people on the Do Not Mail Registry will be required to plant one tree and fined
19 \$500 per illegal piece of mail.

Proposal No. 610

Name: Nicholas Garcia
Delegation: Anaheim YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Schools should have gender separated classes but the school should still have a
3 mix of gender because boys and girls learn in different ways and can achieve
4 more when around their own gender

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6 **JUSTIFICATION:**

7 Boys and girls have many differences. They learn in different ways, which
8 needs to be taken into account. Boys seem to learn better by physically doing
9 an activity, and through demonstrations and movements, whereas girls learn
10 better through reading and writing. Boys tend to act more manly in front of a
11 girl, which makes their learning time less productive. Girls tend to not do as
12 well in mathematics and the sciences in front of boys, because they are
13 embarrassed to act overly smart... when in fact they actually do very well in
14 these subjects. It has been proven that in public schools with male and females
15 in the same classes, the boys score 42% passing on tests and girls score 51%
16 passing, but comparatively in separated gender schools, boys score 67%
17 passing, and girls score 72%. In other countries such as the United Kingdom,
18 they have over 2,000 separated gender schools, whereas the U.S. has a little
19 over 400. They should continue to go to the same schools, though, because if
20 we stay separated, we might lose social skills. It could lead to social problems
21 where guys and girls are too afraid and nervous to talk to each other and this
22 could have a large affect on the next generation.

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24 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

25 Make schools have separated classes through gender and teach the teachers
26 new techniques and ways to teach the boys and girls since they learn better by
27 using certain techniques.

Proposal No. 611

Name: Annette Warwick
Delegation: SRV - Valle Lobo YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 This proposal will prohibit the sale of companion pets in pet stores, other than
3 fish.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 By banning the sale of pets other than fish in pet stores, people would be led to
7 either adopt from a shelter or work with a private, reputable breeder. Ninety-
8 eight percent of animals in pet stores come from puppy mills or mass animal
9 breeding sites and this proposal would reduce the number of these operations
10 significantly. Puppy mills and other animal mills are essentially factories where
11 the animals are over bred in unsanitary conditions leading to poor health.
12 Without the continued income coming from pet stores blindly purchasing
13 animals from mills, the mills would lose nearly all of their support and
14 subsequently go out of business.

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16 The number of animals in shelters is creating mass overcrowding, forcing them
17 to euthanize healthy animals to create more space. The Humane Society
18 estimates that between three and four million animals are euthanized each year
19 in shelters. Dogs and cats aren't the only animals in danger, rabbits, hamsters,
20 gerbils, guinea pigs and other unwanted animals are also killed, every year, in
21 increasing numbers. Rabbits, who are the third most popular animal used as
22 pets, are also the third most frequently abandoned. If pet stores were to cease
23 their sale of pets, people would be much more inclined to adopt from a shelter
24 because of it's availability and thus lower the number of animals in the system.

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26 This bill has already been passed in Albuquerque, New Mexico along with
27 other cities like North Hollywood and is currently being proposed in San
28 Francisco. Since the ban was put in place in 2006, the results have been
29 positive. Animal adoptions have increased by twenty-three percent and
30 euthanasia at city shelters has decreased by thirty-five percent. If this proposal
31 were to be put in place nationally, the number would continue to increase
32 substantially.

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34 Even though more than 280 cats and 180 dogs are put to death every hour of
35 every day, puppy mills alone breed an estimated two to four million dogs in the
36 US every year. With the ban of the sale of pets in pet stores, these number
37 would drop significantly, saving the lives of millions of animals.

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39 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

40 A ban on the sale of all companion pets in pet stores, other than fish, starting
41 January 1, 2012.

Proposal No. 612

Name: Tom Ciccone
Delegation: SRV - Valle Lobo YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 An act to ban certain aid to African countries, with a commission approving the
3 aid under the requirements that it must invest in the country rather than being
4 temporary, or aid that these countries definitely can not provide for themselves
5 due to lack of technology.

6 **JUSTIFICATION:**

7 Certain aid to African countries simply isn't helping, but rather is detrimental
8 to these countries. Temporary aid, such as food, water, clothing, etc., is hurting
9 these countries' chances at development. If these countries are to ever become
10 developed in the future, they must first learn to provide for themselves. Many
11 countries are becoming reliant on the aid they receive, so they have abandoned
12 trying to do these things for themselves. Not only that, but those who provided
13 these things before are put out of business. Aid like this is just obstructing the
14 establishment of a community. A lot of this aid is also causing violence in
15 villages. People fight over food, water, and clothing when it is dropped off at
16 the village. Aid that is beneficial for the countries invests in the country and
17 gives them the tools to provide for themselves. If an organization wants to go to
18 a country and teach the people how to provide for themselves, for example,
19 teaching them how to farm or maintain irrigation systems, then this will help
20 these countries. Due to a lack of technology, certain countries do not have the
21 means to make products like wheelchairs. Sending aid like this would be
22 acceptable aid. We must teach these countries to provide for themselves, not
23 provide everything for them.

24 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

25 All aid that is going to be sent to Africa must be approved by a commission.
26 The commission will be implemented under the State Department of the U.S. It
27 will consist of three republicans, three democrats, and four independents
28 because that represents the percentage of people that belong to each party. The
29 members of the commission will be appointed by the Secretary of State. They
30 will determine if the aid is an investment in the country, rather than a
31 temporary solution, or something that the country does not have the technology
32 to provide for themselves. The biggest forms of aid that will be banned are
33 food, water, and clothing. Anything sent to Africa in mass quantity will need to
34 prove that it is approved aid, or not aid at all.
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Proposal No. 613

Name: Bronte Hernandez
Delegation: Kings County YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Removal of AIDS/HIV confidentiality laws.
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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 The majority of states in the U.S. currently have confidentiality laws for
6 AIDS/HIV patients; all the laws are similar in nature, for example the
7 California Health and Safety Code Section 121035 states that all HIV/AIDS
8 case reports and any information collected or maintained in the course of
9 surveillance-related activities that may directly or indirectly identify an
10 individual are considered confidential public health record(s). In other terms,
11 this law's is stating that the disclosure of an individual's HIV/AIDS status is
12 purely at his/her own discretion, by doing this, the safety code endangers the
13 public by not giving them information that may jeopardize their lives.

14 Although this code was created to protect the rights of HIV/AIDS patients, it is
15 denying the rights of the rest of the nation. No other contagious, fatal disease is
16 confidential by law; so why is HIV/AIDS the exception? Various groups, but
17 not limited, health care workers and emergency response personnel (firefighters
18 and police) are imperiled by this code. These men and women are at great risk
19 as a result of them working at close proximity with HIV/AIDS patients. To
20 these workers HIV/AIDS is seen as a serious disease not a social stigma.
21 Therefore, HIV/AIDS patients should not fear prejudice because health care
22 workers and emergency response personnel are there to help patients, not to
23 judge them. So far AIDS/HIV has killed 25 million people worldwide, yet these
24 laws are allowing this disease to spread more easily. The federal government
25 should not allow personal confidentiality to surpass public safety.

26 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

27 The federal government will override and remove the AIDS/HIV
28 confidentiality state laws.
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Proposal No. 614

Name: Hanna Iazzetta
Delegation: Triunfo YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Protection of dogs in vehicles.

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 Veterinarians around the country see numerous cases of injured dogs who have
6 been hurt because they were riding in pickup truck beds. Often, the dog is
7 killed or has to be put to sleep due to orthopedic injuries. It is recommended to
8 crate or tie the dog down with some type of harness or restraint, but even these
9 aren't safe options. A swerve or sudden stop can jolt the dog out on to the
10 pavement, into traffic or hanging by the tether.

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12 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

13 Make it illegal for dogs to ride in truck pickup beds.

Proposal No. 701

Name: Marielle Friedman
Delegation: Albany YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Enabling eligible cancer patients to legally buy psilocybin to help with
3 depression, anxiety, etc.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 From the late 1950's to the early 1970's, research was carried out exploring the
7 affect of hallucinogens to treat the anxiety, despair, and isolation often
8 associated with advanced-stage cancer patients. Although the use of medicinal
9 marijuana alleviates physical symptoms such as pain and nausea associated with
10 cancer treatments, there are few effective treatments available for the
11 psychological hardships that ail cancer patients.

12 This research showed that many ill individuals had undergone psycho spiritual
13 epiphanies and were accompanied by improvement in mood and anxiety as well
14 as a lessened need for pain medication. Psilocybin, a hallucinogen that occurs in
15 various species of mushrooms, has recently been tested again on advanced-stage
16 cancer patients. A study done with healthy patients at John Hopkins Medical
17 Center in Maryland, found that psilocybin, in a comfortable and supportive
18 setting, can provide an experience that is personally and spiritually meaningful
19 for the participant. Further studies have been done on cancer patients who have
20 found that the spirituality found while under the influence of psilocybin has
21 increased psychological coping and decreased depression in serious illness.
22 Nancy Edlich, 67, who was suffering from ovarian cancer and participated in a
23 trial research study involving psilocybin said, "I think it made me more aware of
24 what was so important and what was making me either sad or depressed. I think
25 it was revelatory." Also, recent clinical examinations have found that psilocybin
26 is not hazardous to physical health. Currently psilocybin has not been approved
27 by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for general medical use and is a
28 schedule 1 controlled substance. The only people legally allowed to use
29 psilocybin in the United States are certain Native American groups who consider
30 the fungi central to their religious beliefs.

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32 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

33 This proposal will urge the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to approve
34 Psilocybin for general medical use. Eligible cancer patients (eligibility
35 determined by hospital) will be able to purchase psilocybin in a medical facility
36 to use under the care of a doctor or nurse.

Proposal No. 702

Name: Sarah Nichols
Delegation: Palomar/SDSC YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Reform the apportionment of USDA agricultural subsidies.

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 Agricultural subsidies are money given to farms and agribusinesses by the
6 government, intended to help them to be more resilient and stay in business
7 during economic downturns.

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9 Last year, the USDA paid 16.3 billion dollars in subsidies to farmers. 61% of
10 these payments went to 10% of the recipients, and 62% of farmers received no
11 payments at all. The top recipients are large industrial farms, who benefit from
12 the economy of scale and are therefore generally protected from the market
13 shifts that can severely hurt small farms. It is not the large corporations that
14 need federal assistance- it is America's small family farms.

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16 Sixty percent of small family farmers are not currently eligible for any subsidy
17 programs. Federal subsidies are currently available only to farms that produce a
18 narrow range of products, which does not include any fruits or vegetables.
19 Because many small farmers grow fruits and vegetables, this clause will make
20 more small farmers eligible for subsidies.

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22 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

23 Effective 2012, 75% of USDA subsidy funds shall be allocated to small farms
24 (defined as farms whose gross annual income is less than \$250,000); 50% of all
25 subsidy funds shall be allocated to programs for recipients with demonstrated
26 financial need; and program categories shall be expanded to include subsidies
27 for fruit and vegetable cultivation.

Proposal No. 703

Name: Maggie Bradshaw
Delegation: SPPY-San Pedro YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 To impose a tax on families with three or more children.

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 The United States population has increased over 21 million in the past 8 years.
6 It is expected to increase from 308.7million to 419.9 million by the year 2050.
7 The United States is one of the few developed countries that are still growing at
8 such a sharp rate. Having more than two children is socially and fiscally
9 irresponsible on personal families, and also on society. Overpopulation puts a
10 strain on both natural resources and public government resources. The United
11 States government should have families pay a tax per child to offset their costs
12 on the environment and the national budget.

13
14 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

15 Starting for children born in 2015, families with more than two children will
16 not be eligible to receive a dependent tax deduction and will receive a tax
17 penalty per child that will increase for each subsequent child. Funds will be
18 allocated to federal grants towards education and environmental renovation.

Proposal No. 704

Name: Adam Schaar
Delegation: SPPY-San Pedro YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Once a person turns eighteen they are automatically registered to vote.
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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 The United States was ranked 15th in the world in voter turn-out as of 2001.
6 At this time the United States had 47% of its voting-age population voting.
7 More than two-thirds of the countries ahead of the U.S. have percentages of
8 more than 70%, this is in part because an overwhelming majority of these
9 countries have automatic voter registration. This proposal will not make it
10 mandatory to vote, but it will just make the act of voting much simpler by
11 cutting out the registration process. Fraud was the reason that the U.S required
12 voters to register, however in modern times with advanced technology, the
13 potential for fraud is very limited if not nonexistent. The United States
14 considers itself one of the more advanced democracies in the world, but more
15 than 40-50% of its potential voters fail to show up come November in "high
16 turnout" presidential elections. The figures in midterm and local elections are
17 even more dismal.

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19 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

20 Congress shall amend the U.S. Constitution to require that all citizens that meet
21 the current qualifications to vote are automatically registered to vote.

Proposal No. 705

Name: Steve Sedano
Delegation: Downey Family YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Create competitive sports programs for juvenile delinquents.
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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 As of 2006, more than 92,000 Americans under the age of 18 were incarcerated
6 in juvenile facilities. A majority of teenagers in these facilities do not graduate
7 high school, and they end up in prison as adults. However, research shows that
8 participating in sports is an easy way to help young people from all
9 backgrounds become successful adults. Students who participate in sports have
10 lower rates of drug use and other destructive activities, earn higher grades,
11 graduate at higher rates, and report higher levels of self-esteem than students
12 who do not participate in sports. In addition, organized sports teach young
13 people discipline and teamwork, qualities necessary for success as an adult.
14 Teenagers in juvenile detention facilities are badly in need of the skills and
15 benefits that can be obtained through sports, and unless they receive them,
16 these young people may never become functioning members of our society.

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18 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

19 Develop and fund programs for inmates in juvenile detention centers to play
20 competitive sports.

Proposal No. 706

Name: Rachel Finn
Delegation: Berkeley YMCA

TOPIC OF CONCERN:

Addition of nap-time to public high school.

JUSTIFICATION:

Sleeping is as vital to one's well being as breathing, eating, or drinking enough water. Without sleep our body doesn't have efficient time to rejuvenate from the day and perform essential bodily functions such as muscle repair, memory consolidation and release of hormones, three actions that play an important role in regulating growth and appetite.

Teens need an average of 9 ¼ hours of a sleep a night, 8 ½ at the very least, in order to maintain a healthy lifestyle and function to the best of one's ability during the day. However the National Sleep Foundation reports that studies showed only 15% of teens reported sleeping 8 ½ hours on a school night. Having a bad morning is one of the most common side effects of a bad sleep, but others which are just as common are far graver.

Not getting the proper amount of sleep can limit one's ability to learn and retain new information, cause acne, trigger aggressive behavior, make one more prone to illness, and keep one generally tired throughout the day. Being drowsy, while a seemingly simple side effect, causes people to fall asleep at the wheel and produces over 100,000 car crashes every year. A study done by AAA showed that 86% of teens are distracted at the wheel with activities including texting, talking on the phone, or eating food. The effects of not getting enough sleep can be a hazard in teens' personal life as well as for people around them.

When planned effectively, naps can refresh the mind and body in a very brief amount of time. The nap, or siesta, has existed since human kind and has been regarded as a human necessity, rather than how we view it today, as a luxury or a treat. A nap, if taken for the right amount of time, can be revitalizing and beneficial. In fact, Einstein was said to take naps during the day to promote lucid thinking. Besides short term benefits, naps can also benefit to one's health in the long run. Research conducted by the Harvard School of Public Health "found that a short nap in the afternoon can reduce the risk of heart disease by 34%".

The solution to teenage sleep deprivation can we solved in the short period of 30 minutes a day. If high school students were to take a short nap after their lunch period, the second half of the day would not pass in the usual sleepy blur. A 30 minutes long nap would not dip into the deep sleep stage of the sleep

cycle, and would leave students more alert for their next classes. The addition of said naps, or "nap-time," to the high school day would only add a maximum of an hour of school per day, allowing time getting to their next class, and possibly to enjoy a warm cup of milk before entering into dreamland.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

US Congress will mandate that states institute a 30 min. nap period into daily public schools. Federal funding will be restricted if this nap addition is not made by the year 2012.

Proposal No. 707

Name: Jack Wada
Delegation: Westside Family YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 A proposal that would make cosmetic surgery illegal for the average person in
3 California, with the exception of people that need to be operated on by a plastic
4 surgeon for medical reasons.

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6 **JUSTIFICATION:**

7 Plastic surgery is dangerous. In the United States there is a large number of
8 people that die due to Cosmetic surgery. For instance, studies show that one out
9 of every five hundred people die in plastic surgery operations such as the “
10 Tummy Tuck.” Plastic surgeons perform many other surgeries that are equally
11 as dangerous to the health of people. Many people that receive cosmetic
12 surgery aren’t in great need of it. This proposal would make it illegal for people
13 in California to get plastic surgery because they want to alter their image, rather
14 than need to get plastic surgery due to health complications.

15 Making plastic surgery illegal for this large group of people would decrease
16 the number of deaths linked to cosmetic surgery. The proposal’s main objective
17 is to save the lives of people that die during Plastic surgeries.

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19 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

20 On January 1st of 2012, it will be made illegal for plastic surgeons in
21 California to operate on people that aren’t in need of plastic surgery due to
22 health reasons.

Proposal No. 708

Name: Hannah Axelrad
Delegation: Conejo Valley YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Removing “under God” from the Pledge of Allegiance.

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 The pledge has undergone many changes, and phrases have been added to it
6 over time. On June 14, 1954 the words “under God” were signed into law by
7 President Eisenhower in order to preserve our philosophy of freedom. Adding
8 this clause does not however protect our freedom of individuality, but instead
9 stifles the equality among our diverse nation. This phrase clearly allows
10 religion into our law and marginalizes people without the belief in a god, which
11 consequently violates both the free exercise and establishment clauses in our
12 Constitution, and therefore must be removed. It is wrong for our government
13 to force this idea on our citizens and on impressionable students who must
14 affirm their allegiance to a god along with our country while reciting the entire
15 Pledge of Allegiance. This country was based on and founded upon the
16 freedom of religion, which also includes the freedom from religion. The United
17 States Pledge of Allegiance is a promise of commitment to our nation and
18 should not have any religious undertones. This is an issue over our fundamental
19 rights as Americans, not just over a popular belief, and these rights of ours are
20 protected by the Constitution, in the First Amendment. We must keep our
21 neutrality towards religion and promote patriotism free of religious ties.

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23 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

24 Congress shall amend §4 of the United States Flag Code to remove “under God”
25 from the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proposal No. 709

Name: Arteen Asgharzadeh
Delegation: Conejo Valley YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Decriminalizing the possession of all illegal and controlled substances.

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 The War on Drugs is failing. We have more and more drug use than ever before
6 and there is no sign that this number is going down. The Federal Government
7 spends millions in tax payer money putting these drug addicts in prisons for the
8 mundane crime of possessing substances that are seen as harmful to oneself and
9 morally wrong. The Criminal System that these drug addicts are put into is not
10 solving the problems it was intended to solve. Of the 2.3 million inmates that
11 populate our prison system, a little over half of them use of have used drugs
12 and in 2007 there were 197,000 arrests for drug related offenses alone. Many of
13 these nonviolent inmates enter the jail system to come out as violent offenders,
14 often in a gang, and surrounded by new connections that only serve to hurt
15 society more. Jail and Street Gangs profit off of the addiction of these inmates,
16 comprising a multimillion dollar jail drug industry. Putting these people away
17 gives more power and more profits to those the war on drugs should be
18 targeting, cartels and violent street gangs.

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20 Decriminalization of these substances has seen great success in other countries.
21 Portugal, for example, decriminalized all criminal penalties for personal drug
22 use. They have seen a decline in teen drug use, rates of HIV infection, and
23 deaths related to heroin or other similar drugs was cut in half. Furthermore,
24 Portugal has seen the number of those who seek help for drug use double. The
25 Netherlands and The Czech Republic have seen similar results with similar
26 policies of drug liberalization.

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28 The fact of the matter is that we are wasting time, money, and resources putting
29 people in jail for something that should be a public health issue and not a
30 criminal issue. These resources would be better allocated in fighting the true
31 criminals of the Drug trade and, more importantly, the American People.

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33 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

34 The use of previously illegal and controlled substances for personal use will be
35 fully decriminalized on the Federal, State, and local level. Personal use is
36 defined as up to 1.5 grams of heroin and other opiates and up to one ounce for
37 all other substances. The use of these substances can only take place in the
38 privacy of one's own home, away from children, adherent to current Federal,
39 State, and Local law. Furthermore, this action does not infringe on the rights of
40 employers to have their own drug policies nor does it allow any drug use in a
41 public place.

Proposal No. 710

Name: Naima Rahmaoui
Delegation: San Francisco YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Tracking location via cell phone signals

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 Technology has improved rapidly. But these days it came to a point where our
6 privacy is interfered. A phone's location can be uploaded to a common web
7 site, where one can find your location via phone signals. Minute-by-minute
8 location of a mobile device or a cell phone is being released into the net. The
9 person's consent isn't necessary for tracking. Newer phones may also allow
10 tracking of a phone when it's off, and not active.

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12 In January 3,2011, the California Supreme court determined that tracking a cell
13 phone was "valid as being incident to a lawful custodial arrest" (under the 14th
14 amendment).

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16 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

17 Mobile companies are required to send a consensus out to their customers
18 before anyone can search their mobile device

Proposal No. 711

Name: Benjamin Duarte
Delegation: Pescadero Y&G

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 The re-introduction of Home Economics to public schools throughout the
3 United States.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 Sometime in the 1980's, the United States extracted Home Economics from the
7 school curriculum. Since then, there has been a downfall of self-reliance in our
8 society. Home Economics provided basic skills that helped people throughout
9 their life. It is said now that a majority of our society can't cook a tasty, healthy
10 meal for themselves. Cooking is only one of the important subjects covered by
11 Home Economics. Personally, I think it is interesting that some people don't
12 know how to sew a button on their shirt, which, you must admit is one of the
13 simplest tasks known to man.

14
15 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

16 I propose that our nation re-introduce Home Economics into our school's
17 curriculum, to teach the basics of everyday life. People need to know how to
18 feed, clothe, and run a healthy household for themselves and their family. This
19 is more important than some of the things now taught in our present nation's
20 curriculum. If there is no funding for Home Economics in schools, then I
21 propose slightly cutting costs from other classes such as Art or Drama, and
22 Drivers Education. These classes have very slight importance in society
23 compared to Home Economics. If we could start teaching our youth how to
24 cook, clean, manage finances, and other important life skills, it could possibly
25 be a major factor in solving our nation's path to depression.

Proposal No. 712

Name: Javier Zamorano
Delegation: Santa Ana YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 All able-bodied and able-minded citizens from the ages of 18-30 (with some
3 exceptions) should serve at least two years in the military, Peace Corps, or
4 AmeriCorps after their training is complete.

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6 **JUSTIFICATION:**

7 Imagine a country that has citizens that are more patriotic and
8 disciplined. A country that is more politically active and internationally aware.
9 A country where everyone is united and more physically fit. A country where
10 Americans want to volunteer more and help the less fortunate. Would you like
11 to see a decrease in crime and drug abuse? All of this is possible with a
12 mandatory national service.

13 We live in a magnificent country with many opportunities but we
14 always do not take advantage of it. If you went to the military, Peace Corps, or
15 AmeriCorps, you would appreciate more of what we have. By witnessing
16 people struggle to stay alive and get necessities like water more Americans will
17 be less wasteful since they know the true value of food and water. This will
18 lead more people to be patriotic and love our country because they will be
19 grateful for all of the freedoms and liberties we are given. People from different
20 parts of the country and from different economic levels will come together and
21 be united. This will eliminate the widening gap between the rich and poor. In
22 the military more people will learn more discipline, which would help them
23 pursue their dreams instead of being involved in crime or drugs. They will also
24 learn what its truly like to be in a war and will most likely resort to diplomacy
25 before choosing war. According to Larry J Sabato the estimated cost of this
26 would about 65.7 billion dollars, which is less than the total of the Iraq war that
27 was between 750 billion and 2 trillion. Finally, the cost-benefit ratio of a
28 program like Americorps is 1 to 1.95 so the investment return is nearly 100%.

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30 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

31 The United States will add a constitutional amendment that requires citizens to
32 serve two years in any National Service program. A small increase in taxes and
33 assessment tests to make sure they get the job they want while they do their
34 national service. In addition, check people after they age of 30 at their job to
35 see if they have done their service.

Proposal No. 713

Name: Michael Peters
Delegation: Verdugo Hills YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 To lift the current embargo on Cuba.

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 Trading and new production in the areas of automobiles, raw materials,
6 agriculture textiles and tourism would create a lucrative market between these
7 two neighboring countries. Manufacturing would need to be created to
8 successfully accommodate the new partnership which would lead to job
9 creation between these two countries. Employment opportunities for both
10 countries would grow, creating an estimated 500,000 jobs with this proposal.
11 By lifting the Trade Embargo with Cuba, would boost American economic
12 shares in certain markets of trade from 6% to 18-42%.

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14 The embargo also violates Article 28 of the Universal Declaration of Human
15 Rights. It also restricts the American right of freedom of movement. Opening
16 up travel would help to benefit the Cuban people through American tourism.
17 Cubans would have safer way to travel to the United States without illegally
18 crossing the gulf to Florida.

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20 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

21 Congress must declare Cuba to be under democratic reform. Congress must
22 then vote to lift the trading with the enemy act.

Proposal No. 714

Name: Sofia Bernstein
Delegation: Santa Monica YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Repealing the Ban on Non-Sexual Nudity on Daytime Television

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 “Nudity, in and of itself, is not obscene,” (Section 5.27.010, Business, Taxes,
6 Licenses and Regulations). It is no secret that America is an over-sexualized
7 nation. Movies, television, music, fashion, magazines, celebrities, and
8 advertisements venerate sex and purport a direct link between nudity and sex. We
9 have made nudity taboo in our culture by sheltering ourselves from the natural
10 nude form, but this only harms ourselves: our anti-nudity ways have caused us to
11 be even more titillated and attracted to sexuality. We have caused unnecessary
12 sexual sensationalism around breasts and genitals because we keep them hidden,
13 and we can mend our unfamiliarities by exposing the public to non-sexual nudity.

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15 As people become less sensitive to naked images of men and women, the media
16 will find the use of sex to sell products less effective, therefore making our society
17 less sex-based. Nowadays, billboards, posters, and advertisements show practically
18 naked women with pieces of duct tape covering their breasts. Why are these highly
19 sexual depictions of nudity acceptable while a woman could not be shown breast-
20 feeding her baby on television? The FCC uses the term “safe harbor” to refer to the
21 eight-hour block from 10:00pm to 6:00am when cable networks may show
22 “obscene” and “indecent” material, but if our society forced nudity to be obscene
23 and indecent, we can just as easily make nudity a normal, pleasant sight.

24

25 With frequent exposure to non-sexual nudity, people of all ages will feel more
26 comfortable with their bodies as they see men and women of all sizes nude on
27 television. Nudity on television could also help prompt crucial conversations
28 between parents and their children about self-images and sexuality.

29

30 Though parents and conservative or religious Americans might be outraged at the
31 idea of viewing a nude figure on television, this same outrage was exhibited when
32 women began wearing pants. But, just as pants were once obscene and are now
33 “normal” and accepted, I have the same hope for nudity. As a note, the rates for
34 sexual crimes are considerable lower in countries that are accepting of nudity as
35 apposed to in America (www.nationmaster.com).

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37 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

38 I propose to amend the FCC Indecent Broadcast Restrictions to omit the
39 statements “or excretory organs or” and “or excretory,” legalizing nudity on
40 television, while keeping sexual nudity excluded from daytime television as
41 it is sexual content.

Proposal No. 801

Name: Rachel Gerlach
Delegation: Crescenta-Canada YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 The overhunting of species with a declining population rate of -2.0% or more
3 annually over the course of three years, and the misuse of their bodies.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 When hunters hunt and kill animals, it is usually for a certain prized part of
7 their body. An example of this would be an American Mink being killed for its
8 fur. It is wasteful to kill an animal, take one part of it, and leave the rest of it to
9 rot. Also, many hunters continue to hunt and kill species with a declining
10 population, with no knowledge of the impact they are having on the
11 environment and no understanding of the limit of animals that are allowed to be
12 killed relative to the decline in population. An example of a possible problem
13 with overhunting is that if hunters continue to hunt and kill a keystone species
14 (a species that affects many other organisms in an ecosystem and helps to
15 determine the types and numbers of various other species in a community),
16 with no limits, they will disrupt the keystone species, leading to the disruption
17 of other species in the ecosystem. It is very important to protect our animals
18 with declining populations and to not misuse their bodies.

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20 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

21 Hunters will have to get a special license in order to continue to hunt species
22 with a declining population rate of -2.0% or more annually. When they kill an
23 animal, they will be required to use all of it. There will also be a limit on the
24 number of at risk animals they can kill. This amount will be determined by the
25 severity of the species declining population rate.

Proposal No. 802

Name: Arjun Swamy
Delegation: Tri Valley YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Obesity in the American population.

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 The American population is 30.6% obese ranked as one of the highest in the
6 world. This is a huge cause for concern. With an obese population productivity
7 will decrease and health care cost will increase thus adding to the financial
8 crisis. According to www.imdocmac.com obesity is a medical condition that
9 affects ones physical, emotional, and social health. This bad state of health will
10 make it difficult for an obese citizen to succeed in any field. This would add to
11 the percentage of unemployed in America.
12 The federal government today spends 898 billion dollars on health care
13 (www.businessweek.com). This number is going to increase, as obesity
14 becomes a greater issue. By increasing sales tax on any food item with more
15 then 15 grams of fat by 10% people will be forced into taking healthier options
16 into consideration because we are increasing the price of unhealthy foods. This
17 would sufficiently promote eating less high fatty food within our country.

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19 - www.nationmaster.com
20 -www.imdocmac.com
21 -www.businessweek.com

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23 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

24 Any food item sold containing more then 15 grams of fat shall be taxed 10% by
25 the federal government in addition to the current state government tax laws.

Proposal No. 803

Name: Ryan Valencia
Delegation: Simi Valley YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 This bill calls for the termination of tenure in education across the United
3 States

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 In the year 2009, the state of California cut their budget for education by \$11.6
7 billion dollars resulting in the lay off of 26 thousand educators. Due to the
8 practice of tenure, many young educators immediately received pink slips,
9 warning of possible lay off. A report released revealed that 81% of
10 administrators knew of a poorly performing teacher with tenure. Furthermore,
11 nearly 91% of school board administrators agreed that tenure impedes on the
12 dismissal of low performing educators. However, only 86% of administrations
13 stated that they did not always go after low performing teachers because of it
14 being time consuming and costly.

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16 Recently in New York, the state spent \$30 million dollars paying teachers with
17 tenure that had been given low marks and accused of wrongdoings. According
18 to another report, 1 out of 1000 teachers is fired for under performing reasons.
19 Additionally, the New York Daily News reported that in the time period of
20 2007-2010, only 88 out of 80,000 schoolteachers in New York City were
21 dismissed for poor performance. Retaining these educators not only lowers the
22 standards of individual schools, but also effects the learning environment for
23 students. Due to the practice of tenure, many educators are aware that they will
24 not be dismissed in the case of massive layoffs due to their protected status of
25 seniority. Therefore, educators lower standards in their classrooms, as it is not
26 necessary to prove themselves to retain their jobs.

27
28 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

29 Eliminate tenure at all K-12 public schools receiving funding from the federal
30 government, by rewarding teachers based on reviews and yearly testing results;
31 also banning union-enacted practices of seniority and funding a merit payroll
32 system for all states adopting the law.

Proposal No. 804

Name: Daniel Feifer
Delegation: Culver-Palms YMCA/LA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 This proposal will force the United Nations (UN) to take action in creating an
3 organized governing board which would then take control of countries/nations
4 that are unable to help themselves in an internal affair such as genocide.

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6 **JUSTIFICATION:**

7 People around the world are dying due to corrupt and dangerous political
8 leaders. Some locations come to mind such as Darfur, a region which
9 symbolizes the oppression caused by a group of people who are against the
10 national government. They decided that standing up for what they believe
11 justifies the death of the innocent. Darfur is only a piece of Sudan; however,
12 Sudan has been unable to protect or even help their people from harm's way.
13 This entire affair began in 2003, yet the Sudanese government has been
14 incapable of stopping these radicals. What should happen is the complete
15 participation of nations across the globe helping out by giving aid, yet the
16 world sits idly by while more and more people die. Since the start of this affair,
17 nearly 300,000 innocent people have been killed and two million have been
18 forced to leave their homes, including 250,000 Sudanese refugees who crossed
19 the border. Why does the United States government avoid helping the
20 Sudanese people? Well the United States has a history of fighting wars only if
21 the profit was worth the loss such as the Iraq war. This task should not fall to
22 the United States to aid a nation in need, but to the World which must stand for
23 righteousness and the lives of all human beings.

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25 Sudan has failed its people and the only way to fix the damage would be a
26 complete takeover of the nation's government by not one nation, but of the
27 United Nations. With the influence of all major world powers, Sudan will have
28 to give away any power it has, allowing nations across the globe to take part
29 helping in any way possible. Our world has developed far past the age of
30 simple imperialism; the goal would not be to create a stable government but to
31 advance the standard of living within the controlled nation. With a modern
32 infrastructure and a Government supported by and created for the people.

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34 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

35 The U.N. must form a new Governing Board meant to control the infrastructure
36 development and government of a country under the control of the U.N. This
37 Governing Board will then takeover any national internal affairs that affect the
38 basic human rights of a significant amount of people of that nation.

39 Part 1: The UN peacekeeping forces will be sent in to claim the nation that has
40 clearly ignored the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime

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of Genocide. This process will include diplomatic meetings with all leadership personnel from the president to the any rebel leaders.

Part 2: If an elected or unofficial party wishes to deny the takeover it will then be seen as an act of war to all nations under the U.N. This will then result in war until the nation understands that resisting is not the answer.

Part 3: The Governing Board of the UN will then take any applicants who wish to emplace new infrastructure as well as an ethical system of governance.

Part 4: A country under this program will stay under the control of the Governing Board until there are no longer any humans to protect from acts of Genocide

Name: Theresa Voss
Delegation: South Valley/SV YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Unlawful protest activities; classification; definition

4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 A person shall not picket or engage in other protest activities, and an
6 association or corporation shall not cause picketing or other protest activities to
7 occur, within three hundred feet or the property line of any residence, cemetery,
8 funeral home, church, synagogue or other establishment during or within one
9 our before or one hour after the conducting of a funeral or burial service at that
10 place. For the purposes of this section,"other protest activities" means any
11 action that disruptive or that is undertaken to disrupt or disturb a funeral or
12 burial service.

14 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

15 A person who violates this section is guilty of a class 1 misdemeanor.

Proposal No. 806

Name: Jessica Walker
Delegation: Westside Family YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 This proposal bans the advertisement of any military recruitment in all public
3 schools, community colleges, and universities.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 The conservative claim that most youth enlist due to patriotism and the desire
7 to “serve one’s country” is misleading. In fact the vast majority of young
8 people end up in the military for different reasons ranging from economic
9 pressure and the desire to escape a dead-end situation at home to the promise of
10 citizenship. This will be regulated by on-campus security and local police. A
11 fine of 500 dollars will be assessed for one posting, and 50 dollars for each
12 additional post of military advertisements.

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14 It is a terrible irony that contemporary American society provides working-
15 class youth with few outlets for personal empowerment, and social
16 commitment. As we saw in WW1 many young men ages 18-24 came back to
17 their home country mangled or in a body bag, with no future ahead of them. Do
18 we really want to see our brothers, sisters, husbands, and wives go through
19 this?

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21 Take the tragic example of Sgt. Paul Cortez who graduated from Central High
22 School, and then soon joined the military. He was soon sent to Iraq. On March
23 12, 2006 he participated in the gang rape of a 14-year old Iraqi girl and the
24 murder of her and her entire family. Paul Cortez could have been your friend.
25 To put this into perspective the U.S. government set the age of combat at 18,
26 and yet will not allow these same individuals to legally purchase an alcoholic
27 beverage to calm their nerves. The military is turning our generation into
28 monsters. Shall we keep allowing these selfish enlists to enlist these aspiring
29 future lawyers, teachers, performers, and presidents.

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31 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

32 United States forces will regulate military advertisement and fine those who
33 don’t abide by these regulations.

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35 www.counterrecruiter.wordpress.com

36 Taking sides: clashing views on controversial issues in mass media and society.
37 Guilford, CT: Dushkin Publishing Group. Berkowitz, H., & Evangelista, E.

38 Caution! this may be and advertisement: a teen guide to advertising. New York:
39 Franklin Watts.

Proposal No. 807

Name: Cooper Waring
Delegation: East Valley/LA YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Full medical coverage from any medical clinic of their own choosing for people
3 who have served in the US military

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 The healthcare that veterans currently receive from the Veterans Association is
7 overwhelmed by the amount of injured soldiers. Soldiers are promised
8 healthcare through the Veterans Association but often have to wait for weeks
9 and even months to receive help.

10 These brave people have risked their lives for our country and deserve the best
11 healthcare that we can provide which they are not receiving at the Veterans
12 Association.

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14 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

15 The United States will add a constitutional amendment that will allow veterans
16 to obtain full medical coverage from any medical clinic of their own choosing.

Proposal No. 808

Name: Silvano Perez
Delegation: Irvin Deutscher

TOPIC OF CONCERN:

This proposal would eliminate all questions regarding ethnicity on all job and college applications, and stop applicants from putting their name onto the application, and instead be given an ID number to put onto the application.

JUSTIFICATION:

The elimination of questions of ethnicity would lessen the chances of racial discrimination against anyone who is applying for employment and/or college admission. When applying, the prospective employer and/or college dean of admissions should not have any knowledge regarding what ethnicity the applicant is. Acceptance should be determined only on qualifications, and achievements of the applicant. Information regarding ethnicity can be obtained once the applicant has been accepted, so that colleges and employers can record this data. Diversity will remain, because diversity is everywhere and no company or college will be dominated by one race. Removing the question from applications entirely is the best solution. Having an optional question still allows opportunity for bias if the applicant chooses not to indicate their ethnicity.

I propose the addition of an ID number instead of a name on job and college applications. Research supports that names can indicate ethnicity and have an impact on applicants likelihood for obtaining employment or college admission. Studies show that white-sounding names received 50% more callbacks for interviews than the applications with black sounding names. Having an ID number instead of a name leaves no opportunity for discrimination and ensures that the only factors to be considered are the qualifications of the applicant.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

Questions regarding ethnicity are to be removed from all job and college applications. Employers and colleges will be required to provide applicants with an ID number upon request for an application. This ID number will be used instead of their name when applying. Government would have to regulate it, and it will apply to all business and colleges.

Proposal No. 809

Name: Kayla Auster
Delegation: SRV - Valle Lobo YMCA

TOPIC OF CONCERN:

Elections are not reaching the entirety of the American people due to a lack of voting.

JUSTIFICATION:

There has been a trend of decreasing voter turnout in most established democracies since the 1960s. Often people complain about new laws and issues, however many people are not voting. We cannot truly call our government a democracy if not all the peoples' voices are heard. Without every vote there is not an accurate portrayal of the will of the people. "93 percent of infrequent voters agreed that voting is an important part of being a good citizen and 81 percent of nonvoters agreed it is an important way to voice their opinions on issues that affect their families and communities." A significant number of Americans abstain from each election. In the 2008 presidential election 36% of Americans did not vote. To encourage individuals to vote, if an individual does not vote for three state elections in a row, then their right to vote should be temporarily revoked for the following election. Often people do realize the value of what they have until it is taken away. Ideally the threat of not being able to exercise a right will motivate the population to keep the option open, and as a result vote in more elections. This may seem unconstitutional for voting is a right however, there are several rights that are conditional. The 5th amendment right to bare arms does not mean everyone can have a gun. People still need to obtain a permit, be of age, and be determined to be responsible enough to hold a weapon. They are not unconditionally handed a right and voting should be no different. Freedom of speech also has stipulations. You may say what you wish and voice your opinions, but your protests must be peaceful, you cant slander, and you cant threaten an officials life without repercussions. You have to be 18 to vote. This is supposed to indicate maturity, if you are not voting you are not demonstrating responsibility or maturity. The local precinct counts an areas votes, so the precinct would be in charge of keeping track of who's voting and who's not. They would have to distribute letters informing individuals their right has been temporarily suspended. With absentee ballots there is really no reason to not vote. However should there be an extended (longer than three years) continuous period of time someone is living in another country where the individual is unable to vote, they will be exempt from the program. Voting is the basis of our government system. With out voting there is no accurate portrayal of the will of the people. There are several cases where elections were won by very tiny margins. A few more ballots could have swayed the vote like in the election between Al Gore and George W. Bush. With this new program, voters will be more likely to vote

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in every election in order to preserve their privilege. This will ensure all voices are heard on every issue.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

To ensure that everyone is indeed voting, if someone fails to vote for three elections in a row, they lose the right for the following election vote.

Name: Sohum Patel
Delegation: Central Silicon Valley

TOPIC OF CONCERN:

Establishing Needle Exchange Programs (NEP's) in order to combat the unhealthy and dangerous practice of needle sharing

JUSTIFICATION:

Today the US prohibition on needle exchange has been extended in the name of the war on drugs. But the problem in this logic is that it puts millions at risk. The lack of needle exchange programs encourages needle sharing which can often lead to HIV/AIDS. Studies have shown that without adequate prevention, HIV prevalence among drug users can be as high as 90%. Thus, needle sharing in the status quo is creating an explosion of HIV/AIDS in populations, something we cannot afford. And therefore, the U.S. refusal to promote needle exchange programs devastates the international fight against HIV/AIDS and nothing less than the fate of the disease is at stake. Unchecked HIV/AIDS makes instability, war, and violence an inevitable fact of life. In order to avoid it, we must establish NEP's (Needle Exchange Programs).

Thus, establishing NEP's has clear and undeniable advantages. When attempted before in New York City, New Haven, and Australia, NEP's clearly reduced the HIV in the community. In New Haven, there was about a one third reduction of HIV prevalence in drug users just four months after the establishment of the NEP's. Studies clearly show that NEP's are the most efficient and effective way of stopping the transmission of diseases among intravenous drug users. In a study by Dr. Klinkenberg, he describes how the establishment of Needle Exchange actually lowers crime and drug use rates. Lifting the ban in the U.S. is key to getting organizations to use NEPs internationally. Breaking the silence surrounding needle exchange programs is a prerequisite to creating a foundation for a peaceful world

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

The United States Federal Government should establish Needle Exchange Programs for all persons living in the United States.

Proposal No. 811

Name: Max Ramey
Delegation: Westchester/LA YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 The taxation of recyclable containers in order to promote recycling.

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 Recycling is a duty to us as Americans. If we were careless about it, our living
6 environment would worsen drastically. However, many Americans disregard
7 recycling because they believe they don't benefit from it. Only 40-50% of
8 Americans actually recycle. Most people who do recycle are in it to make
9 profit, but because there is not that much to profit from those in the upper and
10 middle class do not take part because they already have enough. This leaves
11 many recyclables in wastelands which is very damaging to our environment
12 because it is non-disposable.

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14 Before the 1930's, there was a glass bottle system where people would get
15 refills from the vendors they purchased the bottles from. Then, the steel can
16 was introduced and many soda and beer companies found it to be more
17 convenient. By 1960, about 47% of all beer was sold in cans. This also took
18 more away from the pockets of the average U.S. citizen, because they now had
19 to pay for every can and bottle instead of just the refill. This is also when
20 beverage container litter exploded all over the United States. Let's face it,
21 Americans are lazy, but if there were a law to get them off of their feet, our
22 planet will last many more years to come.

23
24 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

25 The U.S. government should add a tax to each recyclable that Americans can
26 have refunded once they are recycled. This system would also profit the
27 government, because all of the extra tax money that is not refunded would be
28 used to fund environmental programs in each state.

Proposal No. 812

Name: Emily Muller
Delegation: SPPY-Palos Verdes YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 This proposal restricts parents, guardians, and caregivers from using child
3 leashes.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 Walking around in a busy area and seeing young children running and laughing
7 freely is typical. But what about those children who we see on leashes? Why
8 are these children wearing leashes? The restraint harness placed around a
9 child's shoulders is said to be a good way for a caregiver to keep track of a
10 child, but what is the need for it? Leashes are typically used for dogs, and
11 children are not dogs. A parent should be able to control and direct the
12 behaviors of his or her child, such as walking in public places, without
13 restraints such as leashes. In a 2008 study, researchers found that a child who is
14 led by someone else, tends to think they aren't in charge of themselves and that
15 they do not have to do anything for themselves when they are older.
16 Restrictions such as leashes may also encourage a child to be careless,
17 potentially leading to disrespectful behavior towards parents, caregivers, and
18 others. This study also found that using a child leash is considered a form of
19 neglect preventing a child from learning and exploring within his or her
20 environment.

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22 An additional concern relates to a child's general care and home life. What
23 does using a leash in public suggest about what may be going on behind closed
24 doors? Could a child be a victim of abuse or suffering from emotional damage?
25 One of the descriptors of child abuse is when a person or parent creates or
26 allows a risk of a child being injured. In a news report from 2009, an onlooker
27 recorded a video of a mother using a child leash dragging her 19-month-old son
28 across a Verizon Wireless store. This act strongly suggests a form of abuse
29 and should not be allowed. By putting a child on a leash, a child has a great risk
30 of being injured; a child may get tangled or someone may accidentally get
31 caught or yank on the leash causing a child to be hurt. There are several other
32 methods and approaches that may be used, such as walking rings, strollers, or
33 even just attentively holding a child's hand, that will allow a child to behave
34 appropriately while encouraging exploration within his or her environment.

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36 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

37 If this proposal is accepted, parents and caregivers will be restricted from using
38 child leashes for their children. If a parent or caregiver violates this proposal,
39 they may be subject to a fine of \$150. All fines collected will go towards
40 funding for child protective services.

Proposal No. 813

Name: Jennifer Mauser
Delegation: So. Pasadena-San Marino YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 The unfair and immoral taxation of America's deceased contributing to one of
3 the nation's most inefficient revenue sources.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 The estate tax was first implemented in 1916 as a federal tax on the
7 possessions and estate given to others by a deceased person. However, most
8 people are exempt from this tax because the value of their possessions is too
9 low. According to the IRS, just over 2% of America's deceased in 2001 were
10 subject to taxation under the estate tax. During President George Bush's first
11 year of office, he instigated a ten year, \$1.35 trillion tax cut for the wealthy
12 which included the slow phasing out of the estate tax by 2010 only to have the
13 entire estate tax reinstated in 2011. In 2001, any person who died and whose
14 assets totaled \$675,000 or more was taxed 55% of their total worth by the
15 federal government. By 2009 the total rose to \$3.5 million and only 45%. And
16 in 2010, the estate tax was completely repealed, thus making 2010 the "golden
17 year" to die. On January 1, 2011, the estate tax was reset to 55% of \$1 million.

18 This tax is burdensome to many, primarily farmers and small businesses
19 especially those that are family owned. Such entities cannot afford to be taxed
20 so heavily after the death of a company member. Additionally, the tax
21 obligation itself can assume a disproportionate role in planning, possibly
22 overshadowing more fundamental decisions about the underlying assets. And
23 not only does this tax have an air of immorality, but so many other countries
24 have an inheritance tax rate close to 0% and this is one of the United States'
25 most inefficient revenue sources.

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27 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

28 Repeal the United States Estate Tax.

Proposal No. 814

Name: Quinn Randall
Delegation: El Dorado YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 The ability to allow approved, distinguished business advertisements in school
3 books in order to raise money for the educational system.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 School districts and colleges should have the option of adding advertisements
7 in their school books to raise money for the educational system because,
8 currently, there are many schools all over the country struggling to afford the
9 necessary equipment for all students to learn equally. Right now, 36,000
10 California teachers, 20,000 Illinois teachers, and 16,600 New York teachers are
11 in jeopardy of losing their jobs. Also, colleges all around the United States are
12 raising yearly tuition costs for students to keep their teachers and to keep the
13 school running properly. The World Socialist Web Site posted that the students
14 at the University of California were recently hit with a 32% increase in fees. It
15 is time to make active changes in order to help schools nation-wide afford
16 materials and save teacher's jobs. All proceeds will be given back to the school
17 where they can spend it on school materials, more class options, school
18 improvements, and allowing more teachers to keep their jobs.

19
20 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

21 Due to high prices of book reconstruction to sew in pages, the advertisements,
22 rather, would be adhered to the blank insides of both the front and back book
23 cover. The participating companies will be responsible for paying for the
24 installment fee of the ads as well as donating a minimum of 3% of the cost of
25 each book, per book, with an advertisement. The new advertisements will
26 remain active for three school years. After this elapsed time, the companies can
27 choose to renew their place in the book with an additional donation of the same
28 price. If they choose to not to renew, a new company can remove the old
29 advertisement and replace it with their own.

Proposal No. 901

Name: Julie Kim
Delegation: Torrance-South Bay YMCA

TOPIC OF CONCERN:

Reduce air pollution by reducing the emission allowances for power plants.

JUSTIFICATION:

The nation's power plants emitted 2.56 billion tons of global warming pollution in 2007, which is equivalent to the pollution from nearly 450 million of today's cars – nearly three times the number of cars registered in the United States in 2007. More than 70 percent of this pollution came from plants – primarily coal plants – built before 1980. Coal is the dirtiest of all fuels, but it supplies more of America's electricity than any other source. Coal plants currently do not have to meet any global warming pollution standard, meaning that they are an unchecked contributor to global warming. In fact, coal plants are the nation's single largest source of global warming pollution. Power plants emit "greenhouse" gasses such as: carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, sulfur hexafluoride, and nitrogen trifluoride. Coal plants discharge vast quantities of air pollution such as carbon dioxide, nitrogen oxides, mercury, and sulfur dioxide, consume huge amounts of water and emit destructive global warming gases. Some of the largest mining operations in the United States tear up the land to provide the coal they burn. While the power from these coal plants is transmitted many miles to consumers in California, the pollution and environmental disturbances stay behind, sending a cascade of human health and environmental impacts across the American West and the globe. Such power plants release large amounts of carbon monoxide, which is hazardous to human health because it binds irreversibly to hemoglobin in the blood.

Each year existing power plants discharge ten times more smog-forming pollution and two-hundred times more mercury than all of the power plants in California. Airborne mercury pollution can deposit in the ground as a result of rainfall, and into lakes, streams, or other bodies of water both directly from rainfall, and as a result of runoff. The mercury can travel hundreds of miles from its source through the air before being deposited mercury in water can accumulate in fish, which are then consumed by the human population.

Due to large amount of air pollution, the ozone in the stratosphere that defends the living organisms against ultraviolet radiation is fading. The loss of ozone has serious implications for the Earth's ecosystems as well as for human health. Human health issues from increased exposure to UV rays include skin cancers, weakening of the human immune system, asthma, lung disease, and even premature deaths.

Although coal may be the most abundant fossil fuels in the world, it is also the most damaging fossil fuel. Coal-fueled power plants can meet California's and the

region's growing energy demands, while addressing global warming pollution by using energy more efficiently and multiplying the reliance on renewable energy and other cost-effective clean energy solutions.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

The State Air Resource of each state along with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), will regulate the power plants' greenhouse emissions, by reducing the emission allowances. The "cap-and-trade" system will be replaced with just the "cap" system. Power plants that do not comply will given three strikes and will have to pay a fine to the state and the federal government. However, they will be given the choice to either shut-down or have a year's suspension to upgrade to more energy-efficient power plants.

Proposal No. 902

Name: Corinne Arnold
Delegation: Palomar/SDSC YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Prohibiting the restriction and regulation of legal activity on the Internet by the
3 government.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 The preservation of freedom of expression, press and speech regarding the
7 Internet is extremely important. Organization of Security and Cooperation in
8 Europe's media freedom office says that more than 24 countries practice
9 needless censorship and even more practice unnecessary restrictive government
10 policies regarding the Internet. For example, in Venezuela even though there
11 have been no records of inefficient networks a bill has been passed that creates
12 an interconnection point for service providers. This point has to pass through
13 the government which says it wants to "restrict messages that cause public
14 disorder". The Federal Communications Committee, which is a part of the
15 United States government, has done the same thing as of 2011.

16
17 The Open Net Initiative, a group that tracks Internet filtering and surveillance
18 says, "Governments around the world, democracies and dictatorships alike,
19 seek to shape limit and control the Internet." According to the GeoJournal, the
20 only places with minimal censorship are parts of Northern Europe, the U.S.,
21 Canada and Australia; everywhere else heavily practices restrictions on the
22 Internet. This proposal is to stop and prevent incidents like this from happening
23 in the U.S.

24
25 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

26 It will be illegal for any branch of the government to restrict or regulate legal
27 activity on the Internet.

Proposal No. 903

Name: Jack Muller
Delegation: East Valley/LA YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Decreasing, and eventually eliminating, the toxins and litter that cigarette butts
3 produce.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 Action must be taken toward reducing and eliminating the massive amount of
7 toxins and litter created by cigarettes in the United States. It is hard to know
8 how many of the 360 billion cigarettes smoked in the United States over a
9 period of one year end up as litter. The Texas Department of Transportation
10 stated that on Texas highways alone over 130 million cigarette butts were
11 found. Cigarette butts are not biodegradable and release dangerous chemicals
12 into the waterways and soil. The very toxins that filters are meant to keep us
13 from are being leaked back into our world and poisoning our ecosystems.

14
15 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

16 This bill will enact a five cent deposit that is to be paid per cigarette on all
17 cigarette sales.
18 The deposits will follow the same path as deposits paid on bottles in California
19 and will be redeemable per cigarette at recycling centers. The unredeemed
20 deposits will go to the US government and will be used to fund already
21 functioning clean-up teams and the existing recycling centers that handle the
22 cigarette butts.

Proposal No. 904

Name: Zahra Chithiwala
Delegation: Conejo Valley YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Allowing food banks to become qualified charity organizations

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 Grocery stores should be able to donate their leftover food to food banks and
6 write the donation off as tax-deductible. Oftentimes, grocery stores order too
7 much food from their centralized distributors and the extra food ends up going
8 to waste. This leftover food could be put to better use and be donated to people
9 who are less fortunate. Many grocery stores already donate their food to food
10 banks but we should encourage donation by making these donations tax-
11 deductible. A food bank is a non-profit, charitable organization that distributes
12 mostly donated food to a variety of agencies that in turn feed the hungry. This
13 proposal would help stop hunger in poor areas as well as make sure that good
14 food does not go to waste. Grocery stores will be required to make sure that
15 none of the products are expired or will expire in the following 10 days after
16 the products are donated which will ensure that we are putting our production
17 to good use by making sure the food will be eaten before it goes expires.

18

19 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

20 Food banks will become qualified charity organizations in publication 526 by
21 the IRS. This will allow grocery stores to be able to write off their food
22 donations as tax-deductible.

Proposal No. 905

Name: Sasha Strohkendl
Delegation: Santa Monica YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Feeding livestock with byproducts of any other animals and euthanized or sick
3 and diseased cats and dogs.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 Dried poultry waste and sewage sludge are routinely fed to cattle. Pigs and
7 chickens are still fed the bones, brains, meat scraps, feathers, and feces of their
8 own species. Furthermore, tens of millions of shelter animals are also picked up
9 by rendering plants. Thus commercial meat, dairy, and egg products often come
10 from animals whose diet included the ground up remains of cats and dogs,
11 including the euthanasia drugs injected into their bodies. Forty billion pounds
12 of slaughterhouse wastes and euthanized cats and dogs from veterinarians and
13 animal shelters, are rendered annually into livestock feed. Just recently in 1997,
14 the Food and Drug Administration banned the practice of feeding cow meat and
15 bone meal back to cows because of the Mad Cow Disease epidemic in Great
16 Britain. It is important to prevent future contamination, and protect the
17 consumers and animals.

18

19 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

20 The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) shall ban feeding livestock with the
21 animal byproducts of animals including that of the same species and euthanized
22 or sick and diseased cats and dogs.

Proposal No. 906

Name: Leon Blight
Delegation: East Valley/LA YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Prison Reform, concerning the budget.

4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 This proposal would create a Commission of appointed officials who would be
6 chosen by different major interest groups, such as Amnesty International, etc.

7
8 The reason for this proposal is because, obviously, we spend too much on our
9 prisons. The 2011 budget currently calls for a total Bureau of Prisons budget of
10 \$6.8 billion. We as a nation do not focus our money and effort on prisoner
11 rehabilitation, focusing much more on punishment. Our prisoners could
12 potentially be contributing members to society, but cannot because they are not
13 given the chance to. We need to stop spending tax money on prisoners, and
14 instead give them a reason to walk a clean path.

15
16 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

17 This proposal creates a National Prison Reform Commission. The Commission
18 shall undertake a comprehensive review of the National Prison Budget, and
19 create a revised Prison Budget to be considered by Congress. The revised
20 budget will accommodate for more rehabilitation spending, with less prison-
21 industrial complex spending.

Proposal No. 907

Name: Marcus Macias
Delegation: Wilmington YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 To issue temporary Social Security numbers to undocumented
3 University/Community college graduates in order to obtain employment.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 Issuing this temporary Social Security number/card will give these college
7 graduates an opportunity to gain employment in their field of study. It will
8 help high school students by motivating them to work harder in school;
9 increasing the graduation rates, and the possibility to obtain a college
10 education. It gives the opportunity for these students to break the cycle of
11 poverty that many of their families live under. It allows immigrants to avoid the
12 stereotypical areas of employment that are usually given to undocumented
13 individuals, while at the same time alleviating the saturated manual labor force.
14 This will also generate new revenue for the state and federal government due to
15 the fact that the individual with the temp SS card will be legally employed and
16 paying taxes. Ultimately it is not the fault of the student for being
17 undocumented and they should not be held accountable for the actions of their
18 parents. We do not have the right to prevent an individual from reaching their
19 full potential; therefore we should not deprive undocumented students from
20 progressing in the workforce due to their status. The temporary social security
21 number is a process to assimilate an individual into the American economy and
22 to prove their loyalty to the United States.

23
24 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

25 Social Security Services will grant undocumented students Social Security
26 numbers/cards with proof of graduating from a United States high school and
27 from an accredited college or university. Upon completion of high school
28 students will show proof of residency and will be required to prove continuous
29 residency by updating their information every six months until completion of
30 their degree. Students will then be interviewed for their temporary social
31 security number/card so that they may obtain employment. Once citizenship is
32 obtained the individual will be granted a permanent social security card.

Proposal No. 908

Name: Cailin O'Mara
Delegation: El Dorado YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Requiring a GED to be Eligible for Welfare

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 In 2008, the United States paid \$585-billion on the social welfare of our
6 country. With a country that places so much importance in the well being of its
7 people challenges are constantly arising. In a report given in August of 2010,
8 more than 4.4 million Americans are on welfare, an increase of 18% since
9 2007. This has led to an increase in the cost of welfare to \$22-billion for
10 programs in the United States. With unemployment rates at 9.4%, our country
11 is facing more and more challenges in terms of both money and employment.

12
13 By requiring a GED to be eligible for welfare, the United States would not only
14 limit the amount of people receiving money from the government, but they
15 would also increase the number of people with a level of education. Research
16 shows that people with a GED tend to earn almost double the amount of money
17 in their employment than someone without. Earning the higher income would
18 keep more people out of the welfare programs and off the streets. Not only do
19 citizens with a GED earn more money, but they are also twice as likely to be
20 hired for a job than someone without any certificate of education. This action
21 would assist in the recovery of funds for the government and the increase of
22 employment in our country. While it by no means fixes everything, requiring a
23 GED for welfare may be one step towards boosting the United States from
24 some of the problems facing them.

25
26 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

27 Upon the approval of this proposal all welfare programs would require proof of
28 a GED to be provided prior to any welfare assistance being given.

Proposal No. 909

Name: Sarah Hoppe
Delegation: Newport-Corona del Mar

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 This calls for every food facility in the United States to disclose the nutritional
3 information of each menu item at every restaurant location.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 The results of a study taken in 2005 show that the United States has one of the
7 highest obesity rates in the world, showing that around two-thirds of American
8 adults are overweight or obese. Additionally, a 2004 study shows that the total
9 medical cost of obesity related sickness (diabetes, heart disease, stroke, certain
10 cancers, etc.) was around \$75,000. Not only is the obesity rate in America
11 embarrassing for U.S. citizens, it is also the way other countries classify us and
12 is extremely unhealthy. This bill will significantly cut the medical costs of
13 every state in the U.S. because the number of obesity related sickness would
14 decrease. As the average American becomes more knowledgeable of nutrition
15 and their health, we see more and more restaurants with nutrition facts on their
16 menus. While this is becoming popular in restaurants, by forcing every
17 restaurant with 30 locations or more in the United States, it would allow people
18 to make better decisions on what to eat at chain restaurants. Additionally, the
19 increasing awareness of health will prompt those who are obese to lose weight,
20 bringing down the obesity rate in the United States. Not only would this
21 benefit our country in that people will start to lose weight and live healthier
22 lifestyles, but also it will raise awareness that obesity is becoming an issue that
23 no longer stands to be ignored.

24
25 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

26 At every chain restaurant containing 30 locations or more in the United States,
27 all menus will contain the nutritional information of each item. Restaurants
28 will be responsible for creating new menus because it will be a requirement of
29 the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), which will not be funded by the
30 government.

Proposal No. 910

Name: Kate Sutter
Delegation: Berkeley YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 This proposal calls for withdrawing any federal aid money to a state if the state
3 holds any type of state lottery.

4
5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 ABC NEWS quotes “that even when lottery money is targeted toward a
7 particular purpose, such as education or environmental protection, it has little
8 or no effect.” An example is Illinois, and their state lottery. It costs a citizen
9 \$1.00 for a ticket. 58 cents goes to prizes, and 12 cents is reserved for
10 “commissions, bonuses, and operating expenses.” 30 cents is left for education.
11 This amount of money is a drop in the bucket for education funds when it costs
12 the state \$26.2 billion dollars per year, to run 4,281 public and elementary
13 schools. People who buy the tickets aren’t informed of how little their dollar
14 goes to state education. Rather than spending one dollar on a lottery ticket, they
15 could save a dollar to go towards an education. This would secure that the full
16 dollar goes to the states education. The lottery is a regressive-like tax. A person
17 who has an annual income of \$15,000, and spends \$3,000 dollars on lottery
18 tickets, spends 20% of their income on chance. Someone who makes
19 \$1,500,000 a year, and spends the same amount on lottery tickets, spent .2% of
20 her money on chance. The poor are more easily seduced by a small price that
21 promises a huge outcome, oblivious to the infinite statistic of winning. It costs
22 the state more to provide services for the poor then it benefits the education
23 system.

24
25 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

26 Withdraw any/all federal aid money to a state if they hold state organized
27 lotteries.

Proposal No. 911

Name: Vicky Juhasz
Delegation: Newport-Corona del Mar

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Banning the United States Postal Service.

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 The United States postal service is a government-funded program. Citizen’s tax
6 dollars are put to work subsidizing the mail system to make it cheaper to use.
7 Currently, under the USPS system, the more populous regions of the country
8 subsidize the rural areas since there must be a single cost to send mail, no
9 matter the cost to reach its destination. This is both unfair and economically
10 unstable. As the USPS loses more and more business to parcel carriers and
11 electronic communication, it is harder and harder for the organization to keep
12 this single rate. In 2008 USPS had 202.7 million pieces of mail where as Fedex
13 alone had a volume of 1.2 billion packages. This proves that people are already
14 starting to use other private companies more. The US Postal Service is 13
15 billion dollars in debt and the system is hurting the economy more than it is
16 helping. The postal service is inefficient and it would be cheaper if the market
17 was opened up to private companies, and it would release taxpayers from
18 another burdensome debt. One major problem of this subsidizing model of mail
19 is that the USPS relies on mail volume to meet its financial goals. Postal
20 workers’ salaries are tied directly to mail volume, so it is in their best interest to
21 send out as much mail as possible. This causes Junk mail to be a huge problem
22 with the USPS postal service. 52% of US mail that goes inside a homeowner’s
23 mailbox is junk. Not only is it a nuisance to sort through but also most of it
24 goes directly into the trash and from the trash to the landfill. This junk mail is
25 harmful to both our environment and economy.

26 By allowing private companies to directly compete with each other we can tap
27 the potential of true innovation to lower costs. Fedex, UPS, and DHL have
28 already created competition lowering and lowering the process to send a
29 package overnight. This could be tapped and include regular mail. Also since
30 the taxpayer is no longer subsidizing junk mail, it would hopefully fade away.

31
32 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

33 This proposal will be enacted in January 2020 to disband the United States
34 Postal Service. All residential mailboxes will be turned over to private mail
35 companies.

Proposal No. 912

Name: Max Bouvrie
Delegation: East Valley/LA YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**
2 Sustainable Business Becoming Eligible For Payroll Tax Deduction.
3
4 **JUSTIFICATION:**
5 The biggest levy for tax going to California's state revenue consists of two
6 foundations, Pay Roll Tax, and Sales Tax, two sources that hugely reflect on
7 our economic standing. With these two being the highest in percentage towards
8 are statewide economics, they also have an enormous possibility to bring our
9 state, and federal economy slowly back to a steady, flourishing pace. With a
10 cloud glooming over California, and an Unemployment rate at its peak, the
11 people of our state need a solution.

12
13 The number one cause of a drop in sales tax is unemployment, this bill directly
14 effects unemployment. The sales tax, which is increased dramatically, will
15 make up for the cut of Payroll tax and provide and profit margin big enough to
16 bring us out of our state debt, and stop deficit spending. Our country's
17 overwhelming dependence on foreign oil will be reduced over a period.

18
19 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**
20 A corporate, or independent business must fall under a carbon emissions
21 footprint that is recognized by the federal EPA. This footprint must have valid
22 consideration of transportation of goods, means of production, and emissions
23 from the establishment itself.

24
25 Once an EPA officer has completed a regulated inspection, the business is now
26 able to apply for a deduction of pay roll tax throughout the transportation as
27 well as labor in the establishment and/or enterprise. Once recognized by the
28 federal and state government office, they will receive their deduction. The bill
29 will be put in to place of some of the following places statewide due to their
30 small population and roll they take on California's general income.

City	Population	Growth	Age	Av Income
Sierra CA	134	-1961%	44.30	\$34,305.20
Alpine CA	737	-28%	41.00	\$40,441.00
Trinity CA	1,609	-395%	45.23	\$27,341.11
Mono CA	2,096	-414%	40.04	\$42,360.80
Modoc CA	4,951	-48%	43.66	\$30,189.00
Plumas CA	8,905	-105%	44.97	\$34,339.78
Colusa CA	12,324	-47%	34.34	\$35,364.20
Mariposa CA	12,919	-22%	42.67	\$31,226.00
Inyo CA	15,989	-13%	43.82	\$35,894.60

42	Lassen CA	20,982	-39%	41.48	\$32,055.60
43	Del Norte CA	23,481	-17%	37.75	\$28,121.25
44	Glenn CA	24,929	0%	33.14	\$29,224.00
45	Calaveras CA	26,231	-48%	44.88	\$35,397.25
46	Amador CA	28,222	-22%	45.68	\$45,059.25
47	Siskiyou CA	36,388	-24%	43.46	\$27,073.00
48	Lake CA	43,863	-28%	41.63	\$29,468.92
49	Tuolumne CA	44,094	-20%	44.14	\$39,070.44
50	Tehama CA	50,351	3%	41.44	\$33,188.75
51	San Benito CA	51,164	-1%	26.20	\$36,521.00
52	Yuba CA	67,334	11%	40.40	\$31,583.00
53	Mendocino CA	71,270	-20%	42.34	\$36,386.32
54	Nevada CA	90,574	3%	43.15	\$46,451.38
55	Sutter CA	91,460	14%	36.40	

Proposal No. 913

Name: Alexander J. Ratto
Delegation: Marin/SF YMCA

- 1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**
- 2 Redirecting the tax from tobacco products so that they go to education.
- 3
- 4 **JUSTIFICATION:**
- 5 People who smoke are not only harming them selves, they are submitting
- 6 children to second-hand smoke. With this bill when people buy cigarettes,
- 7 tobacco, cigars, etc. the massive amount of tax will go to the education system.
- 8 This would be a great way to increase income to the schools and in a way allow
- 9 smokers to give back to the children they are harming.
- 10
- 11 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**
- 12 The United States will redirect all money from tobacco taxes, and put it into the
- 13 education budget.

Proposal No. 914

Name: Christopher Reyes
Delegation: Santa Ana YMCA

- 1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**
- 2 This proposal calls for the increase in hours for students to stay in school and
- 3 the decrease of days a student attends to a school in the United States
- 4
- 5 **JUSTIFICATION:**
- 6 With this drastic change the country would save a dramatic amount of money
- 7 used for providing food for students. This will also save money from custodial
- 8 services, teachers, and maintenance of the schools. As for the benefits for the
- 9 students they would be less stressed with school and have much more time to
- 10 study the subjects they learn in there schools. With this it will help them
- 11 increase there scores on sats, cst, cahsee and other major tests. With this help it
- 12 would give students a better chance in entering to the collages they wish to
- 13 enter having less competition from out of the country students.
- 14
- 15 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**
- 16 The actions to be taken are simple and swift. All that is needed to do is to
- 17 shorten the days of school form five days to four, and to extend the time of
- 18 school. School would start from Monday through Thursday starting at 8:00am
- 19 and ending around 5:00 pm.

Proposal No. 1001

Name: Tayler Locke
Delegation: Culver-Palms YMCA/LA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 The requirement of electric databases (laptops, tablets, PDAs, iPods or similar)
3 in all high schools.

4
5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 All across America, the workload of high-school students is increasing, the
7 environment is more competitive and the amount of material is ever evolving.
8 Students are forced to carry textbooks back and forth...to and from school every
9 school day. In this highly technological world, such as the one we live in today,
10 this is unnecessary physical stress. Considering the shortage of resources, this
11 is a waste of paper. Also, since information is constantly being discovered and
12 created, an electronic database can always be up to date with a live feed so
13 history is current and facts are more accurate. Wouldn't it be nice to finally
14 have textbooks that are relevant to your world and not the 2005 world, on an
15 electronic device that is convenient to use in this technological savvy world of
16 ours? Wouldn't it be nice to open our history books tomorrow to read important
17 events that happened today?

18
19 In the 2006-2007 school year, the average new textbook cost \$53. Substituting
20 for an electronic database would drive down the average to \$23.54. On average,
21 a student's backpack weigh 10.6 pounds.

22
23 These problematic numbers can be eliminated and avoided if schools ceased
24 the use of paper textbooks.

25
26 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

27 All schools are required to have electronic databased devices (such as laptops,
28 tablets, PDAs, iPods or similar) to issue to each student in place of textbooks
29 by 2018.

Proposal No. 1002

Name: Mark Kilagbhan
Delegation: Crescenta-Canada YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Legalization of all Rim fire and Center fire rifle configurations and legalization
3 of public concealed carry of handguns.

4
5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 : The 2nd amendment clearly states that all Americans have the "Right to bear
7 arms". This means ALL arms not simply semi-automatics with a 10 round
8 fixed magazine or rifles without a pistol grip. To this day politicians have used
9 the fear tactic to ban "Assault Weapons" from the general public, claiming
10 they are useless and dangerous. The fact is in today's market law abiding
11 citizens are forced to buy inferior weapons while those who seek them illegally
12 i.e. gangbangers, armed robbers, extremist groups, can get fully automatics
13 with high capacity magazines without an issue. The fact is less than .2% of
14 legally bought firearms are used for criminal misuse. The FBI reports that there
15 are more than 2.1 million protective uses of firearms each year which is far
16 more than the violent criminal gun uses, In only .1% of defensive gun uses is
17 the criminal killed and only 1% is the criminal wounded. A Department of
18 justice-founded survey found that 40% of felons had chosen not to commit a
19 crime out of fear of the victim being armed. According to the NRA, states with
20 favorable concealed carry laws have lower crime rates than states with
21 concealed carry laws. Since Florida enacted favorable CCW laws its homicide
22 rate has dropped 22%. Lets face it; our forefathers couldn't have founded this
23 country without guns, so why are we trying to revoke them?

24
25 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

26 To legalize the sale of all center fire and rim fire rifles automatic or otherwise
27 by licensed FFL dealers and to offer legal concealed carry to all American
28 citizens which are not exempt (Mentally ill, Felons, under 18,21 for handguns).
29 A 5-hour class will be mandatory for any purchase (to be instructed on a range
30 with a certified instructor who can judge mental stability) and to place a 5% tax
31 on ammunition to pay for the certification of instructors

Proposal No. 1003

Name: Arielle Kronovet
Delegation: Santa Monica YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 This proposal calls for mandating students to attend and graduate high school.

3
4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 Because the United States of America allows students to drop out of high
6 school, many teens chose to do so. On average 1.2 million students, or 29%,
7 fail to graduate high school annually. High school dropouts are more likely to
8 live in poverty and to receive government assistance as well as become
9 involved in crime. The minimum requirement for most jobs is a high school
10 diploma, so those lacking one are more likely to be unemployed.

11
12 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

13 School districts will no longer allow students 16 years of age and older to drop
14 out of high school. If they do not comply by missing classes, a certain amount
15 of truants will result in a ticket, court hearing, then probation and/or fine.

Proposal No. 1004

Name: Kayla Eaton
Delegation: SRV - Valle Lobo YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Citizens over the age of 18 should be given the choice of assisted suicide if
3 mentally competent and diagnosed with a terminal condition.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 The U.S.A prides itself on citizen's rights. Citizens value their right to speak,
7 right to pray, and their right to vote. Should they not be given the right to
8 decide when to end their own lives? Citizens are able to make choices that
9 affect the way they live throughout their lives. Therefore why should they not
10 be given the right to decide when to stop it?

11
12 Assisted suicide is also known as 'death with dignity.' When one is in pain and
13 does not have much more time to live, the choice of assisted suicide should be
14 an option. This would be an option for withholding one's dignity.

15
16 This is not a new idea; in fact, many places have adapted this proposal. Oregon
17 was the first US state that openly and legally authorized assisted suicide. Soon
18 after, other states such as Washington and Montana passed laws based on
19 Oregon's Death with Dignity Act. The Netherlands, Belgium and Switzerland
20 are all countries that legalized assisted suicide.

21
22 Moreover, California introduced the Compassionate Choice Act in 2005 and
23 again in 2007, but the act was shelved. It is currently being debated among our
24 legislators today. The Compassionate Choice Act would make assisted suicide
25 a medical treatment and would formally refer it as "aid in dying."

26
27 This proposal would allow those, over the age of 18, with life threatening
28 conditions to be given the choice of ending their lives. It would permit those
29 with incurable, hopeless illnesses to arrange an easy and comfortable death. If
30 one's mind is still fully functional and has not deteriorated then one should be
31 able to make this decision. As citizens of the United States of America, we take
32 pride in our rights; let us also take pride in our right to be able to die with our
33 dignity.

34
35 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

36 U.S.A will allow assisted suicide for its citizens over the age of 18, who are
37 mentally competent and diagnosed with a terminal condition.

Proposal No. 1005

Name: Gabe Rios
Delegation: Sacramento Central YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Providing support for victims of Agent Orange in Vietnam.
3

4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 From 1961 to 1971, the United States initiated Operation Ranch Hand in
6 Vietnam. This operation called for the defoliant "Agent Orange" to be sprayed
7 across most of the farmland and jungle areas of Vietnam. It was merely meant
8 to kill the crops that rebel forces were using for food, but it ended up getting in
9 the lungs and drinking water of the local farmers. A few years after the war,
10 studies showed that Agent Orange was the leading cause of lung infections and
11 birth defects among the population that was sprayed with this toxic herbicide.
12 Currently, there are over 3 million Vietnamese suffering from exposure to the
13 dioxin in Agent Orange.
14

15 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

16 The United States should take a small percentage of money out of the current
17 war fund and put it towards helping the victims in Vietnam or helping the
18 already existing charity organizations that have been put in place.

Proposal No. 1006

Name: Daniel Battigalli
Delegation: Culver-Palms YMCA/LA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Legalizing MDMA (Ecstasy) for therapeutic use and psychological treatment
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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 Justification: In 1984, the DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) announced its
6 intentions to classify MDMA, more commonly known as "Ecstasy", as a
7 Schedule I drug with " no currently accepted medical use in the United States".
8 Unknown to the DEA, there had been a large group of therapists and
9 psychologists who had been using MDMA with incredible rates of success for
10 many years and were ready to fight for its medicinal value. These therapists
11 banded together and formally requested a hearing on the scheduling of MDMA.
12 After two years of various hearings, the DEA Administrative judge found that
13 MDMA had an accepted medical use and recommended it be a Schedule III
14 drug, so that it could be used by therapists and psychologists, while still making
15 it illegal to be done recreationally. In spite of this ruling, and to the outrage of
16 the medical community, the DEA made MDMA a Schedule I drug and
17 criminalized all therapeutic use.
18

19 Since then, research and psychological treatment with MDMA has continued in
20 other countries with amazing success for many conditions, most notably Post
21 Traumatic Stress Disorder. The most current study, funded by the non-profit
22 MAPS (Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies), took 20 people
23 who have had PTSD for an average of 19 years and who were not helped by
24 traditional therapy and medication. Researchers gave a single dose of MDMA to
25 12 of these 20 people, while the other 8 were given placebos. Both groups were
26 given the same amount and style of psychotherapy. After the trial, 10 of the 12
27 patients who received MDMA had progressed so much that they "no longer
28 met the diagnostic criteria for PTSD." Successful results like these have been
29 found in countless studies for the past few decades.
30

31 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

32 Reschedule MDMA as a Schedule III drug, to allow therapeutic treatment.

Proposal No. 1007

Name: Juan Ramos
Delegation: Urban Services

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 The high cost to tax payers when covering obese individuals under the new
3 health care reform.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 During the past 20 years there has been a dramatic increase in obesity in the
7 United States. (Centers for disease Control and Prevention 2010). Obesity is
8 the #2 cause of preventable death in the United States. 60 million Americans,
9 20 years and older are obese, in addition children and teens ages 6-19 are
10 overweight. Being obese increases the risk of health conditions and diseases
11 including: Coronary heart disease, Type II diabetes, Sleep apnea, Gallbladder
12 disease, Osteoarthritis, High Blood Pressure, Hypertension and Stroke.

13
14 Obesity and their associated health problems have a significant economic
15 impact on the U.S. health care system (USDHHS, 2001). Medical costs
16 associated with Obesity may involve direct and indirect costs (Wolf and
17 Colditz, 1998; Wolf, 1998). Direct medical costs may include preventive,
18 diagnostic, and treatment services related to Obesity. Indirect costs relate to
19 morbidity and mortality costs.

20
21 According to a study of national costs attributed to Obesity (Body Mass Index
22 greater than 30), medical expenses accounted for 9.1 percent of total U.S.
23 medical expenditures in 1998 and may have reached as high as \$78.5 billion
24 (\$92.6 billion in 2002 dollars) (Finkelstein, Fiebelkorn, and Wang, 2003).
25 Approximately half of these costs were paid by Medicaid and Medicare, (Get
26 America Fit Foundation 2010).

27
28 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

29 Exclude individuals with high BMI from being eligible to the "High Risk Pool"
30 stated under the new Universal Health Care System that took into effect in
31 2010 . Since individuals would need to lower their BMI to get Universal Care,
32 it would serve as an incentive to get healthy thus reducing the nation's health
33 care spending.

Proposal No. 1008

Name: Allegra Thaler
Delegation: Newport-Corona del Mar

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 This proposal calls to remove the current Physical Education requirement for
3 high school students and replace them with basic military training programs.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 As even the First Lady, Michelle Obama, begins her war against childhood
7 obesity, it is clear that the United States must make sanctions to prevent this
8 epidemic. Academic Pediatrics has estimated that childhood obesity has tripled
9 over the past three decades and another statistic estimates that ⅓ of
10 children in America are overweight or obese. The National Association for
11 Sport and Physical Education has but six standards that a K-12 student at a
12 public school must reach. Standards are highly generalized such as
13 demonstrates competency in motor skills and movement patterns needed to
14 perform a variety of physical activities and exhibits responsible personal and
15 social behavior that respects self and others in physical activity settings and
16 have no specific rules or regulations. With no exact definitions or exercises,
17 individual High Schools and States are allowed great liberties as far as
18 standards. With the discretion of each High School and/or each state students
19 can have large variations as far as what is an acceptable standard students much
20 reach. There are no repercussions for inefficient Physical Education programs
21 to High School students that are not competing in a sport and the result seems
22 to be the soaring rates of childhood obesity.

23
24 The creation of military training programs would further be a benefit
25 to the minds and attitudes of the young American high school students. Jean M
26 Twange PHD wrote a best seller book Generation Me that shows the rise in the
27 ego in popular culture that has led to a generation of narcissism in youth. Many
28 are concerned with the current rise in clinically defined narcissism in children
29 and teenagers of up to 33% in the last year, narcissistic traits often lead to
30 difficulties working with a team as well as feelings of entitlement. Military
31 training can help re-work the young minds to be more capable of working with
32 others. Many of the obstacle courses and training methods used for basic
33 training encourage the use of team work and strategiv thought. 9.5% or 5.4
34 million children 4-17 years of age have ever been diagnosed with ADHD, as of
35 2007. While researchers believe lack of exercise cannot cause ADHD; a lack
36 of exercise contributes to the severity of ADHD and the propensity of ADHD
37 children to pursue other activities which might.

38 For many years the United States has invested in the Defense department.
39 According to statistics accumulated in 2009, 2.7 per cent of world gross
40 domestic product (GDP), or approximately \$225 for each person in the world.
41 While this may seem a small number, but according to Chris Hellman's The

Proposal No. 1009

Runaway Military Budget: An Analysis taxpayers are spending upwards of \$440 billion. The United States with its massive spending budget, is the principal determinant of the current world trend, and its military expenditure now accounts for just under half of the world total, at 46.5% of the world total. It is only reasonable to further invest in the youth that could potentially serve in the military.

Since the 1898 Spanish American War, the United States has not had a 25 year span without United States participation in a war. There is significant reason to believe that in the next few years the United States may be engaged in some sort of military altercation with any of the following countries: Iran, North Korea, China, Russia. Furthermore, the current entanglement with Armed Forces in the Middle East may require significantly more troops than usual. With more than 10% of American volunteers to the Armed Forces being rejected before the end of Basic Training due to lack of physical fitness, such a proposal could significantly lower the number. While current recruitment rates have been on the upswing for the passed year, with any future conflict which may be imminent, the United States could easily face a shortage of recruits. In one month during 2009 the national recruitment offices had more than 4 recruitment officers commit suicide due to their inability and pressure to find men and women willing and able to serve the country. Furthermore, the United States would not have to reinstate the Stop-Loss program that kept soldiers on tours of duty for years after their enlistment contract had expired. With such civilian training at a younger age more men and women could easily make the cut for recruitment.

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<http://www.aahperd.org/naspe/standards/nationalStandards/PEstandards.cfm>
<http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/adhd/data.html>

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

By September 1, 2015 states must provide adequate military training to students. Students would be required to complete two years of compulsory training, except students involved in competitive sports or with special needs/disabilities. Funds allocated to the current Physical Education programs would be used for the training of current P.E. teachers and equipment. States that do not comply with the deadline would receive federal funding reductions,

Name: Zachary Montes
Delegation: Crescenta-Canada YMCA

1 TOPIC OF CONCERN:

2 Convicts on the Front-line

4 JUSTIFICATION:

5 American prisons and jails held 2,297,400 inmates in 2009. This comes out to
6 be 1 out of every 18 Americans are in prison or are being monitored. The cost
7 of keeping these people detained sums up to be \$68,747,203,000. Another
8 problem is how some of these inmates are sitting idly using up state and
9 national resources as they sit on Death Row. California's death row convicts
10 cost taxpayers \$114 million a year beyond the cost of imprisoning convicts for
11 life. This is \$114 million that you all pay to deal with a man or woman who has
12 been condemned to death. This seems a large price to pay for those who have
13 committed the greatest of crimes.

14
15 This proposal is to use convicts as assets rather than expenses. During times of
16 war, the military would take control of all of the convicts on death row, those
17 charged with life imprisonment if they so choose, and send them to the front-
18 lines of war. Every convict is to be integrated into a military unit where the
19 convict to soldier ratio is 1:5 to keep order. In addition, they are not to be given
20 regular guns, but anti-riot weaponry, such as guns with rubber bullets. Their
21 housing is to be on-site correctional facility guarded by military personnel. As
22 they progress through certain rank or time served, they are to gain privileges
23 until they are ultimately released from their military contracts and are given
24 life-long house arrest. If a convict is wounded in battle, he/she will be treated
25 by on site military doctors unless the wound exceeds a certain cost to heal. In
26 such a case, the prisoner should receive the mercy of capital punishment in a
27 humane way. This would benefit the state and nation economically, and it
28 would help save the lives of America's sons and daughters who serve in the
29 armed forces. The saved money will go to maintaining the other services of
30 America's prisons so as to cut down taxpayers' money usage.

32 ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

33 The Federal government of the United States of America would enforce a
34 policy for the states in the Union to make contracts between their prisoners on
35 Death Row and the United States Armed Forces.

Proposal No. 1010

Name: Nikolas Savelli
Delegation: Marin/SF YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 To increase the tax on soda products and put the money toward physical
3 education in schools and the community to prevent childhood obesity.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 An alarming rate of children are considered overweight to obese. The
7 prevalence of obesity among children aged 6 to 11 years increased from 6.5%
8 in 1980 to 19.6% in 2008. The prevalence of obesity among adolescents aged
9 12 to 19 years increased from 5.0% to 18.1%(CDC.gov) Obesity causes a
10 number of health problems. Obese youth are more likely to have risk factors for
11 cardiovascular disease, such as high cholesterol or high blood pressure. In a
12 population-based sample of 5- to 17-year-olds, 70% of obese youth had at least
13 one risk factor for cardiovascular disease.Children and adolescents who are
14 obese are at greater risk for bone and joint problems, sleep apnea, and social
15 and psychological problems such as stigmatization and poor self-esteem.

16 Obese youth are more likely than youth of normal weight to become
17 overweight or obese adults, and therefore more at risk for associated adult
18 health problems, including heart disease, type 2 diabetes, stroke, several types
19 of cancer, and osteoarthritis.(CDC.gov)

20 The soda companies profit an enormous amount and are one big contributing
21 factor to childhood obesity because of the amount of sugar in soda products.
22 Why not increase the tax on soda products and put that money toward
23 education and prevention of obesity in children.

24
25 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

26 All of the 2% increased tax of soda products will go directly to education
27 and prevention, making healthier kids with higher self esteem, less health
28 problems and a brighter future.

Proposal No. 1011

Name: Jasmine Rocha
Delegation: Irvin Deutscher

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 This proposal calls for the immediate change of word usage on any federal
3 documents concerning the phrase“alien” to immigrant or“illegal alien” to
4 undocumented immigrant.

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6 **JUSTIFICATION:**

7 The government is recognized as a system which sets the higher form of
8 respect and sophistication. For such reasons the U.S. government should refrain
9 from using dehumanizing words to describe immigrants such as: illegal aliens
10 because it gives a message that immigrants and citizens from other countries
11 are not welcome. The U.S. has maintained an accepting status but the words
12 used to describe undocumented immigrants has suggested otherwise. For those
13 who are not well informed of the situation with immigrants and law, hear or see
14 this phrase and look upon immigrants negatively. The word alien does not
15 literally mean extraterrestrial but the society views the word in that way.
16 Calling some one an“illegal alien” makes the person seem inhuman and
17 unwanted.

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19 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

20 The phrase“alien” will be replaced with immigrant, and the phrase“illegal
21 alien” will be replaced with“undocumented immigrant” on any and all U.S.
22 government documents created, printed, and/or distributed from April 1, 2011
23 and on. To reduce the cost of this change, documents already in existence will
24 not be required to change.

Proposal No. 1012

Name: Miad Hadaegh
Delegation: Palomar/SDSC YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Production of environmentally friendly products for public consumption

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 The United States accounts for the third largest population in the world, with a
6 little over 310 million, but it consumes three times the amount of resources as
7 China, with a little over 1.3 billion. People experience what these harmful
8 products do right now for the society, but do not realize the future
9 environmental impacts of such procedures.

10 30% of the world's ecosystems will become extinct because they will be unable
11 to adapt to a 1.3°F increase in the average temperature, due to the effects of
12 global warming.

13 The United States finds answers through rewards as do most all people around
14 the world. In the capitalist state that is the United States of America, companies
15 manipulate the the people's purchase and the overall economy. People will not
16 buy increasingly expensive, environmentally friendly products and therefore
17 companies will not produce them.

18 The only exception to that is if companies are mostly selling environmentally
19 friendly products, the people will have to buy them. Government mandated
20 rewards for environmental sustainability, like tax incentives, give companies
21 every reason to stock up on eco-friendly products that can save the planet.

22 It shall be enacted that all current government funded, public companies in the
23 nation, big or small, receive 20% tax credit if and only if 80% of their
24 manufactured products for sale are environmentally friendly. An additional 1%
25 extra credit will be added on to the 20% tax credit for every 2% of production
26 increase added to the 80% already manufactured. This leaves a potential 30%
27 for tax credits given to companies that produce and sell 100% environmentally
28 friendly products.

29 Environmentally friendly products can be defined as any appliances, cleaning
30 agents, foods, vehicles, accessories (indoor or outdoor), furniture, toys, and any
31 electronics, that are not harmful (in any way) to the environment, before and
32 after creation, manufacture, production, and sale.

33
34 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

35 A Federal Law potentially giving tax incentives of about 30% to companies
36 that provide environmentally friendly products for public consumption. 20%
37 tax credit shall be given for 80% production and an extra 1% credit for every
38 2% extra production.

Proposal No. 1013

Name: Stephanie Horowitz
Delegation: Triunfo YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Discouraging alcohol consumption by pregnant women.

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 For many years scientists have spoken out to the American people regarding
6 the negative effects of drinking alcohol while pregnant. Drinking alcohol while
7 pregnant can cause a wide range of physical and mental birth defects. Babies
8 born to mothers who drink while pregnant do not get enough oxygen and
9 nourishment for normal cell development in the brain.

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11 Drinking while pregnant can lead to fetal alcohol syndrome, or F.A.S. F.A.S.
12 refers to the growth, mental, and physical problems that may occur in a baby
13 when a mother drinks alcohol during pregnancy. It is the leading preventable
14 cause of mental retardation and birth defects, and a leading known cause of
15 learning disabilities. When pregnant women drink alcohol, the alcohol easily
16 passes through the placenta to the fetus, which can interfere with the baby's
17 development.

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19 Many studies show that between 1,000 and 6,000 babies in the US alone are
20 born yearly with F.A.S. F.A.S. affects 1 in 100 infants each year, and it affects
21 infants more often than autism, down syndrome, and many other harmful
22 disabilities.

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24 F.A.S. not only affect the baby; it affects the baby's family, as well. F.A.S. is
25 estimated to cost about \$1.4 million per child over the lifetime the child. F.A.S.
26 also causes an increase in the risk for later alcohol, tobacco, and drug
27 dependence in adults.

28
29 Given the advice of many doctors and professionals, it is up to all mothers to
30 realize the dangers and threats presented when consuming alcohol during a
31 pregnancy.

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33 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

34 Legislation shall be enacted making any person or establishment serving
35 alcohol to a pregnant woman subject to a \$500 fine. Repeated offenses may
36 result in the revocation of a liquor license.

Proposal No. 1014

Name: Michael Clapp
Delegation: SPPY-San Pedro YMCA

TOPIC OF CONCERN:

Monitoring Fast Food Advertising to Children. This proposal will address the obesity correlation between young children and fast food advertising and actions will be taken to monitor this.

JUSTIFICATION:

Advertising to children is a sensitive and emotionally-charged issue because children are easily influenced and like to experiment with new things. The proliferation of products, advertising, promotions and media targeted to children is of concern to lawmakers, the industry and the general public. Children's advertising is under attack because it is perceived as "making kids want what they don't need" and puts pressure on parents to respond to those needs. More recently, advertising is accused of being a factor in causing children's obesity. While there are more regulations in effect than ever before, there is a public outcry for even more.

Much is at stake. The children's market today (through age 12) is estimated to represent \$500 billion, consisting of both personal spending of \$200 billion--primarily for snacks, soft drinks, entertainment and apparel--and \$300 billion in directly-influenced spending in these same categories plus food, toys, health and beauty aids, gifts, accessories and school supplies. By the time they are 5 years old, children have seen an average of more than 4,000 television commercials for food annually. During Saturday morning cartoons, children see an average of one food ad every five minutes. The vast majority of these ads, up to 95 percent, are for foods with poor nutritional value, the researchers say. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the average child watches about four hours of television a day and sees more than 20,000 commercials each year, often for high-fat, high-sugar and high-salt snacks and foods. By the time American children finish high school, they have spent nearly twice as many hours in front of the television set as in the classroom. Childhood and adolescent obesity is fast becoming a global health concern as figures reach epidemic proportions. Almost 16% of adolescents ages 12-19 and 15% of children ages 5-11 are currently obese. These numbers have more than doubled for children and tripled for adolescents in the past two decades.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

The United States will add a regulation to the media presented to children that will prohibit fast food companies, that are officially ruled as unhealthy, from advertising to these young children. This will help to better develop our children's futures.

Proposal No. 1101

Name: Craig Marker
Delegation: El Camino YMCA

TOPIC OF CONCERN:

The repercussions of committing certain sex offense crimes.

JUSTIFICATION:

There are currently over 700,000 convicted sex offenders in the United States, registered due to offenses ranging from rape, possession of child pornography to public indecency. From this small sample, it's apparent that there is a great array of possible offenses that require one to register as a sex offender. Often these offenders, once released from jail, if they were convicted, are branded for life as sex offenders due to their faces being plastered around the internet. Committing a sex offense is one of the only crimes that will haunt a person for life, no matter the severity of the actual crime. Whether or not the crime was malicious and violent, or accidental and harmless, it's a life decree nonetheless.

Specific crimes like indecent exposure, possession of child pornography with intent to distribute, and annoying are just some of the crimes that are up to the interpretation of the court. It can be unclear sometimes whether or not someone intended to distribute child pornography, or if they meant to offend someone by their indecent exposure. Thus, sex offenders registered due to these above crimes, and certain others, should have the right to be reevaluated fairly and objectively to decide if they truly still lead the life they had when they committed the offense.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

Sex offenders who are registered due to offenses such as indecent exposure, possession of child pornography with intent to distribute, annoying, and a few others should have the opportunity to be reevaluated. This evaluation process will include interviews from current co-workers and other acquaintances in the offender's life by an investigator hired by the Court. Once new information is gathered about the offender, a bench trial will take place, and will decide how the offender will be labeled thus forward.

Proposal No. 1102

Name: Skylar Kim
Delegation: Culver-Palms YMCA/LA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Legalizing Physician-Assisted Suicide Nationally

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 Suicide is legal in the United States, upon the basis that prohibiting death to a
6 person who ardently wants to die can be construed as a form of cruel and
7 unusual punishment or a revocation of their right to the pursuit of happiness.
8 Physician Assisted suicide, the aiding of a licensed physician in a suicide, is
9 legal in a number of states, but under intensely restrictive regulations.
10 Logically, if killing oneself is already legal, receiving or giving aide in a
11 completely consented to act of suicide should be legal as well.

12 In addition, assisted suicide is a largely untapped professional field. According
13 to a 2007 study, suicide is the 11th most common form of death. It accounted
14 for 34, 598 deaths that year, and the number is rising. Should these suicides be
15 completed by physicians, it may lead to more work for physicians, leading to
16 more room in the profession for new physicians, thus creating jobs, and
17 creating a greater cash flow, which could significantly aid the nation in solving
18 the problems of the recession.

19 Many people who fear killing themselves directly, and who are therefore more
20 likely to apply for assisted suicide, are also more likely to not commit suicide
21 after the mandatory 6 months of psychiatric treatment. Therefore, this proposal
22 could potentially save thousands of lives.

23

24 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

25 The United States will amend the constitution to allow physician-assisted
26 suicides of persons of or over the age of 21, of a stable mental condition, only
27 after 6 months of therapy with a licensed psychiatrist, and both oral and written
28 proof of desire for physician-assisted suicide, to be delivered to a government
29 agency, and with at the minimum 3 members of the police, or any 3 other
30 government officials serving as witnesses. Physician-assisted suicide is to be
31 done only by lethal injection or as requested by the person receiving physician-
32 assisted suicide at an earlier date to the actual event.

Proposal No. 1103

Name: Nikki-Lynne Bosnich
Delegation: SPPY-San Pedro YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 To implement a one year Fitness for Living class in place of High School
3 Physical Education classes.

4

5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 Today, nearly one in three teens is overweight. Childhood obesity is the
7 number one growing concern in America. Among children, obesity can cause a
8 large number of health problems, including: high blood pressure, type two
9 diabetes, and high cholesterol. Excess weight in early ages has been shown to
10 increase the chances of higher weight and health problems later in life.
11 Although Physical Education classes offer time for students to exercise, the
12 educational benefits do not lead to healthier lifestyles. The Fitness for Living
13 class would not only teach students the proper way to exercise and the benefits
14 of being physically active, but also how to lead a nutritious and healthy
15 lifestyle. Knowledge gained from this class, such as how to eat a well-balanced
16 diet and incorporate exercise into everyday life, can be passed to future
17 generations.

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19 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

20 Federal Law will change the graduation state standards to require a one year
21 Fitness for Living class in place of a Physical Education course.

Proposal No. 1104

Name: Kristen Cruz
Delegation: Crescenta-Canada YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Reform to the policy that a child born in the United States to illegal immigrants
3 as both parents is given citizenship.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 Overpopulation and other issues resulting from illegal immigration are among
7 the most important problems that the United States is facing. The number of
8 illegal immigrants is just growing. They use our resources and do not
9 contribute to the nation. Illegal immigrants cross the border and have a child in
10 the United States. Their child is granted American Citizenship but this should
11 be changed. At least one parent of a child being born in the United States
12 should be a born or naturalized citizen of the United States.

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14 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

15 The government should enforce that at least one parent is a born or naturalized
16 citizen of the United States to grant a child American Citizenship through birth.

Proposal No. 1105

Name: Tripp Frank
Delegation: Palo Alto YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 This proposals calls for the government to provide a program that will allow all
3 students from a family that's pre-tax total is below the federal poverty line to be
4 able to attend any public university in the nation, cost free, while for any
5 student whose family makes less than \$125,000 a year, the cost of college
6 tuition shall be tax-deductible.

7
8 **JUSTIFICATION:**

9 In this growing world the new road to success is much harder to achieve with a
10 high-school degree. A college degree is becoming more and more required to
11 succeed into today's globalized economy. Unfortunately for millions of
12 American students the chance to pursue a college degree is more and more
13 expensive which eliminates millions of high-school students every year from
14 receiving and paying for higher education. If we are to succeeded in this new
15 world we must be able to have all our citizens compete and have the ability to
16 create the new industries and become the next generations of leaders. By
17 giving these students a chance to earn a college degree we help pull thousands
18 of students out of poverty and into the middle class and allow even the middle
19 class student to not be burdened by loans once they leave college. Not only
20 will this stop country brain drain, but it will allow us to make college education
21 an opportunity for everyone. This will strengthen our country, strengthen our
22 government, and strengthen America for the 21st century.

23
24 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

25 The President of the United States will order the Dept. Of Education to begin
26 drawing up a program that would facilitate this program, they Dept. of
27 Education will subsequently draw up guidelines and requirements to be eligible
28 for the program and each student shall be reviewed on a yearly basis.
29 Furthermore the Congress of the United States shall raise the estate and income
30 tax on the richest 1% of Americans to pay for this program.

Proposal No. 1106

Name: Karla Sanchez
Delegation: Golden State

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 This proposal relates to age at which a person may stop attending school.

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 Too many people in this country are forced to attend the public education
6 system up to an age that is beyond their educational needs or wants. Schooling
7 is compulsory for all children in the United States, but the age range for which
8 school attendance is required varies from state to state.

9 Some states allow students to leave school between 14–17 with parental
10 permission, before finishing high school; other states require students to stay in
11 school until age 18.

12
13 Although courts today frequently say that education is one of the most
14 important roles of government, this shows an astounding lack of perspective
15 and knowledge of U.S. history. During the 75 years after America declared our
16 independence from England, our government's role in education was minimal,
17 and compulsory attendance nonexistent.

18
19 The people who will never excel in school are being forced into a system they
20 do not belong in as the soaring prices and dropping wages force people to get
21 an education or starve. That truly is a tragedy to see people forced to perform
22 roles into which they do not fit. Mandatory education, however, is not the
23 answer for as always the kids who do not belong in school will deeply hinder
24 those that do. That is far more crippling to society than to have such a person
25 drop out, for our best and our brightest are hindered by those which do not want
26 an education and disrupt those who are truly interested in a meaningful
27 education.

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29 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

30 Students should be allowed to stop attending school at the age of sixteen (16)
31 without parent consent

Proposal No. 1107

Name: Dylan Sohngen
Delegation: SPPY-San Pedro YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 All private security firms hired by the United States Government must abide by
3 the laws of the United States Armed Forces.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 Currently, the United States Government hires private security firms as
7 professional armed personnel to be used in high risk or high importance
8 situations. Private security firms offer valuable expertise and experience, and
9 they are hired when the armed forces cannot meet the demand for specialist
10 personnel. Since they are primarily utilized internationally, especially in the
11 current situation in Iraq, the issue arises of whose laws they must abide by. In
12 Iraq, during the occupation, the U.S. made the private security firms immune to
13 Iraqi Law. Being private entities, they are not regulated by the U.S. Armed
14 Forces, and because they are categorized as security, they do not fall under the
15 Geneva Conventions combatant definition or international laws of war. This
16 creates a loophole and allows these private security contractors to operate in
17 Iraq with very little to no regulation.

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19 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

20 It shall be made federal law for all private security firms and other private
21 militarized entities hired by the United States to follow the laws of the United
22 States Armed Forces.

Proposal No. 1108

Name: Sarah Cornett
Delegation: Sacramento Central YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 This proposal concerns the employment of minors.

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 It is no secret that unemployment in American is an issue. The government has
6 tried to create jobs and stimulate the economy, but further action can be taken.
7 Under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (FLSA), minors may perform a
8 variety of jobs that are deemed acceptable. Minors often work for spare cash,
9 and it is rare that they work to support families. Therefore, it is more important
10 for an adult with a family to work than it is for a minor. By eliminating
11 employment for minors, adults with no families to support them will have more
12 job options.

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14 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

15 This proposal would eliminate employment for minors while the
16 unemployment rate is over seven percent. However, to prevent constant firing
17 and hiring if the rate fluctuates, the bill would make employment legal or
18 illegal for six months at a time, and if, after six months, the rate is above or
19 below seven percent, youth can be hired or fired. In the interest of morality, the
20 employer of a discharged youth must pay two weeks salary as severance.
21 However, this proposal does not relate to emancipated minors. Children in
22 families that have an income at or lower than the Census Bureau poverty
23 standards are also exempt. In accordance with the FLSA, minors employed in
24 theatrical or artistic endeavors already exempt from the requirements of the Act
25 and will not be affected by this proposal.

Proposal No. 1109

Name: Conor Miller
Delegation: Triunfo YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 The rights of corporations in the United States of America.

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 In 1886, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of corporate rights in the landslide
6 case Santa Clara County v. Southern Pacific Railroad, recognizing that
7 corporations are to be treated as a single person, thus allowing them the same
8 rights as a human being gains from the Constitution; specifically, the Bill of
9 Rights and the Fourteenth Amendment. However, this has shown to have
10 effectively rewritten laws to favor corporate rights and gives what is essentially
11 a thing the full rights that a human being expects.

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13 The current laws allow corporations to exploit the rights they have been
14 granted. In recent years, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of allowing corporate
15 funding of political broadcasts in the 2010 landmark case of Citizens United v.
16 Federal Election Commission. This allows for corporations to make
17 contributions to political candidates' campaign efforts. In exchange for
18 campaign funds, these candidates can ensure any political opposition not acting
19 in the corporation's best interests are defeated. These politicians are not acting
20 in the best interests of their country, but rather in the best interests of
21 themselves, their financial backers and the future of their political careers. It is
22 difficult to establish a link, however, so the only effective solution to limit
23 corruption is to limit the rights of the perpetrators.

24

25 A corporation is not, nor has it ever been, a voting citizen of the United States
26 of America. The Supreme Court has acknowledged corporations as an
27 "artificial entity" to serve public interests. Former Supreme Court Justice Byron
28 White outlined the benefits of a corporation as "limited liability, perpetual life
29 and the accumulation, distribution and taxation of assets." However, White also
30 asserted that in no way whatsoever does a corporation have the right to convert
31 their economic resources into political power, or, as he puts it, "The state need
32 not permit its own creation to consume it."

33

34 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

35 Recognize corporations as business entities rather than persons protected by the
36 Fourteenth Amendment, and thus should have no more rights than other
37 business entities, such as partnerships and joint ventures, while reserving the
38 rights of persons to human beings.

Proposal No. 1110

Name: Kelsey Engelman
Delegation: SPPY-San Pedro YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 To legalize physician assisted suicide on terminally ill patients.

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 Today in America there are 1.1 million terminally ill patients who are confined
6 to hospitals, doomed to spend the remainder of their lives suffering. Instead of
7 being forced to suffer, these people should be allowed to die if they so choose.
8 Recent polls indicate that half of the medical profession would like to see
9 euthanasia made into a law to allow people who are terminally ill to end their
10 suffering in a safe, relatively inexpensive way.

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12 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

13 This proposal would effectively allow physicians to conduct assisted suicide on
14 competent patients who suffer from terminally ill diseases and wish to die
15 without being reprimanded.

Proposal No. 1111

Name: Isuri Ramos
Delegation: Santa Ana YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Replacing three federally funded Abstinence-Only programs with three
3 Comprehensive Sex Education programs

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 The concept of this proposal is to eliminate the Federal Government's current
7 Abstinence-Only programs, so that they can be replaced with new Federal
8 Programs that will teach Comprehensive Sex Education. The Federal
9 Government currently funds three programs that only teach abstinence:
10 Adolescent Family Life Act, Title V-Welfare Reform Act, and Community
11 Based Education; in an effort to prevent teen pregnancies. This approach has
12 not proven to be effective as the United States has one of the highest teen
13 pregnancy rates in the developed world, with pregnancy rates almost twice as
14 high as those of England, Wales, and Canada.

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16 Abstinence-Only programs fail to provide adolescents with information on
17 contraceptives, as they focus on abstinence. Abstinence is the most effective
18 way to prevent pregnancies when practiced but the CDC reported in 2009 that
19 46% of high school students were sexually active. Comprehensive sex
20 education presents abstinence as a positive choice, while also presenting
21 information on contraception and the avoidance of Sexually Transmitted
22 Diseases/Infections when sexually active. With this knowledge teenagers who
23 are sexually active will be able to more effectively avoid unwanted pregnancies
24 STDS and STIS, as opposed to those who have only been taught abstinence and
25 become sexually active.

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27 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

28 Replacing the "abstinence education" from the: Adolescent Family Act (Title
29 XX of the Public Service Act), and the Title V- Welfare Reform Act with
30 Comprehensive Sex Education. Replacing the Community Based Abstinence
31 Education with a Community Based Comprehensive Sex Education.

Proposal No. 1112

Name: Yazmine Mihojevich
Delegation: SPPY-San Pedro YMCA

1 TOPIC OF CONCERN:

2 This proposal calls for the regulation and waste management of hydraulic
3 fracturing.

5 JUSTIFICATION:

6 The U.S in the midst of one of the richest sources of natural gas yet discovered.
7 Hydraulic fracturing (fracking) allows previously inaccessible natural gas to be
8 tapped within rich shale gas formations through horizontal drilling techniques.
9 The EPA projects “that shale gas will comprise over 20% of the total U.S gas
10 supply by 2020.” Such an access involves injecting millions of gallons of water
11 mixed with chemicals, salt and sand into the ground, shattering the shale and
12 releasing the natural gas trapped inside, nearly 8,000 feet below the surface.
13 Hydraulic fracturing is a growing industry in the U.S but its harmful waste is
14 unregulated by the federal government.

16 ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

17 Hydraulic fracturing will be added and regulated under:

- 18 • The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and
19 Liability Act (CERCLA) (Superfund Act): Requires any released hazardous
20 substances that may endanger public health or the environment, to be cleaned
21 up.
- 22 • The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)- Gives the
23 EPA the authority to control hazardous waste during generation, transportation,
24 treatment, storage, and disposal.

Proposal No. 1113

Name: Hajjah Sidqe
Delegation: El Dorado YMCA

1 TOPIC OF CONCERN:

2 Convert system of wage indexing to price indexing within Social Security.

4 JUSTIFICATION:

5 The United States government spent 54% of the budget on mandatory spending
6 in 2008. In that same year 34% of mandatory spending went toward funding
7 Social Security. That year, we spent \$615,344,000,000 on Social Security
8 alone, and that number continues to rise. Millions of Americans are paying
9 7.65% of their income to Social Security. In our current recession, spending as
10 much money as we do on Social Security does not only take away from other
11 spending for important things such as education, defense, and other welfare
12 programs, but it contributes to the already huge burden of paying high taxes.

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14 In an effort to reduce the cost of Social Security and lower the tax on it, I
15 propose to change the way we determine the benefits. Currently, Social
16 Security benefits are determined through wage indexing. This means that
17 benefits are determined by the nations average wage and the individual's
18 average wage (excluding five years of the lowest earning income). Social
19 Security should not reward citizens with excess benefits for their own
20 discretionary spending. Price indexing, which would calculate benefits
21 according to inflation would insure that each individual would receive benefits
22 that support basic living. Because wages generally grow more quickly than
23 prices, a shift to price indexing would result in a slower rate of benefit growth.

25 ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

26 An amendment must be made to the Social Security Act stating that
27 individual's benefits are to be determined by price indexing.

Proposal No. 1114

Name: Tyler Rackelmann
Delegation: El Camino YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Condoms in Schools

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 It has been proven that just giving out free condoms does not really do any
6 good. But if an adult, who teaches about STDs, pregnancy, etc., provides
7 condoms, those receiving the condoms are actually less likely to engage in
8 sexual activity. In effect, there will be a lesser amount of STDs, a plethora of
9 knowledge creating better decision making amongst young people, and less
10 unwanted pregnancy. Teenagers are going to have sex no matter what,
11 therefore we should spare those who don't have the means, money, or the
12 courage to get condoms from a store, and have them right at school where they
13 can receive confidential contraception.

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15 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

16 The persona(s) choosing to receive condoms must schedule an appointment
17 either with their counselor, or health teacher. The health teacher, or any
18 appointed staff members will go through the process of showing how to use a
19 condom properly, a short lesson about STD's and pregnancy rates, and will
20 then give the student(s) a set of condoms. This would be enacted by a qualified
21 professional who has a flexible schedule to do such meetings.

Proposal No. 1201

Name: Alyssa Martin
Delegation: SRV - Valle Lobo YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 College applications

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 Each year, acceptance rates into prestigious public colleges decrease. From 2005 to
6 2010, the acceptance rates of California universities UC Berkeley and UCLA
7 dropped from 26.1-25.6% and 26.8-21.7%, respectively (College Confidential and
8 UC websites).

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10 As receiving a college acceptance becomes more difficult as the years progress, it
11 remains most difficult for students with European or Asian backgrounds; the
12 acceptance rates of minorities have, in contrast, climbed. Though anti-affirmative
13 action initiatives have passed in the U.S. such as California's Proposition 209 in
14 1997, Washington's I-200 in 1998, and Florida's Executive Order 99-281 in 1999,
15 colleges have seen a larger amount of minority students in recent years.

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17 When college admissions are race-conscious of applicants, it actually leads to
18 inequality as it promotes reverse discrimination, through patronizing certain races on
19 the assumption that they can't succeed on their own accounts, and the rejection of
20 more qualified students. In short, applicants should be judged completely on their
21 achievements, and ethnicity should never become a determining factor.

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23 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

24 The United States' Government should pass a law to remove the "race information"
25 section from all applications to public colleges and universities.

Proposal No. 1202

Name: Natasha Berk
Delegation: Berkeley YMCA

TOPIC OF CONCERN:

Decreasing the amount of people who die waiting for organ transplants by incentivizing organ donation.

JUSTIFICATION:

According to the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network, a division of the US Department of Health and Human Services, there were 106,245 Americans waiting for an organ transplant at the end of 2008, and only 27,281 transplants occurred in 2009. 74.3% of those on the waiting list at the end of 2008 still hadn't received an organ by the end of 2009, and most of these people did not end up receiving one at all. Tens of thousands of Americans whose lives could have been saved are dying each year while on the transplant waiting list. Yet only 38% of licensed drivers are organ donors.

Even though most Americans elect not to donate their own organs, everyone in need of an organ hopes to receive one. Is it fair for non-organ donors to accept someone else's organ when they aren't willing to donate their own? We need more organ donors, and the only way to encourage organ donation is to incentivize it. If we gave those on the transplant waiting list who are registered organ donors priority over non-donors, almost all Americans would register as donors to avoid being bumped down the list should they ever need an organ themselves. There would be a vast increase in the amount of organs available for donation and many lives would be saved. Ultimately, very few people would be moved down the waiting list because almost everyone would become a donor, and therefore everyone would have equal priority. The net effect would simply be to make more organs available for donation.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

The Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network will be required to re-prioritize the transplant waiting list as follows: People who have been registered to donate any and all organs and tissues after death without restriction for at least one year will be given priority over non-donors who are matches for the same organ (same blood type, tissue type, and organ size) and have equal medical urgency and feasibility of organ transportation, regardless of time spent on the waiting list. Minors will automatically receive the same priority as organ donors, regardless of whether or not they have had the opportunity to register as a donor, and those between the ages of 18 and 19 will receive donor priority as soon as they register without having to wait a year. Those with serious diseases who are unable to register as donors will receive donor priority if they register to donate their organs and tissues to science after death, so that medical researchers may work to find a cure for their disease.

Proposal No. 1203

Name: Yael Sendler
Delegation: Tri Valley YMCA

TOPIC OF CONCERN:

Mandatory community service for those receiving unemployment benefits.

JUSTIFICATION:

The unemployment rate as of December 2010 is 9.4 percent in the United States. According to the bureau of labor stats, the average amount a person receives in benefits from the government is \$1,216 per month and a total of \$650 billion nationwide every year. As of this year, President Obama has increased unemployment benefits from six months to two and half years. All of our citizens are required to pay taxes; a portion of our money going to those without a job. Those receiving benefits are supposed to be looking for new opportunities, yet we cannot truly know the number of unemployed actually looking for a job versus those sitting around and waiting for the opportunity to come to them.

This proposes that unemployment checks be sent to unemployment offices, where it will be mandatory to sign-up for community service opportunities after a 6-month grace period. If, after the 6-month period, a person is unable to find a job, he/she is required to fulfill a minimum of 10 hours of community service per week. Only then can they receive their unemployment check. This establishes an opportunity to help the community, encourages the people to search for jobs and volunteer at potential places of employment, and assures employed, tax-paying citizens that the unemployed are using their free time in a useful manner.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

The United States Department of Labor will require those receiving unemployment benefits to fulfill 40 hours of mandatory community service per month after receiving unemployment benefits for more than 6 months.

Proposal No. 1204

Name: Nathan Martinez
Delegation: El Camino YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Legalizing Confidential Abortions for All Ages

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 One of the most serious problems in our country is teen pregnancy. There are
6 currently 750,000 teen pregnancies annually, and 80% of these pregnancies are
7 unintended. However, since it is illegal for a minor to get an abortion without
8 parental consent, many pregnant teens seek more dangerous alternatives, like
9 illegal/unsafe abortion clinics, for example. This puts the teen at an
10 unnecessary health risk and, more importantly, is illegal. Also, some of the
11 teens who become pregnant may have parents who do not agree with abortions
12 and would rather have the baby born against the mother's will. This will create
13 an abusive and unloving society for the baby and may even cause the mother to
14 commit suicide out of depression and confusion.

15

16 Now, one might think that legalized abortions for all ages will increase the
17 rate of teen pregnancies, but I urge you that the opposite will be true, since
18 making it legal for minors to have abortions will force them to more seriously
19 consider the consequences of sex instead of being blissfully ignorant and
20 believing that they will never get pregnant. This proposal will reduce teen
21 pregnancy, ensure that children are not born into unloving households, and also
22 force teens to recognize the most serious consequence of sex: pregnancy.

23

24 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

25 Legalize confidential abortions for women of all ages regardless of parental
26 consent (for minors). These abortions will be available at the existing abortion
27 clinics in The United States of America.

Proposal No. 1205

Name: Ryan Jansen
Delegation: Westchester/LA YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 To have obese Americans go through an exercise program to encourage a
3 healthier life style.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 Obesity is becoming a problem in the United States. About 30% of adults and
7 20% of children are obese. Obesity can cause serious health risks such as heart
8 disease, hypertension, diabetes etc. If someone has a body mass index is over
9 30% you are obese. To reduce these health risks you are recommended to
10 exercise 45 to 60 minutes per day. To solve this problem, they would go to
11 their local gym and attend a one hour class three times a week taught by a
12 volunteer instructor. Classes would be geared to what the person is able to do.
13 They would be able to take an aerobics class or a water aerobic exercise. They
14 would sign a form proof to show that they did their workout. If they miss more
15 than two classes a week they would have to pay an extra tax. This tax will go
16 to the state. This will reduce the increasing obesity in the United States.

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18 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

19 All obese citizens shall attend an exercise three times a week until they lose up
20 to 10% of your body mass index. This will reduce the obesity and make the
21 United States a fitter country.

Proposal No. 1206

Name: Nicole Keally
Delegation: Anaheim YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Implementing a Comparative Religions elective class into all public schools
3 throughout the United States.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 Today's world is very diverse and in our very own state there are various
7 cultures, each with their own beliefs. To better educate young Americans about
8 the world around them, we propose to teach students the basics about the five
9 most populous world religions. These religions include Christianity, Islam,
10 Hinduism, Buddhism and Judaism. The remaining religions will be studied as
11 time and interest permit. Much of what students read in school and watch on
12 television contains religious allusions and we aim to make young Americans
13 more aware of that. With this Comparative Religions class we are proposing to
14 better educate young Americans and deepen their understanding and
15 appreciation for the many beliefs and rituals practiced in society. After
16 establishing a common definition of the purpose of religion and ways to study
17 religion, students will engage in projects, presentations and class discussions to
18 help them better understand the major religions of the world. This class would
19 not cost the United States that much more money, because it would not
20 necessarily be based on textbooks. Instead, it would focus more on class
21 discussions about the different world religions. The course will be structured in
22 such a way that interests high school students and will allow them to be
23 successful. The class would not be mandatory because it will just be offered as
24 an elective class, which respects the principle of the separation of church and
25 state. Students at Montgomery Blair High School in Maryland are already
26 offered a single semester of this course. Why not the rest of the United States?

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28 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

29 The United States government will make it mandatory for all public High
30 Schools to offer a Comparative Religions elective.

Proposal No. 1207

Name: Sophia Reynolds
Delegation: Newport-Corona del Mar

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Permitting drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) in the 1002
3 Area

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 The United States should allow oil drilling in the ANWR because there is a
7 surplus of oil reserves that the United States has yet to utilize. This would
8 decrease our dependency on foreign nations for oil, which would be beneficial
9 to our national security.

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11 1.5 million acres or 8% on the northern coast of ANWR is being considered for
12 development. The remaining 17.5 million acres or 92% of ANWR will remain
13 permanently closed to any kind of development. The U.S. Department of
14 Interior (DOI), in its April, 1987 report on the oil and gas potential of the
15 Coastal Plain, estimated that there are billions of barrels of oil to be discovered
16 in the area. Less than 100 miles west of ANWR lay Prudhoe Bay, North
17 America's largest oil field, located along similar geologic trends.

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19 Oil and gas development and wildlife are successfully coexisting in Alaska's
20 arctic. For example, the Central Arctic Caribou Herd (CACH), which migrates
21 through Prudhoe Bay, has grown from 3,000 animals to its current level of
22 32,000 animals. No trees live in this inhospitable region, and wildlife is present
23 for only about six weeks each year.

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25 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

26 The United States will allow the drilling of oil in the 1002 area of the Arctic
27 National Wildlife Refuge effective January 1, 2013.

Proposal No. 1208

Name: Olivia Main
Delegation: San Luis Obispo County YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Promoting the use of sustainable building practices.

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 According to the Department of Energy, buildings consume more energy than
6 any other sector of the economy including transportation. American buildings
7 consume 39 percent of our nation's primary energy and 70 percent of
8 electricity. Green building practices aim to reduce the environmental impact of
9 new buildings and lower the consumption of energy and electricity. This
10 proposal will make it mandatory for all new buildings in the United States to
11 include some sort of sustainable energy practice that will help reduce the
12 emissions of the building. This can include, but is not limited to storm water
13 collection and filtering, rooftop gardens for insulation, solar heating, as well as
14 the use of green building material such as synthetic wood instead of timber.
15 These practices would help to keep our environment healthy and ensure that
16 buildings are doing something to help counteract all of the fumes they produce
17 and energy that they use. While green building techniques may be more costly
18 up front they do payoff in the long run. With the reduction of energy and
19 electricity used and the ability to store and recycle water, buildings will spend
20 less money. A green building code has just been passed in California which
21 takes effect in January 2011, it requires that every new home, commercial
22 building and public structure reduce water consumption by 20% below the
23 current code. Similarly, this bill would make it necessary for buildings all
24 throughout the United States to lower energy and water consumption using
25 green building techniques.

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27 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

28 The United States will make it mandatory that all new buildings reduce their
29 energy and water consumption through the use of green and sustainable
30 building practices.

Proposal No. 1209

Name: Beau Lewis
Delegation: Westchester/LA YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 This proposal calls for an additional tax placed on elective cosmetic plastic
3 surgical and non-surgical procedures.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 More than 10 million cosmetic plastic surgical and non-surgical procedures
7 were preformed in the United States in 2009. Of these 10 million procedures,
8 none were taxed. What this proposal calls for is a 25% tax on all elective
9 cosmetic plastic surgical and non-surgical procedures performed in the United
10 States in the effort to decrease our national deficit of \$14 trillion. Given the
11 amount of procedures performed by choice there is a large opportunity to
12 produce additional tax dollars from those who have more that sufficient income
13 to pay for these narcissistic endeavors. People like Heidi Montag, Dolly Parton,
14 Joan Rivers and Sylvester Stallone are just a few examples of patients of these
15 procedures who can easily pay a large tax on them.

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17 The average cost of a cosmetic plastic procedure is about \$2,771. If the 25%
18 tax suggested by this proposal is put into effect on every procedure and is then
19 multiplied by the approximately 10 million procedures performed in 2009, the
20 national income from taxes on these procedures would be approximately \$6.9
21 billion per year. This income, in addition to taxes brought in every year by the
22 government could, within this generation's lifetime end our national deficit and
23 return our country to its past place of economic prowess years ago.

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25 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

26 Effective January 1,2012: The United States Government will add an additional
27 25% tax to all cosmetic plastic surgical and non-surgical procedures, including,
28 but not limited to Botox treatments, breast augmentations, tummy tucks,
29 facelifts, rhinoplasty procedures, hair transplantation procedures and chin
30 augmentation surgeries.

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32 The only exceptions to this tax are patients who have been disfigured by major
33 injury or from birth defects.

Proposal No. 1210

Name: Delaney Trione
Delegation: El Dorado YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Banning all Congressional earmarks.

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 Although an official definition of earmarks has yet to be determined,
6 Congressional earmarks, as defined by The Office of Management and Budget,
7 are specified funds for projects, activities or institutions which are not
8 requested by the executive, or add-ons to requested funds which Congress
9 directs for specific activities. Earmarks are granted simply by the request of
10 individual Congressmen, with no further review. This gives Congress the
11 power to direct a specified amount of money to the funding of local projects,
12 and they can do this without having to identify themselves or even the project.
13 This process lacks accountability, causing reckless spending of taxpayer
14 money. Earmarks have been a great cause of wasteful federal spending, adding
15 to the nations current debt.

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17 Putting a ban on all Congressional earmarks will decrease the nation's domestic
18 spending by reducing the chances of that money going to waste. Although
19 earmarks have successfully benefited states in the past, there is an increasing
20 amount of abuse related to earmark requests. When the system is abused,
21 earmarks become "orphan earmarks", which is the end result of the money
22 never being spent for the initial purpose in which that money was granted. This
23 money, initially requested to improve states' roads or damages, and other
24 specific projects, is too often being put aside and never being used for what it
25 was intended for. There is very little regulation on what is actually happening
26 with granted earmarks. The money often goes to waste and is spent on
27 unnecessary projects, which is doing nothing to improve the nations debt, and if
28 anything, making it worse. By banning earmarks, Congress will still have
29 authority over federal spending without the chances of arbitrary, wasteful
30 spending. In the year 2010, Congress approved 9,499 earmarked projects,
31 totaling \$15.9 billion. In the nations' current economic state, the money wasted
32 on earmarks is not worth what the state's are actually benefitting from them.
33 Since the current debt in the United States amounts to \$1.5 trillion, getting rid
34 of earmarks is a simple step in the right direction and another way to decrease
35 wasteful federal spending.

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37 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

38 Congressional earmarks will no longer be granted, in order to decrease wasteful
39 federal spending and help decrease debt in the United States.

Proposal No. 1211

Name: Jackie Hitchings
Delegation: El Dorado YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Required Day-Care Center for children under the age of 4 in Public Pools and
3 Water Parks.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 The number one leading cause of unintentional deaths among children under
7 the age of five is drowning. All over the world, infants and children drown
8 more frequently than people of any other age. A child under the age of four is
9 more likely to die by drowning than by an automobile accident. This is due to
10 inadequate supervision and their inability to swim. The majority of public
11 pools and water parks allow a person of any age to enter and to swim.
12 However, due to the evidence of increased drowning rates among children
13 under the age of four, these children should not be allowed to swim in the
14 public swimming pools and water parks during free swim time. Children under
15 the age of 4 may take swimming lessons at any public pool that offers the
16 service but cannot enter the pool during recreational swimming time. Instead,
17 these pools and water parks should have a day-care center. Any child under the
18 age of 4 must be check-in and stay in the day-care the entire time the family is
19 at the center. No child under the age of four will be allowed to enter the
20 recreational swimming area. Now families can still go to pools and water parks
21 without leaving any children behind. This day-care center would also open up
22 another job in the community for anyone who meets the requirements needed
23 for this job. If a public pool or water park does not want to take the time and
24 money to install a day-care center, then they will not be allowed to permit
25 children under the age of four into their center. This may potentially set-up the
26 business to lose money.

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28 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

29 To help decrease drowning rates among children, public swimming pools and
30 water parks will be required to either establish a day-care center for children
31 under the age of four, in which they will stay in all day. Or the business can
32 choose to not permit children under the age of four into their pools and water
33 parks.

Proposal No. 1212

Name: Caitlyn Morrison
Delegation: Triunfo YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Equality in the Military

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 Gay service members are allowed to fight and die for our country yet they are
6 unable to receive all the advantages of service. They are not entitled to receive
7 any of the spousal benefits for their partners. Benefits include the right of the
8 spouse to be at a wounded service member's bedside, access to military health
9 care, and commissaries worldwide, as well as other additional benefits.

10 The military only recognizes marriage as a union between a man and a woman
11 therefore excluding all partners of gay couples. However, certain states allow
12 gay marriage but these spouses are not considered by the military to be equal
13 and they are not entitled to spousal benefits. This policy infringes upon civil
14 rights and equality of all members of the military. Equality can be obtained by
15 recognizing a civil union as legitimate to provide gay couples the same
16 protection and legal rights married couples in the military have.

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18 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

19 Allow partners of military personnel to receive the same benefits that are
20 entitled to spouses.

Proposal No. 1213

Name: David Garnitz
Delegation: So. Pasadena-San Marino YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 The rising costs of both educating new doctors and providing health care to
3 those who cannot afford health insurance.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 In the United States today, Medicare and Medicaid account for more than 40%
7 of the annual budget. It is estimated that in ten years, even with the new health
8 care bill, these programs will take up 65%-70% of the national budget. If taxes
9 remain the same and nothing is done to stop this, health care will come to
10 dominate the federal budget so much that most other services the government
11 provides will have to be cut. This can largely be attributed to the fact that there
12 are not enough doctors and nurses in the United States to provide anywhere
13 near the proper amount of care for 300 million people. There are not enough
14 medical schools to train nurses and doctors in the United States. To make
15 matters worse, that ones that do exist are outrageously expensive.

16 The federal government needs to pass legislation that funds the building of at
17 least 1 new medical school in each state. Since medical schools require
18 hospitals for teaching, this would also mean the building of at least 1 new
19 hospital in each state. In states with large populations such as California and
20 New York, there would need to be several new medical schools built. These
21 medical schools will be much cheaper since they are not being run for profit
22 like the medical schools at many private universities. In addition to this the
23 federal government needs to enact a program in which they offer full
24 scholarships to medical school for doctors and nurses. In exchange, doctors
25 must agree to work for the government at these hospitals for eight years and
26 nurses must agree to work for five years. This would decrease the cost of
27 programs like Medicare and Medicaid because it will take the insurance
28 companies out of the equation.

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30 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

31 Congress will pass legislation to build these new medical schools and enact the
32 scholarship program. In order to fund this program, Congress will raise the
33 income tax by 5% on all people who make more than \$1,000,000 a year.

Proposal No. 1214

Name: Nate Odendahl
Delegation: SPPY-San Pedro YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 To enact a national gun buyback program in the United States of America.

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 There are 200 million privately owned, registered firearms currently in the
6 United States of America. The Center for Disease Control estimates that every
7 day 80 Americans will be killed as a result of gun violence. About 10 percent
8 of these deaths will be children. Based on FBI data 1.7 million firearms have
9 been reported stolen in the past ten years, and only 40% of them are recovered.
10 80% of the 1.7 million stolen guns were taken from homes. These stolen
11 firearms fuel a prolific black market, which makes them easily accessible to
12 minors, felons, gang members, and drug users.

13 In many inner-city communities throughout the United States, local police
14 departments are effectively taking thousands of guns off of the streets by giving
15 compensation to people who turn in their firearms. Cities like Los Angeles and
16 Chicago have shown success in taking guns off of the streets by collecting
17 thousands of firearms in a matter of hours. These programs are working very
18 well, but not all local municipalities have the funding to create such programs.
19 This proposal will create a national gun buyback program run by the federal
20 government. This program would allow any person anonymously turn in their
21 gun(s), for a federal check card worth a decided amount. This check card
22 cannot be redeemed for cash. If enacted, this program will drastically improve
23 street safety, decrease violence, and lower theft and robbery. This program will
24 also serve as a form of economic stimulus to combat recent economic
25 downturn.

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27 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

28 Enact a program that would allow Americans to safely turn in firearms to any
29 police station and receive a check card worth the decided amount.

Proposal No. 1301

Name: Jordan John Nally
Delegation: Tri Valley YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 A Declaration of War on the Islamic Republic of Iran in order to remove it's main
3 government officials and hold fair and civil elections

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 The Islamic Republic of Iran is the greatest single threat to the United States since
7 the Soviet Union. The government has, on several occasions, threatened us and our
8 allies, broken internationally accepted laws, and committed crimes against
9 humanity. Currently, there are four UN sanctions on Iran's Nuclear Program alone.
10 This is in addition to the dozens of sanctions from other nations and alliances. In the
11 2008 election, Amedinejad not only rigged the elections so that he won, but he has
12 silenced his opponent. After a massive protest broke out, the president ordered all
13 protesters executed or arrested.
14 Iran is not just a threat to America, but to the world. Currently, 19 Middle-Eastern
15 countries have expressed fear and anger over Iran, as well as the European Union
16 and Russia. However, Iran is the regions powerhouse, so the nations surrounding it
17 cannot take action. As Americans, we must heed President Kennedy. "Ask what
18 together we can do for the freedom of Man"

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20 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

21 This proposal calls for a Declaration of War to be made on The Islamic Republic of
22 Iran in order to remove it's main government officials and hold fair and civil
23 elections. It also asks NATO and Russia to join us to put political pressure and
24 military force in the removal of it's main government officials.

Proposal No. 1302

Name: Erin O'Neil
Delegation: Estancia

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 This proposal concerns the repeal of the 22nd Amendment, which limits
3 presidents to a maximum of two terms in office.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 The Founding Fathers omitted presidency term limits from the constitution for
7 a reason. Many people consider Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the only man to
8 ever serve more than two terms as president, to be one of the greatest presidents
9 of all time. The 22nd Amendment was established after his presidency, which
10 lasted from 1933 until 1945. There was concern that the president would obtain
11 too much power if he or she were to hold the office for more than two terms.
12 However, the election process would remain unchanged. Although the
13 president possesses a major advantage as the incumbent, he or she must still be
14 re-elected into office by the people, which means that their policies and core
15 platforms represent the people's interests as well.

16 Democracy is defined as a government in which the supreme power is vested
17 in the people and exercised by them directly or indirectly through a system of
18 representation usually involving periodically held free elections. The repeal of
19 the 22nd Amendment would restore Democracy in America, a defining
20 characteristic that sets it apart from several other countries. It would also
21 eliminate the "lame duck" effect, where presidents are not taken seriously when
22 approaching the end of their time in office. The president would have the power
23 to accomplish more and really get the most out of their time in office.

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26 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

27 Congress shall pass an amendment to the United States Constitution that will
28 repeal the 22nd Amendment, which limited presidents to a maximum of two
29 terms in office. This amendment will not apply to the current presidency, but
30 will be applied to all future presidencies.

Proposal No. 1303

Name: Madeline Monge
Delegation: Anaheim YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 This proposal calls for the taxation of all usurped water from aquifers by
3 commercial water bottlers.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 Doesn't the nation have the right to know where its water is being taken? All
7 across the United States major water companies such as Nestle, Coke, and
8 Pepsi are draining our natural springs and ground water for their own gain.
9 With only 1% of this planet's water being potable, how can we as Americans
10 sit by and watch as these companies steal from right under our noses? Bottled
11 water companies today only need to pay a one-time fee of \$150 for a local
12 water permit - this is water that isn't even taxed a single cent. These companies
13 are reselling our water back to us to make a profit anywhere between 10 and
14 100 times the cost of each bottle. So what do we get out of it? Nothing. Unless
15 you count drained resources and empty pockets.

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17 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

18 The nation will implement a 6 cent per gallon tax on all usurped water from
19 aquifers by commercial water bottlers. Taxing these big bottled companies can
20 land \$56 million in state coffers its first year.

Proposal No. 1304

Name: Austin Madden
Delegation: La Jolla YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 This is a proposal about developing and implementing a national driving
3 standard.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 Every state currently has its own unique driving laws that may vary
7 significantly from state to state I feel that it would be simpler and more
8 beneficial for drivers to only be required to learn one set of driving laws instead
9 of several for each state. For example, the State of Indiana does not have a
10 careless driving offense whereas Colorado does. If an Indiana licensed driver
11 gets convicted of careless driving in Colorado, the Indiana Bureau of Motor
12 Vehicles takes no action. It would be easier for states to use federal laws to
13 enforce these violations.

14 To help states agree to this, laws would be adopted from various states and
15 turned into federal laws. States would also be making money off of the fines.
16 All the local laws/signs such as speed limits and stop signs would still be in
17 effect and drivers would keep their state's drivers license.

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19 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

20 In order for this to work, the federal government in conjunction with the state
21 governments will need to create and implement national driving standards.

Proposal No. 1305

Name: Sarah McCracken
Delegation: SRV-Vista Diablo YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Every student should be required to take a financial literacy course before
3 graduating high school.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 There is an urgent need to take action to help our young people develop the
7 skills and knowledge to succeed in a challenged economy. The emphasis on
8 testing and high academic standards shifts classroom priorities away from
9 practical applications such as financial literacy and work readiness. According
10 to the Allstate foundation survey 54% of students are unsure how to effectively
11 use credit. 835 of the 1,000 students surveyed said that the best time to learn
12 money management skills is in high school. Today's youth are confronted with
13 many choices that can have profound impacts on their future, including whether
14 or not to finish high school or to go to college, how to evaluate personal
15 strengths in considering career paths, and how to avoid debt. Unfortunately,
16 many youth must navigate these choices and make the transition into adulthood
17 without the tools and education to enable them to be successful.

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19 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

20 Mandate that all 12th grade students complete one course in financial literacy
21 to meet graduation standards. This course does not need to be a separate
22 course; it should be integrated into an economics class.

Proposal No. 1306

Name: Vivian Yi
Delegation: Torrance-South Bay YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 To restrict minors from appearing on reality television shows

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 Nationwide, reality television shows constantly exploit the lives of people.
6 Shows such as Jon and Kate Plus 8, 16 and Pregnant, 19 Kids and Counting,
7 Teen Mom, and Kid Nation consists of minors being used as entertainment. For
8 example, in Jon and Kate Plus 8, the couple announced that they would split
9 after being on the show for a couple of years. Although they tried to make
10 amends in their relationship, for the sake of their children, it was nearly
11 impossible because of all the negative publicity their family was receiving. In
12 Kid Nation, a show very similar to Survivor, stars children who are sent
13 faraway and create their own functioning society. After 11-year-old Divad
14 Miles was burned after grease splattered her face, her mother Janis filed a
15 complaint calling for an investigation into “abusive acts to minors and possible
16 violations of child labor laws.”

17 This is tearing apart the lives of children who are exposed to the media
18 spotlight before they reach a mature age. In the current media culture, it is
19 crucial for the government to step in and ensure that children are protected
20 from the scarring of reality television. Parents who desire only the fame of their
21 children are not suited to take responsibility for the pressures that reality places
22 upon them.

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24 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

25 The government shall restrict the ability of children under the age of 18 from
26 appearing on television that puts their developing lives under national scrutiny.

Proposal No. 1307

Name: Sasha Jacobs
Delegation: Berkeley YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Increasing funding for preschools as part of an effort to improve the
3 achievement gap.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 It’s no secret that in America today, our education system is far from
7 satisfactory. In our public school system there is a huge gap in academic
8 progress based mainly on socio-economic status. In order to remain the nation
9 that we’re proud of today, it’s the government’s job, as well as ours, to fix this.
10 It has been proven that education is effected mainly by our initial building
11 blocks. In an article from USA Today quotes, “Proponents of publicly financed
12 pre-K say that the push will pay off in better achievement, higher graduation
13 rates and lower chances that a child will need expensive special ed services.
14 But they say that the quality of the programs is uneven.”

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16 Although we have public preschools, they are not satisfactory, and they have
17 little funding to accomplish a large task. When President George W. Bush
18 instituted the No Child Left Behind policy, which took funding away from
19 preschools, there was a significant drop in test scores in public elementary
20 schools in the following years. 50% of a persons ability to learn is developed in
21 the first four years of life. Although President Obama has instituted some of
22 the funding back, there is more to be done.

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24 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

25 Increase funding for preschools out of the state educational budget.

Proposal No. 1308

Name: Michelle Mohr
Delegation: So. Pasadena-San Marino YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Life imprisonment without parole for minors
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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 The United States is one of only a few countries, including China, Cuba, North
6 Korea, Somalia, and Japan, to allow minors to be sentenced to life in prison
7 without parole.

8 Ethically, this idea that the state can incarcerate minors for the rest of
9 their lives without giving them a chance to redeem themselves is simply wrong.
10 Youth are some of the most vulnerable of our society, susceptible to great
11 number influences, many of which may cause them to act in a negative way. By
12 locking away these minors for the rest of their lives, the state sends the message
13 that they have given up on the child, leading to a greater probability that the
14 minor will continue to exhibit violent behaviors.

15 A key aspect to note is that many youth offenders who are sentenced
16 to life imprisonment without chance of parole are actually victims of other
17 circumstances and that 59% of these youth are first time offenders (Human
18 Rights Watch).

19 The Supreme Court ruled on a similar issue in the case Roper vs.
20 Simmons, saying "Youth are different from adults in fundamental ways and
21 have a great capacity for rehabilitation and change." Hence, youth should not
22 be able to be incarcerated for their entire lives without chance of redemption.

23 Currently, there are over 2,500 people serving sentences of life
24 without parole that were issued while they were minors. Over the course of
25 their lifetime, each of these prisoners will cost the state approximately
26 \$2,500,000, not taking inflation into account. In addition, since only 1990, the
27 US has spent over \$75,000,000 incarcerating minors sentenced to life without
28 parole.

29 Recently, a poll conducted by CNN showed 81% of the population
30 believes that it is a violation of basic human rights to sentence youth to life
31 imprisonment without chance of parole. If the United States wants to continue
32 to be considered a model justice system, it is critical that they address this
33 blaring injustice in the juvenile court system.
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35 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

36 A law will be passed prohibiting the sentencing of minors to life imprisonment
37 without chance of parole, regardless of whether the minor is tried in the
38 juvenile or adult court system. In addition, the cases of all minors currently
39 serving life sentences without chance of parole will come before a federal court
40 to be re-sentenced.

Proposal No. 1309

Name: Nehely Dominguez
Delegation: Golden State

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 This proposal relates to including women to the military draft rolls
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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 Although there is not currently a military draft in place, at the time such a need
6 for drafting people into the military resurges, there is a concern for equality in
7 the rolls of people to be drafted into the military.
8

9 In the past, women were excluded from the draft due to a number of outdated
10 traditional beliefs that women are not as qualified as men to serve their country
11 in the military. Most women in the military were limited to duties that consisted
12 of clerical or medical duties exclusively.
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14 With the current exclusion of women from many combat roles seen by some as
15 a form of sexual discrimination, an ongoing debate continues. Many on each
16 side of the issue cite the alleged physical and mental differences of the two
17 sexes, the effect of the presence of the opposite sex on the battlefield, and the
18 traditional view of men as soldiers as arguments both for and against women
19 being employed as soldiers under combat situations. The idea of having women
20 in combat has been thrown around by several civilizations since early history.
21 Some societies have chosen to not allow women to fight for their countries,
22 while others have used women to fight in their wars as frequently as men, such
23 as 800,000 women who served in the Soviet military during World War II.

24 Today, women can serve on American combat ships, including in command
25 roles. Women enlisted soldiers are barred from serving in Infantry, Special
26 Forces, Artillery and Armor, however female enlisted members and officers
27 can hold staff positions in every branch of the Army except infantry and armor.
28 Women can serve on the staffs of infantry and armor units at Division level
29 and above, and be members of Special Operations Forces. Women can fly
30 military aircraft and make up 2% of all pilots in the U.S. Military.
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32 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

33 For equality purposes, women will be included in any future military draft for
34 combat duty.

Proposal No. 1310

Name: Camille Jackson
Delegation: Berkeley YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Solar Energy

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 In today's growing world, we are over using resources to power things. We
6 heavily rely on fossil fuels to generate electricity. It is time to look at
7 alternatives and make a transition toward using them. We have already taken
8 some of these steps by adopting electric and hybrid cars, cutting back on oil
9 consumption, etc.

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11 Electricity is an extremely important energy source, powering almost every
12 single thing we use in today's world. Ever been in a blackout and could not do
13 anything because you had no electricity? Americans consume about 3.873
14 trillion kWh of electricity a year, averaging about 10- 17 kWh in a day, with
15 peak consumption at 30kWh a day. Currently, we use tons of non-renewable
16 resources which are polluting our environment. But there are renewable sources
17 that are cleaner for the environment, and will last longer. Solar, geothermal,
18 hydro, and wind are some of the main renewable resources.

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20 We could use natural renewable sources such as the sun to produce power. The
21 Earth's atmosphere absorbs about 70% of the solar radiation emitted by the
22 sun. Solar energy is the fastest growing source of energy, with an average
23 growth rate of 35% over the past couple years. Countries such as China, U.S.,
24 Japan, Europe, and India, are major investors in solar.

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26 Solar panels are costly to install, but in the long run they help you save money
27 on your energy bill. When using non-renewable sources, we have to keep using
28 them, buying more of it and producing more of it. Renewable sources we have
29 at our disposal, and can use them continuously.

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31 We can't be responsible for the decisions of every American, but we can make
32 changes at the federal level.

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34 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

35 The U.S Congress will mandate that all publicly owned buildings will install
36 solar panels to power buildings by 2020.

Proposal No. 1311

Name: Robert Lee
Delegation: Palo Alto YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 The replacement of the Presidential two terms of four years in favor of one
3 term of six years.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 Currently, Presidents of the United States of America are allowed a maximum
7 of two terms of four years each. This proposal abolishes this and enacts a
8 constitutional amendment that limits Presidents to one term of six years.

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10 In the 1968 Presidential election, Richard Nixon ran against Hubert Humphrey
11 in the general election. Nixon had a platform of "law and order" social
12 conservatism. This right-leaning policy won him the election. He ran for
13 reelection in 1972, with a major emphasis on desegregating schools, a more
14 liberal position, and one that he easily could have evaded by not carrying out
15 the Supreme Court's ruling in Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka. In
16 addition, he closely monitored the movements of his opponents, so much that
17 he wiretapped their conversations. This blew up as the Watergate scandal in
18 1972, and he was forced to resign as President. Nixon's reelection campaign
19 caused him to waver from his conservative intent in 1968 that elected him into
20 office and even pushed him to break the law in order to win. If he had not had
21 the chance to run for reelection and instead had served for only one term, these
22 problems could have been avoided.

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24 Of the forty-four Presidents of the United States, forty-one have run for
25 reelection. Because it is difficult to win an election with a moderate platform,
26 they make their policies more partisan and veer away from their original goals
27 when they came into office. In the second half of their terms, they make
28 decisions based on whether right or left-leaning voters will vote for them.
29 Instead of acting in the best interest of the country, they act in the best interest
30 of their reelection campaign, and sometimes make vastly different decisions
31 because of it. This amendment will leave the President to listen to the voices
32 of the American people, senators, and representatives, and not let them revert
33 back to the inter-party mudslinging that occurs in an election and divides
34 parties and people. The digression of Presidents from the promises and ideas
35 that they came to office with presents a degradation of their previous values.

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37 If Presidents were allowed only one term, they would not be pressured to
38 change their stance on major issues to garner partisan votes. They would also
39 be more encouraged to make their own decisions, which would be beneficial to
40 more of the public.

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Proposal No. 1312

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

A constitutional amendment that nullifies the 22nd Amendment of the United States Constitution and part of Article II, Section 1, Clause 1 of the Constitution, and adds an amendment that limits Presidents to one term of six years.

Name: Scott Baker
Delegation: Long Beach YMCA

TOPIC OF CONCERN:

Removing legal benefits from a marriage and transferring those benefits to a civil union will enable those of any race, gender, sexual orientation or religion to be legally joined.

JUSTIFICATION:

As of now the legal term marriage has been preventing couples of the same gender, thereby not conforming to the traditional concept of a man and a woman, from becoming legally joined. Joined couples have rights that unmarried couples do not for example; there are 1,400 legal benefits being withheld from couples within the state and federal laws. These benefits include but are not limited to next of kin for hospital visitation and health decisions, joint insurance policies, inheritance in absence of a will, joint adoption, parenting and foster care as well as benefits from annuities, pensions, social security and medi-care. This proposal allows a couple of any combination of race, gender, sexual orientation or religion to be legally joined.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

Establishing a civil union status and transferring the rights previously reserved for marriage. Visiting a courthouse and registering will achieve a civil union status. There will be a 30-day interim for blood test before obtaining and registering for a civil union. A couple may at any time have a marriage service. This will not, however affect their civil union status to the state. A church or religious leader reserves the right to deny a service to anyone. A couple can however, search for an institution or religious leader that will perform a service. A religious leader is protected from lawsuits and wrongful termination if they choose to perform services frowned upon by their institution or those with opposing views. In conclusion, all laws that use the term marriage in any legal institution will be changed to utilize the word civil union as a replacement.

Proposal No. 1313

Name: Zoe Delli-Bovi
Delegation: Culver-Palms YMCA/LA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Banning the use of the herbicide Atrazine in the U.S. due to its harmful effects
3 on the environment and people.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 Atrazine is an herbicide used to kill weeds when growing Christmas trees,
7 sorghum, sugar cane, and primarily corn. It has become one of the most
8 common contaminants in ground and surface water in the United States.
9 Approximately eighty million pounds of the herbicide are applied each year in
10 the U.S.. It is impossible for it to be used in a way that does not contaminate
11 surface, ground, and drinking water. This is problematic to Americans because
12 Atrazine has been proven to induce estrogen production in humans and cause
13 amphibians to change sexes. Other problems linked to Atrazine include birth
14 defects, low birth weights, and menstrual problems. Various studies show that
15 these affects take place while the herbicide is lower than the concentration limit
16 set by the Environmental Protection Agency.

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18 Adding on to its already negative list of traits, Atrazine happens to be very
19 mobile. Five hundred thousand pounds of the weed killer make its way back to
20 the U.S. each year in the forms of rainfall and snow. Furthermore, studies in
21 France and the United states suggest that Atrazine can travel as far as 600 miles
22 from where it is originally applied, meaning it contaminates many habitats.
23 Even though it increases corn yield and is able to prevent soil erosion if
24 accompanied by no till farming, Atrazine's risks greatly outweigh its benefits.

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26 The European Union, which consists of 27 independent states, found the
27 herbicide to be so harmful that in 2001 they banned the use of it. Ironically
28 enough, within the same week that the Union voted to ban it, the
29 Environmental Protection Agency of the United States allowed Atrazine to be
30 re-registered for use. If this product were to be eliminated from farming, the
31 United States Department of Agriculture predicts that corn yield would only
32 drop by 1.2%. It is vital that a federal ban be put on the use of this herbicide in
33 the U.S. due to its harmful affects on humans and the environment. This
34 dangerous chemical needs to be taken out of the water supply immediately.

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36 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

37 Put a federal ban on the use of Atrazine in the United States.

Proposal No. 1314

Name: Kelly Smit
Delegation: El Dorado YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 The gradual removal of the United States of America military from countries
3 that do not pose a large threat to the United States of America's national
4 security, or are not of vital interest to America.

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6 **JUSTIFICATION:**

7 The United States currently has military personal deployed in about 150
8 countries around the world. Many of these countries are of little to no threat to
9 the security of the U.S. or they are located in places with no vital interest to the
10 U.S. Yet, the U.S. military still inhabits these countries. The cost for the
11 military to occupy the various countries is tremendous and not necessary with
12 the present condition of United States' economy. Removal of the military from
13 the countries would benefit the U.S. economy. When the U.S. originally created
14 bases in Germany following WWII, it was because they were acting as a
15 stabilizing force. Now, Germany is not a threat to the United States' safety,
16 rather they are one of the best allies, yet the military still occupies their country.
17 It made sense at the time to inhabit Germany; however, now military presence
18 is not needed or at least not in such large numbers as they are right now.
19 Different countries possess different levels of danger to the U.S. Having
20 numbers in South Korea is logical; our aid to their country is vital. It is also
21 logical to have U.S. military in Turkey because of the location and interest
22 concerning Afghanistan. The military should focus on the war in which they
23 are currently engaged in and the other countries that threaten the U.S. the most.
24 Recalling the military would decrease the vulnerability of the citizens at home
25 that the military strives to protect and it would also boost the economy. By
26 reducing funds needed for military, the money can be distributed more
27 thoroughly throughout the United States. Congress has, and continues to close
28 or realign military bases in the United States through Base Realignment and
29 Closure (BRAC).

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31 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

32 The formation of an independent committee which will decide the level of
33 threat that a country possesses to the United States' national security, and also
34 the level of importance of the U.S. military's occupation of a country.
35 Following the creation of the lists will be the gradual removal of United States
36 troops from countries ranking the lowest in danger and interest. The previously
37 occupied bases should be sold back to the host country pending an agreement
38 of reoccupation of United States military if deemed necessary. The first troops
39 should be removed in no longer than five years, and the committee shall meet
40 annually to update the list.

Proposal No. 1401

Name: Christopher Odisho
Delegation: SRV/ Fuerza Unida YMCA

1 TOPIC OF CONCERN:

2 To divide the country of Iraq into four countries.

4 JUSTIFICATION:

5 Ever since the U.S lead invasion of Iraq thousands of people have been killed due to
6 sectarian violence. As the U.S nears its exit from the country it should help the Iraqi
7 Government give a vote for the four main ethnic/religious groups in Iraq to become
8 independent countries. The ethnic groups in Iraq are divided as followed according
9 to CIA World Factbook: Arab 75%-80%, Kurdish 15%-20%, Turkoman, Assyrian,
10 or other 5%. Religion wise among the Arab population is Shia 60%-65% and Sunni
11 32%-37%. The country would be divided into the Kurdish North, Shia South, Sunni
12 Middle, and an Assyrian West. Many argue that the Iraqi Government would never
13 allow this to occur but in fact the Iraqi constitution allows ethnic groups to divide
14 among each other's and they have. The best example would be the Northern Kurdish
15 Iraq, which already acts as an independent country. Regarding the countries oil
16 reserve, they would all be located in the Kurdish and Assyrian regions. To make it
17 fair, the four new countries will equally share the oil reserves.

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19 Many ask how will the oil be shared equally? When the four regions of the country
20 vote for independence, they are also voting to form a central oil company ran under
21 the United Nations, which would distribute the oil fairly among the regions.

22 Another issue people are concerned about is that another Yugoslavian style war will
23 occur however; the circumstances of Yugoslavia were different than those facing
24 Iraq today. When Yugoslavia was divided into numerous countries different ethnic
25 groups were in all different regions. For example, Many Bosnians lived in Serbia
26 and many Serbs lived in Bosnia. In Iraq, majority of the people live in the area of
27 their ethnic group. The Kurdish region of Iraq has a population that is almost all of
28 Kurdish descent. The one area of Iraq that has all the ethnic groups living together is
29 the Iraqi capital Baghdad.

30
31 If the Iraqi people vote to separate into four countries Baghdad would be the capital
32 of Sunni region. However since Baghdad is the most diverse city in Iraq and has the
33 most sectarian violence in Iraq, A UN buffer zone would be placed in the capital to
34 keep the different ethnic and religious groups separate and safe.

36 ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

37 To have the U.S Government help the Iraqi Government give a vote for the four
38 main ethnic and religious groups to divide into different countries. The vote would
39 also create a central oil company ran under the United Nations that would distribute
40 the oil fairly among the new regions.

Proposal No. 1402

Name: Christjian Blackburn
Delegation: Burbank YMCA

1 TOPIC OF CONCERN:

2 Each worker will have the choice to invest their payroll tax into either the
3 current social security system or into an individual retirement account. The
4 worker will also be allowed to invest up to 50% of their yearly income into
5 approved government bonds, mortgage bonds, bonds of financial institutions,
6 or corporate bonds.

8 JUSTIFICATION:

9 As many of you may be aware there are currently huge concerns regarding the
10 current social security system. This year alone social security will pay out \$45
11 billion more in retirement, disability, and survivor's benefits than it collects
12 from payroll taxes. Social security is also the single greatest expenditure of our
13 government, accounting for 20.8% of the 2008 2.9 trillion federal budget. The
14 Congressional Budget Office has said that the figure nearly triples to \$130
15 billion with the new payroll tax cut in effect. Congressional budget experts
16 have also stated that social security's trust funds will be drained by
17 approximately 2037. Taking all this into consideration, it is essential that an
18 alternate solution be provided. This proposal would make it so each worker
19 would be able to invest 6.2% (4.2% until the end of the payroll tax cut) into a
20 modified traditional IRA account. The account would be federally regulated
21 and follow the same rules with the exception of being allowed to invest up to
22 50% of the account holders yearly income only in diversified and approved
23 mutual funds, not in single stocks or highly volatile stocks. This proposal
24 would also provide an economic boost by rerouting money back into our failing
25 financial system. This will also halt excessive taxation since private accounts
26 will be taxed through the normal process of income taxation. A similar system
27 is currently in use by the Chilean government, where a reported 93% of Chilean
28 workers choose the new system. The results are staggering as pensions in the
29 new private system already are 50 to 100 percent higher depending on whether
30 they are old-age, disability, or survivor pensions than they were in the
31 traditional social security system, and since this reform the Chilean economy
32 has grown at a rate of 3% to 6.5% percent on average during the last 12 years.
33 The Chilean savings rate was increased by 27% and the unemployment rate
34 was decreased by 5% since the reform was made. Given the current state of our
35 economy and the impending collapse of our social security system it is essential
36 that we change social security for the benefit of both the worker and the federal
37 government.

39 ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

40 Congress shall pass legislation allowing workers to put their money in an IRA
41 and invest up to 50% of their yearly income into approved investments.

Proposal No. 1403

Name: Steven Pipersky
Delegation: Conejo Valley YMCA

1 TOPIC OF CONCERN:

2 The United States population will double in the next thirty years and there are
3 no comprehensive plans for building transportation infrastructure, nor to
4 increase job skills that allow for greater wage competitiveness for the next
5 generation in this increasingly global economy.

6 JUSTIFICATION:

7 The rate of unemployment in the United States is currently at 9.4%. It is in
8 order to create a system, or government project which can create millions of
9 new jobs across the nation. The Construction of a new "Autobahn" style
10 system, has the ability to create a near estimated 2 million jobs, for construction
11 alone. This does not include jobs like, maintenance, monitoring, engineering,
12 material supplying, planning and zoning, etc. This system will serve the entire
13 population in this country, and improve efficiency of transportation, as well as
14 productivity in the United States.

15 ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

16 To construct a 10,958 mile, national limited access highway system, with no
17 speed limit, except for situations involving; road condition, traffic density,
18 emergency, and weather, with the use of taxpayers' money, in order to create a
19 more efficient and productive America.
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Proposal No. 1404

Name: Mason Orradre
Delegation: San Luis Obispo County YMCA

1 TOPIC OF CONCERN:

2 To build a wall around the United States, where it borders Mexico and Canada.
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4 JUSTIFICATION:

5 Currently, there are millions of illegal immigrants living in the United States.
6 These illegals are taking jobs from citizens and overcrowding cities throughout
7 the United States. With the economy struggling as it is we cannot afford for
8 U.S. citizens to lose any more jobs. In addition, Mexico has a terrible drug
9 problem, which is making its way into America. A new report published by the
10 Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) says that the annual cost
11 of illegal immigration at the federal, state and local level is a staggering \$113
12 billion. It is hard to cut down our financial deficit if we have to pay billions of
13 dollars every year for people who aren't even a citizen of the United States.
14

15 Building a brick wall, about 10 feet in height, will help this problem. Along
16 with this new wall, there will be guard towers every mile, with border patrol in
17 these towers. Some of the terrain on the border is not flat, so there will need to
18 be provisions to providing a "barrier" along the United States. Near the beach
19 there will be more guards to watch the coastline. The construction of this wall
20 will require manual labor, which we can provide considering the
21 unemployment in our country. This wall will not only create jobs for US
22 citizens, but also secure jobs for the citizens of our country. The wall will keep
23 out drugs and illegal immigrants, while keeping America safe.
24

25 ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

26 Congress shall pass legislation that requires a wall to be built along the border
27 of Mexico and Canada. This wall will need labor from thousands of citizens,
28 who will be paid by the United States Government.

Proposal No. 1405

Name: Bitu Eghbali
Delegation: Triunfo YMCA

TOPIC OF CONCERN:

The ever-increasing population poses a threat to our nation's future job market, our weak economy, and it also jeopardizes the use of our natural resources. Therefore, this proposal implements a tax on the children each family breeds.

JUSTIFICATION:

The current population of America stands at approximately 310,000,000 people, and our current unemployment rate is growing to be almost 910% of our population.

As of today, families who have children receive a "tax break" of \$1,000 (per child) deducted from their annual taxes. Although this proposal does not call to limit the amount of children a household has, it does, however, completely eliminate the tax break system used to "relieve" tax payers.

Instead, this proposal calls to implement a 15% tax on the first child a family has, and an additional 5% is added per child after. By enforcing this additional tax, the price of existence goes up, therefore the expectancy of the current over-population in the nation shall decrease. This tax money is invested toward educational funds that greatly affect each family's child in school.

If the family fails to pay the extra fees by tax day, the consequences are as follows;

- Government implements the normal "late" penalty charge
- Family is given a 60 day "grace period" to gather monies to pay for their children
- If the family fails to do so, the children that were failed to be paid for, are taken into custody forced by the federal government and put into an adoption center.

The purpose of this proposal is not to place a punishment on those with children, but it is solely geared towards the benefit of our nation's economic stability. By confiscating the children and placing them into adoption centers, families that are financially prepared for the immense costliness of caring for a child, are granted the opportunity to adopt a child from a financially unstable lifestyle.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

Families will be taxed on every child they breed in order to successfully replenish the future economic status, conserve natural resources, and it will open up the future job market which would decrease the unemployment percentage of our nation.

Proposal No. 1406

Name: Veronica Stoneking
Delegation: Corona-Norco YMCA

TOPIC OF CONCERN:

The ability to text 911 in case of an emergency will be available for all people in the United States that possess a mobile phone.

JUSTIFICATION:

The use of Technology is growing so rapidly in the United States. More and more people in the United States use mobile phones. About 70% of 911 calls already come from mobile-phones, and as more people text instead of talk on their phones it makes sense to add texting capabilities to the 911 emergency service. Texting 911 is already possible in a few locations in the United States, a county in Florida, and a county in Iowa.

There are times when talking on the phone to a 911 operator could put the caller and others in more danger. A good example of this was the Virginia Tech campus shooting in 2007. Students tried to text police by sending 911 text messages, but they were unable to reach help.

Texting is also particularly helpful for people who have disabilities. For example people who are hard at hearing or have speech impairments.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

This can be obtained by requiring that all mobile phone companies in the United States must design and implement a 911 texting emergency service for their entire network, which includes GPS to find the location of the mobile phone that contacted 911 for emergency help, or face federal penalties.

Proposal No. 1407

Name: Michael Lampe
Delegation: La Jolla YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Removing tax credits for having multiple children/dependents.

4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 Currently, tax credits are given to families based on gross income and number
6 of children. The credit can be up to 35% of qualifying expenses, depending on
7 adjusted gross income. Families receive up to \$1,000 per child. The tax credit
8 system inherently promotes parents to have more children.

9 This is counter-intuitive due to contemporary rampant population growth and
10 declined death rates. Within the next century, the human population will begin
11 to encounter serious problems. For Americans, there will be a lack of the
12 resources necessary to maintain our privileged lifestyle.

13
14 In addition to the challenges paralleling overpopulation, the American
15 government is in a state of financial trouble. Giving out tax credits to families
16 who are furthering the population boom is illogical, especially when these
17 handouts take away from tax revenue that would decrease the United States'
18 \$14 trillion national debt.

20 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

21 The United States will change the current IRS code so that families with three
22 or more dependents only receive tax credits for two of their dependents.

Proposal No. 1408

Name: Nina Friedman
Delegation: Berkeley YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 An act to enable U.S. citizens to allocate thirty-eight percent of their federal
3 taxes towards the federal government's 'discretionary spending.'

5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 By implementing this proposal, taxpayers will have the option to go to a
7 website and distribute 38% percent of their taxes where they please. People
8 who take the time to do this will be able to make a change by putting their tax
9 money where they feel appropriate. A large amount of American's annual
10 gross income is required to be handed over to the U.S. government for taxes. In
11 2010, the federal government spent \$3.6 trillion. Of that \$3.6 trillion, \$2.2
12 trillion was financed by federal tax revenues. Some 20% of the budget, around
13 \$715 billion was allocated for defense and security-related international
14 activities, majority of which went towards Iraq and Afghanistan. 20% of the
15 budget, \$708 billion went towards Social Security; 21%, \$753 billion towards
16 Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program; 14%, \$482
17 billion towards programs that provide aid other than health insurance or Social
18 Security. The government is required to spend 53% of taxes on 'mandatory
19 spending.' In this category lie Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Federal
20 civilian retirement benefits, military retirement benefits, unemployment
21 compensation, veteran's benefits, and welfare-related programs. This makes up
22 \$1.651 that the government has promised to its people. 9% goes towards
23 interest and investments, and the remaining 38% goes towards 'discretionary
24 spending', including military, congress, federal courts, highways, education,
25 housing, national parks, museums, and everything else. The use of the word
26 discretionary seems unusual because there are functions that are absolutely
27 necessary for maintaining national security and commerce. The word implies
28 that the president and congress have the discretion to increase or decrease
29 spending during the budgetary process each year for any item in this category. I
30 believe that citizens should be allowed to allocate 38% of their taxes to any
31 category within 'discretionary spending' military, congress, federal courts,
32 highways, education, housing, national parks, and museums. They may choose
33 to distribute their money as they please on a free online website. A website will
34 ensure that no numbers are added up incorrectly.

36 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

37 I propose that the people begin to have more say in where their tax money goes.
38 Since the government has the discretion to increase or decrease 'discretionary
39 spending' and the government is there to serve the people, the people should
40 absolutely have this option. If a citizen chooses to allocate 38% of their taxes
41 they may do so online.

Proposal No. 1409

Name: Emily Knight
Delegation: Newport-Corona del Mar

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 The offering of optional courses that would count for college credit in all
3 Juvenile Correctional Facilities within the United States.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 This proposal would offer courses, or classes, that would count as college credit
7 for those who were enrolled within the Juvenile correctional facilities. All of
8 the offenders who are between the ages of 15-18 will have the option of taking
9 the basic core courses that will be transferred to their transcript for after they
10 are released. The core classes are Math, English, Science, and History.

11
12 On any given day, over 65,000 youth are incarcerated in juvenile correctional
13 facilities. By offering these classes, it would give students more of a reason to
14 continue their education after they are released. This proposal will create more
15 jobs for those who would teach said courses. The courses would not be
16 mandatory. The teens would have the option to sign up for the classes of their
17 choice. These kids deserve to have a second chance. Every year, juvenile courts
18 in the U.S. handle an estimated 1.6 million cases in which the youth was
19 charged with a delinquency offense. This proposal is meant to give incentive to
20 those offenders who think that they are incapable of living regular lives after
21 being released.

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23 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

24 All Juvenile Correctional Facilities must offer at least one math, english,
25 history, and science course by January of 2013.

Proposal No. 1410

Name: Adam Clark
Delegation: Fremont/Newark YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Students should be required to complete at least one semester's worth of intern
3 work, or service work, before they can attend a college, whether it be a
4 university or state college.

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6 **JUSTIFICATION:**

7 I think students should be required to complete this service work because the
8 students will be equipped with more skills that will prepare them for college
9 and ultimately in their future careers.

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11 There are nationally accredited colleges such as Harvard and Princeton that ask
12 the students they accept to take a year off, or better known as a "gap year", so
13 why do people think it's a bad thing? The students will be exposed to what will
14 be expected of them in order to be successful in a future career and how to
15 communicate with other potential business people. This also gives a student the
16 chance to have a mentor whom they can go to for advice or suggestions to get
17 them going in the right direction. The work will also give them the chance to
18 communicate with people, which is required of workers everyday no matter
19 what profession they decide to pursue. In a generation that is used to social
20 networking, and not having much communication among community leaders,
21 or elders, these projects will force these students to enhance their skills in this
22 area.

23
24 This generation of students faces many challenges when it comes to their future
25 success and these challenges lead some students to make decisions that they
26 would not otherwise make. Dr. Fritz Grupe says that 80% of all college bound
27 students don't even know what they want to major in as they enter college. Of
28 the 20% that do declare their major before starting college, it is said that 50%
29 of them will change their major at some point in their college career. In this
30 situation the student may have wasted educational time to learn a lesson that
31 they could have learned without spending all the money that colleges require.

32
33 There are countries around the world such as Australia that have already put
34 this idea into action and have seen dramatic results. Dr. Andrew J Martin of
35 Sydney University conducted a study between 1,400 students that took a break
36 to do this kind of work, and 1,400 students that didn't take a break. The "gap
37 year" students showed they became more motivated and actually performed
38 better in college than the other students. A concern that many people have
39 about taking this break, is that the student will never go back to college to
40 continue their education. In Dr. Martin's study however, he proved that
41 students actually become more motivated to go back to college. In another

study conducted by MSNBC reporters, 9 out of 10 students that take this bridge year do end up going to college again. This program has proven successful in other countries, so why deprive our students from reaching their peak, to become successful in their lives?

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

The work will be reinforced by college admissions, in which they will only be able to accept the students that have completed these requirements. The students that complete an internship or service work will be more educated in the skills they will need to succeed in the profession they are looking to pursue and it will give them more time to think over potential majors.

Proposal No. 1411

Name: Claudia Alcaraz
Delegation: Santa Ana YMCA

TOPIC OF CONCERN:

proposal to prohibit anyone under the age of 19 to buy energy drinks.

JUSTIFICATION:

Energy drinks were created for athletes but marketers have decided to sell them to the general public to have greater sales. Energy drink advertisements are created to attract younger viewer's attention but such companies deny it. According to Simon Research it shows 7.6 million young teens do drink energy drinks. Studies have shown that young teens buy these products because of the promising advertisements such as weight loss and physical endurance. Young teens are unaware of the harmful substance their bodies take in while drinking energy drinks. Energy drinks are composed of: five different sugars which are Glucose, Sucrose, Splenda, Aspartame, Acesulfame potassium, Caffeine, Guarana (which is a seed originated from Brazil that increases the brain activity.) It also promotes weight loss due to its diuretic (urine flow) effect. It also Contains 3% to 5% of caffeine. Yerba Mate is a brew from dry plants that also contains caffeine. According to cardiologist growing children cannot handle these ingredients like an adult can. It can have many harmful effects on the heart and blood pressure. According to scientists, these ingredients can be very harmful to the development of the brain.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

Put an age limit on energy drinks. Everyone under the age of nineteen will be prohibited from buying any type of energy drink. Cashiers will ask for id in the purchase of any type of energy drink.

Proposal No. 1412

Name: Lily Cardiner
Delegation: Triunfo YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Enhancing lives through environmental awareness.

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 How we treat our planet is of major importance and something every person in
6 the world should be aware of. The environment is the basis of our world and
7 without the knowledge of how to care for it may cause even bigger issues in the
8 long run. The purpose of these classes is to teach students to understand the
9 issues and possible solutions in hopes of encouraging them to put these ideas
10 into practice in order to further improve our planet.

11 Every action taken towards improving the environment can cause an array of
12 change in the world, but people will not know what positively affects the planet
13 without being taught. Raising awareness of environmental concerns would not
14 only make our country a better place, but it would also save our country money
15 due to the fact that the government would not need to spend the extra money
16 fixing what others lack the knowledge to do in order to care for our planet.

17 Every year, the world as a whole spends \$6.6 trillion on environmental issues
18 and mitigating pollution. If individuals were more sensitive towards the
19 environment, they would treat it better which in turn would help the world not
20 have to spend as much money. For instance, every year, the US spends 25
21 million dollars sending plastic bags to landfills and another 8.5 million dollars
22 to remove littered bags from streets when people could easily dispose of them
23 themselves.

24 Environmental classes include the basics of physics, chemistry, biology, and
25 almost all other sciences which in turn teaches a variety of knowledge within
26 one class.

27 In conclusion, by raising awareness through mandatory classes, we will not
28 only preserve out precious environment, but we will also save money.

29

30 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

31 The public school system will add basic environmental lessons in the K-5
32 curriculum, a single year-long class in junior high, and a single year-long class
33 in freshman year of high school.

Proposal No. 1413

Name: Kevin Hurrell
Delegation: Westchester/LA YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Colonizing to the moon by December 21, 2012

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 The colonization of the Moon is the proposed establishment of permanent
6 human communities on the Moon. Advocates of space exploration have seen
7 settlement of the Moon as a logical step in the expansion of humanity beyond
8 the Earth. Recent indication that water might be present in quantities at the
9 Lunar poles has increased interest in the Moon.

10

11 Permanent human habitation on a planetary body other than the Earth is one of
12 science fiction's most prevalent themes. As technology has advanced, and
13 concerns about the future of humanity on Earth have increased, the argument
14 that space colonization is an achievable and worthwhile goal has gained
15 momentum. Because of its proximity to Earth, the Moon has been seen as a
16 prime candidate for the location of humanity's first permanently occupied
17 extraterrestrial base.

18

19 Although it is still a theory, it is speculated that the world will most likely end
20 in the year 2012. The Mayan calendar is a system of measurement that has been
21 accurate within seconds for thousands of years. Most of the predictions that
22 were made by the race were correct. In the year 2012 the Mayan calendar
23 ceases completely.

24

25 So If we are able to successfully colonize to the moon before the world comes
26 to an end then we will be able to continue the human race. The Mayan's have
27 proved to be very accurate in their predictions so this is something we would
28 not want to risk.

29

30 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

31 Everyone under age 35 in the United States will be given the option to either
32 relocate to the moon via space shuttle or face the fate of the earth

Proposal No. 1414

Name: Max Mercado
Delegation: SPPY-San Pedro YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Subsidize the development of algae biofuels, in order to make it price
3 competitive with gasoline, instead of ethanol.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 As the world runs out of fossil fuels alternative energies are becoming
7 more and more developed. Algae biofuel (ABF) is one of the most efficient and
8 sustainable of these renewable energies. This fuel is extremely fast to produce.
9 ABF can produce 30 times more than its competitors in the same amount of
10 space. It can also be cultivated anywhere. Deserts and undeveloped areas,
11 which are virtually unusable to grow crops, can now be taken advantage of.
12 Carbon dioxide is also used twice as efficiently during this process. The
13 creation of ABF has made great strides in the past 10 years, and is now ready to
14 become mainstream as a reliable energy source.

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16 Money should be used to subsidize ABF rather than ethanol for multiple
17 reasons. ABF can be grown year around without much effort. Ethanol requires
18 corn and can only be made a few months out of the year. It also damages the
19 soil it grows in while ABF grow in ponds. Also, corn can be used more
20 responsibly for food rather than ethanol production.

21
22 The efficiency of the two biofuels also weighs in favor of algae biofuels. ABF
23 energy yield is much higher than ethanol. Furthermore an acre of algae can turn
24 out 5,000-20,000 gallons of biofuels a year, while the best ethanol crop can
25 only produce 700 gallons per acre.

26
27 By giving ABF development a subsidy, it will be able to become a top
28 competitor on the energy market. After this happens, ABF will be able to
29 sustain itself.

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31 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

32 All subsidies given to ethanol development are to be switched to algae biofuels
33 development until 2021.

Proposal No. 1501

Name: Katie Shaffer
Delegation: Diablo Valley YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 The United States' prison population.

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 It is well known that prisons in the United States are over-crowded. In fact,
6 American federal prisons are currently housing 60% more inmates than they
7 were designed to hold. State prisons are only slightly less congested.

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9 This over-crowding has led to a sharp decline in prison conditions. The
10 government does not have enough money to pay for medical care for inmates
11 when necessary. In addition, not enough security is available for high-risk
12 inmates such as murderers and rapists because the government can't afford to
13 employ enough prison guards. It comes as no surprise that the government is
14 facing monetary troubles, considering it is paying between \$18,000 and
15 \$50,000 per year to keep a single inmate in prison.

16
17 Prison over-crowding is due, in part, to the criminal justice system's reliance on
18 jail sentences as punishment for even the most petty of crimes. For example,
19 the number of drug offenders in federal and state prisons has increased 13-fold
20 since 1980. Currently, anything from a civil infraction to a violent felony is
21 punishable by a jail sentence. The loose parameters for determining who can
22 and cannot be sentenced to jail have led to an enormous prison population
23 exceeding the capacity of the system.

24
25 The criminal justice system needs an alternative punishment to prison that is
26 both cheaper and more effective. Public flogging is an ideal substitute. A
27 flogging sentence would occur as follows:

28 1.) Any person found guilty of a petty crime, as defined in the United States
29 Code Title 18, Part I, Chapter 1, Sec. 19, or a Class A misdemeanor will
30 henceforth be ineligible for a prison sentence as punishment for that crime.

31 2.) Judges will only be able to issue a fine, community service, probation,
32 driver's license suspension (if appropriate), and/or flogging as sentence for the
33 crime.

34 3.) If a criminal's sentence includes public flogging, the criminal will be given
35 a date and time as determined by the judge to arrive at the County Superior
36 Courthouse to receive his or her punishment. A covered platform will be built
37 at each County Superior Courthouse in the United States for this purpose. The
38 platform must be accessible to the public. The flogging will be performed by a
39 professional who is paid a flat stipend per flogging as determined by the
40 County Superior Court judge. The flogging will only be done with an approved
41 76 cm. "cat o' nine tails" whip. The criminal will receive between two and

Proposal No. 1502

Name: Kayla Grossett
Delegation: SPPY-Palos Verdes YMCA

1 TOPIC OF CONCERN:

2 Eliminate the Three Strikes Law.
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4 JUSTIFICATION:

5 This proposal addresses two questions: 1) Does this Three Strikes Law
6 predispose convicted felons to a biased or unjust trial because of 1 or 2 prior
7 convictions? And 2) Could the outcome be different if each conviction was
8 judged separately versus as a part of a whole? These questions should be
9 addressed because the penalties of this law have shown to greatly contribute to
10 the ongoing problem of overpopulation in prisons. As of December 2004,
11 inmates serving time under the Three Strikes Law made up 26 percent of the
12 total prison population.
13

14 Currently, California's Three Strikes Law says that any person who commits a
15 felony will have his or her sentence doubled if he or she already has one Strike
16 from a prior conviction (the current offense does not need to be a Strike
17 offense). If a person commits a felony and he or she has two prior Strike
18 offenses, then the punishment for the current offense is a minimum of 25 years
19 to life. In order for a conviction to qualify as a Strike in California, it must be a
20 felony that is deemed to be a serious or violent felony, including but not limited
21 to: murder, voluntary manslaughter, rape, robbery, first degree burglary, etc.
22

23 If this issue remains unaddressed, the current costs of housing strikers will
24 remain at approximately \$1.5 billion each year. Additionally, tax payers will
25 continue to be responsible for paying the cost of housing offenders who may
26 pose no threat to the public. In this recession, we do not need another reason to
27 spend money where it shouldn't be spent. Lastly, this law interferes with the
28 Eighth Amendment constitutional right against cruel and unusual punishment.
29

30 ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

31 Several cases demonstrate the tendency for this law to place undeserving
32 criminals in prison for unnecessary amounts of time. With this proposal, the
33 Three Strikes Law will no longer apply in any of the 24 states in which it
34 currently does; there will be no consequence for repeat offenders unless
35 penalties outside of the Three Strikes Law pertain.

42 twenty lashings to the lower back per offense, at the discretion of the judge. A
43 court official must be present at each flogging as a witness. After the flogging,
44 the criminal, flogger, and court official must sign off that the flogging took
45 place.

46 4.) If a criminal has received a flogging sentence and knows previously or
47 discovers she is pregnant up to twenty-four hours before the scheduled
48 flogging, her flogging date will be pushed back to no later than two weeks after
49 she gives birth.

50 5.) If the criminal does not show up at the assigned date and time, the judge
51 will issue a \$250 fine and reschedule the flogging.

52 6.) If the criminal fails to show up for the rescheduled appointment, the judge
53 will issue an additional \$750 fine and the criminal will be ordered to appear in
54 front of the judge at the County Superior Courthouse. At this time, the criminal
55 will be walked outside to the platform and flogged.

56 7.) If the criminal fails to appear before the judge, he or she may be held in
57 contempt of court and punished accordingly.
58

59 ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

60 Items one through seven above will be added to the United States Code.
61 Congress will pass a federal resolution that all states must incorporate the
62 addition into their State Penal Code, or else risk losing funding for highway
63 maintenance until they do so.

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Name: Kimberly Guzman
Delegation: Urban Services

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Create accountability for individuals receiving welfare.
3

4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 Welfare is a government aid intended to help those with little or no income,
6 including the working poor. Aimed primarily at families with children, older
7 individuals, and those who are disabled, welfare can include cash assistance,
8 food stamps, and Medicaid. In order to be eligible for welfare in the U.S an
9 applicant must be a U.S citizen or permanent resident.
10

11 The act of 1996 personal responsibility and work opportunity reconciliation act
12 (1996 Welfare Reform Act) intended to dramatically change the nation's
13 welfare system into one that would require individuals receiving welfare to
14 work in exchange for time limited assistance from the government. It also
15 imposed a 5 year limit on receipt of aid, and rewards states with financial
16 bonuses for reducing their caseloads of welfare recipients.
17

18 The "head" of every family on welfare must work within two years or the
19 family will lose benefits. After receiving cash assistance or other help for two
20 months, adults must begin performing community service work unless they
21 have found regular jobs. Unfortunately adults without education are at a higher
22 risk to end up receiving welfare and not being able to get the money
23 themselves.
24

25 Welfare reforms such as the act of 1996 are already trying to reduce the amount
26 of people on welfare in the U.S. However, they are not pulling people out of
27 poverty because these individuals are just expected to seek employment but
28 they don't offer them job training, or other ways of them bettering their lives by
29 obtaining higher education. If we emancipate them to work, go into job
30 training, offer centers for them to search for jobs, or be enrolled at least half
31 time at an education institution to better themselves they will become self
32 sufficient adults.
33

34 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

35 Making it a requirement across the board for all welfare participants to receive
36 and participate in job training and job search, or be enrolled at least half time at
37 an education institution.

Proposal No. 1504

Name: Cori Williams
Delegation: El Dorado YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Lowering the voting age to 16.
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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 In 1971 the United States ratified the 26th amendment to the constitution giving
6 the right to vote to 18-20 year olds. During the Vietnam War Americans
7 realizes the double standards inherent in sending 18 year olds to become
8 soldiers and fight, yet they weren't allowed to vote. Leaders who the young
9 public couldn't vote for may send them to war tomorrow. Right now most of
10 the young public is capable of being punished as an adult, along with other
11 things, even though they don't have a right to vote. As we all are aware of,
12 everyone in the world pays taxes, so do the youth of our world, in fact teens
13 pay about 9.7 billions dollars worth in taxes, along with millions of taxes on
14 income. According to the IRS "you may be a teen, you may not even have a
15 permanent job, but you have to pay taxes on the money you earn." The youth
16 pays billions in taxes to state, local, and federal government, yet they have
17 absolutely no say over how much is taken. This situation has been fought over
18 before, during the American Revolution, this is taxation without representation.
19 This is un-American, if the youth is paying taxes, they should have the right to
20 vote. When it comes to voting for politicians, who represent a lot of different
21 constituencies, teens are no ones constituency. So why should politicians care
22 about the needs and wishes for the youth when they have no ability to vote for
23 them? Lowering the voting age will give politicians a real reason to respect the
24 youth's desires. Also with the youth not being able to vote it makes them feel
25 alienated from the political system, and most teens under the age of 18 don't
26 really know a lot about politics, but why should they when it doesn't matter
27 until they are 18. Lowering the voting age will encourage teens to be more
28 interested in who apart of their nations politics and will help make their views
29 felt and for giving them a responsible stake in the future of the nation.

30 At this time the right to vote is established as perhaps the worst possible
31 moment in one's life. At the age of 18 many youth leave their home and
32 community they have lived for most their life, either to go away to college or to
33 move away from home in search of work. At the moment they are supposed to
34 vote they either have a new community that they are unfamiliar with. Lowering
35 the voting age to 16 will offer the vote to people who have a familiarity of their
36 community, have an appreciation for local issues, and will be more concerned
37 about voting than those just two years older. With the voting age at 16 there is
38 the opportunity for new voters to have a greater opportunity to be educated
39 voters as most are in high school. When the voting age is lowered schools will
40 most likely schedule a civics class to coincide with 16 that will introduce the
41 issues and prepare new voters. And with government and politics being taught

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to the youth in school, this prepares them to vote and helps make sure they are educated on what they are voting for. Lowering the voting age may not be the magic bullet to improve the lives of youth, but by giving them a real stake in their futures and their present lives it will push them to become involved, active citizens of this great nation.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

The United States should add a constitutional amendment allowing people to vote at the age of 16. However in order to be able to vote at 16 one must be in High School, and must be educated on what they are voting for.

Name: Gardenia Zamacona

Delegation: Santa Ana YMCA

TOPIC OF CONCERN:

Allowing civil unions between those of the same-sex.

JUSTIFICATION:

The main concern with same-sex marriage is that it collides with religious and moral beliefs. For a couple to be married they would first have to apply for a marriage license and then, if they choose, they may continue on to have a ceremony in church. A civil union is similar to marriage license and the couple shares the same rights that a married couple have. However, within a civil union, the couple's rights are protected and insured on a state level and there is no religious affiliation involved. A religious group or sect does not have to recognize a civil union; they have the right to refuse a civil union between a couple of the same-sex.

A civil union is a way for couples of the same-sex to become partners recognized by the state. They will still be insured all the rights a married couple possesses but it will not interfere with religious groups therefore eliminating the moral issues that intervene with same-sex marriage.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

Same-sex couples will be allowed to form a civil union with each other in every state and they will have their rights recognized on a national level. The couple will have all the rights and privileges a married couple has which include: right to equal insurance, right to assist loved one in emergency, right to property, etc..

Proposal No. 1506

Name: Alex Soelter
Delegation: Westchester/LA YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 To lower the tax on gasoline and through the requirement of law; gas stations
3 and fuel stops must provide service personnel to fuel or pump gas into the
4 customers' automobile.

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6 **JUSTIFICATION:**

7 The benefits of using the money retained from lowering the tax to hire service
8 personnel. This creates jobs AND lowers unemployment rates through the
9 offering of a new job; a gas pumper. It allows for the government to place an
10 income tax on new workers; and this allows the government to place a sales tax
11 on new found revenue. This proposal does not cost anything and it creates a
12 new job and a new source of taxation for the government.
13 It's an all around good bill. vote yas on the gas.

14
15 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

16 The taxation on gasoline prices is to be reduced and a new job opportunity is to
17 be supplied through the gas station (etc.) as a customer assistant in the field.

Proposal No. 1507

Name: Hannah Daniels
Delegation: Triunfo YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Instituting free healthcare for all children.
3

4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 Every year, the amount of people uninsured in the U.S goes up by the billions,
6 and large portion of those people include children. 15% of these uninsured
7 people lack proper health insurance coverage. In 2005, the amount of children
8 uninsured rose from 10.8 billion to 11.2 billion. 8.9% of these children lacked
9 proper health insurance coverage.

10 Current health care programs regulated by the government include Medicare
11 which is only for senior citizens, and Medicaid which goes by different names
12 in different states (Medical for California). These programs, rather than pay
13 money to you, pay your health care provider. Your health care provider, in turn
14 pays for your healthcare. Medicaid is designed to focus on the welfare
15 population including single parents with dependent children, but few receive
16 adequate healthcare because the qualifications of applying for Medicaid are
17 very particular. For children, only acute healthcare is provided, not long term,
18 and few things are paid for in full by Medicare, forcing the families to pay for
19 anything not covered.

20 Children today have no power over if they break a bone, if they get chicken
21 pox, and if they need to be hospitalized. Children have no say in their financial
22 situation and no way to pay for their well being. They rely on their families.
23 And if their families cannot afford health care, or do not fit the qualifications of
24 Medicaid or any other type of government programs, the children of these
25 families receive no healthcare or safety net. Children in foster care with no say
26 over their welfare receive Medicaid and funding through the SCHIP (State
27 Children Health Insurance Program), and when they age out of foster care at
28 18, when they can stand on their own, is when they stop receiving government
29 healthcare. Children in normal families are in the same situation. They have no
30 say in healthcare and become independent the same age that foster children do,
31 yet they still do not receive the same kind of healthcare coverage. And still, the
32 amount of healthcare coverage is not a sufficient amount for any child.

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34 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

35 Reform the SCHIP to become the NCHIP (National Children Health Insurance
36 Program), and to abolish an application process. All children will receive
37 healthcare, regardless of financial standing, or family situation. Increased funds
38 of long term care and improved overall coverage will be enforced. Like the
39 foster care system of healthcare, they will age out when they turn 18 and are
40 competent of being self-reliant.

Proposal No. 1508

Name: Gina Elias
Delegation: Golden State

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 This proposal relates to limiting the term a person can receive welfare ADFC.

3

4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 Too many people in this country use the welfare system & AFDC as a way of
6 life rather than a means to assist families while procuring gainful employment.

7 There are generations of people who spend their entire life on the welfare rolls.

8 This is a definite drain on taxpayer resources as well as a misuse of the system.

9 The public is often told that the current welfare system does not promote long-
10 term dependence. This is untrue. The 4.7 million families currently receiving

11 Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) have already spent, on
12 average, six-and-a-half years on welfare. When past and estimated future
13 receipt of AFDC are combined, the estimated average length of stay on AFDC,
14 among those families currently receiving benefits, is an astonishing 13 years.

15 Recent research by Congressional Budget Office Director June O'Neill shows
16 that increasing the length of time a child spends on welfare may reduce the
17 child's IQ by as much as 20 percent. Welfare receipt as a child has a negative
18 effect on the earnings and employment capacity of young men. The more
19 welfare income received by a boy's family during his childhood, the lower will
20 be the boy's earnings as an adult, even when compared to boys in families with
21 identical non-welfare income. Receipt of welfare and living in a single-parent
22 family during childhood are strongly associated with criminal activity among
23 young men and having illegitimate children among young women.

24

25 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

26 Families on AFDC will be limited to a Maximum of three (3) years on the
27 welfare rolls, unless need is specified by a doctor.

Proposal No. 1509

Name: Patrick Hunt
Delegation: SRV-Vista Diablo YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 This proposal requires all investigators to obtain a warrant to search a victim's
3 cellular phone.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 In this day and age, cell phones have become increasingly popular. Not only do
7 millions of American's own cell phones, but the technology has increased
8 tenfold. With many high-tech phones on the market that provide additional
9 applications, a wide variety of information is stored on a person's phone. Bank
10 information, pictures, notes, text messages, emails, and voice messages are all
11 available with the click of a button. With this information so readily available,
12 it is almost the equivalent of searching a person's computer.

13

14 This smartphone technology is only going to grow as the years go on. Our
15 phones will be able to do more and more. Due to this steady increase in
16 technology, it is prudent that our valuable private belongings remain ours.

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18 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

19 Congress to pass a law overturning the opinion made in the California Supreme
20 Court in the case People v. Diaz. Thus, requiring a warrant for any search of a
21 handheld device or cellular telephone.

Proposal No. 1510

Name: Chris Hicks
Delegation: San Luis Obispo County YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Military spending during times of an undeclared war.
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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 Last year the United States spent an estimated 663 billion dollars on military
6 expenditures, the most among all countries. We spent over 500 billion dollars
7 more than China, the second country on the list. While protecting the lives of
8 Americans is a top priority, our military spending has gotten completely out of
9 control. We are no longer holding true to the process of checks and balances set
10 forth by our founding fathers.

11 We spend the most on our military yet we are technically not at war with
12 anyone. The United States has not had a declared war since World War II. This
13 is odd considering two of this nation's largest wars, Vietnam and Iraq, were
14 never declared by congress. Article One, Section Eight of the constitution says
15 that "Congress shall have the power to...Declare War." It seems in our recent
16 past that the president has looked passed this law in our constitution and
17 initiated the war himself. This proposal would make it illegal for the president
18 to raise the current amount of money in our budget for combat forces during an
19 undeclared war. This proposal's purpose would be to ensure that the President
20 go through the proper process of declaring war before we invest billions of
21 dollars and American lives into a war. It is not looking to weaken or handicap
22 our Country; it is simply just a measure to ensure that the President upholds the
23 laws mandated in our constitution.
24

25 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

26 The president shall no longer have the ability to raise the amount of money
27 requested for combat forces in the annual budget. This change would come into
28 act October 1, 2012 giving the President ample time to declare war where
29 combat forces are needed.

Proposal No. 1511

Name: Olivia Flynn
Delegation: Verdugo Hills YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 This proposals calls for the elimination of categorical grants.
3

4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 Categorical grants have restricted and limited the power of state governments
6 to effectively enact the policies created by the federal government. One
7 example of a categorical grant is the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 or more
8 commonly known as Food Stamps. This act provides specific funding per each
9 state with explicit guidelines to properly distribute the Food Stamps.
10 Unfortunately, these explicit guidelines prohibit the purchase of "nonfood
11 items". A nonfood item, as explained by the Food and Nutrition Act includes
12 medicine, vitamins, and household supplies. This irregular restriction prevents
13 the impoverished from purchasing items that are just as important as food. Yet,
14 there is an alternative to the confining categorical grants. Block grants offer
15 another method for federal funding to be partitioned to the states. Rather than
16 limit each state to specific regulations and codes, the federal government
17 appropriates funding, equal to the population of each state, for the federal
18 program. An example of a block grant is the Temporary Assistance for Needy
19 Families or TANF. This grant encompasses a broad range of welfare programs
20 that focus on education, job assistance, and funding for families in need. Each
21 state can chose and create programs and agencies to provide aid and welfare for
22 those in poverty. Some states even work in conjunction with local nonprofits to
23 reach out to everyone on the state, county, and city level. TANF has been
24 applauded and considered a success because it gives the states more control and
25 power to meet the needs of every citizen.
26

27 A political scientist, Tyrone Thomas Blaine, decided to test a theory: Which is
28 better for the citizen, block or categorical grants? For his experiment, he used a
29 small town in Ohio and built housing for two groups using a categorical grant
30 style organization and a block grant style organization. Those who were placed
31 in the block grant group polled and showed an overall fifty two percent
32 approval of the job over the categorical grant group of thirty percent.
33

34 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

35 The transition of categorical grants into block grants and the creation of new
36 block grants by Congress instead of categorical grants.

Proposal No. 1512

Name: Balam Avila-Herrera
Delegation: Albany YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 U.S. vehicle emissions regulations reform to unify the country under one
3 standard.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 Currently there are two categories in the U.S. vehicle emissions regulations,
7 also known as the smog check. As of 2009 the stage 3 emissions regulations
8 reduced emissions by 40% which is nowhere near California's emissions
9 standard. California's standard is about one third of the stage 3 emissions and
10 has been in effect since 2004. As of 2007 only five states including California
11 had raised their standard. Therefore some states have stricter standards than
12 others making some cars and accessories illegal in those states. This can also be
13 a problem in moving a car from one state to another or buying accessories to
14 upgrade a vehicle.

15
16 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

17 Unify the country under one vehicle emissions standard. The new nationwide
18 standard will be stricter than most states but not as strict as California, reducing
19 overall pollution while helping our economy by making it easier to move or sell
20 vehicles and merchandise across state lines.

Proposal No. 1513

Name: Scott Nelson
Delegation: SRV - Valle Lobo YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Assassinating the genocidal warlord, Joseph Kony.
3

4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 Joseph Kony is the leader of the Lord's Resistance Army, a guerrilla force of
6 rebels terrorizing central Africa. They were originally focused in northern
7 Uganda, but have since moved west to the Congo, and south-western Sudan.
8 The LRA has committed numerous atrocities, including the abduction of
9 children for use as child soldiers and sex slaves. The fighting has lasted since
10 the late 1980's and has been one of Africa's longest running conflicts. The
11 LRA has no consistent ideology, other than the desire for some sort of
12 theocratic regime being installed in northern Uganda. The only thing the LRA
13 has consistently done for the last 20 years is cause the death of hundreds of
14 thousands of innocent people, including a disproportionately high number of
15 children. The LRA resides in an area a slightly smaller than Afghanistan, and
16 with much less troublesome terrain. Also, the LRA has formed a personality-
17 cult for their leader, Joseph Kony. Many of the natives believe Kony has
18 magical powers, and he is widely feared. This fear and superstitions regarding
19 Kony have greatly aided the LRA in a kind of psychological warfare. This is a
20 double-edged sword however, because it's unlikely any other person could
21 successfully lead the LRA. These facts combined indicate that the assassination
22 of Joseph Kony would greatly speed up the peace process, and might even
23 unravel the LRA completely. When the leader of a personality-cult dies, there
24 is almost always a succession crisis when choosing a new leader. Finding a new
25 leader for the LRA would be almost impossible however because of the
26 superstition surrounding Kony. In a regular army there is always lower ranking
27 officers to fill empty positions, but since Kony is "magical" there isn't likely a
28 person who can step up and command the respect and fear that Kony does. If
29 someone who all the locals believe is magical gets killed, that would
30 immensely help demoralize the LRA and give the innocent civilians a sign of
31 hope. Plus, his army is relatively small at less than 3000 soldiers, compared to
32 the 10,000 or so Taliban in Afghanistan/Pakistan. Not only is his army small,
33 but it's comprised mainly of children so there's very little depth for leadership
34 roles. Most of these children are held against their will, so assassinating Kony
35 and other leaders would create so much chaos and demoralization among the
36 ranks of his "followers" that the whole LRA might collapse. This solution might
37 sound extreme (and after all, assassination is seen as a last resort by the
38 international community), but this is the same strategy that has worked
39 extremely well in the fight against the Taliban. Obama increased the number of
40 drone strikes by large amounts, and has killed hundreds of Taliban
41 commanders. This has greatly helped the NATO effort against the Taliban, and

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it'd likely be just as successful in Africa. Obama already passed legislation last year to spend \$10 million dollars each year, for the next three years, to fund peace initiatives in the region. However, this is very meager in comparison to what the US spends on things it ACTUALLY cares about. After analyzing the situation in Central Africa and comparing it to another insurgency, the Taliban, it is clear that targeted drone strikes against the LRA leadership (but mainly Joseph Kony) would help bring a speedy end to this horrible genocide.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

The United States of America will adapt the targeted UAV (aka: drone) strikes used to kill Taliban commander to kill Joseph Kony and other leadership elements of the LRA.

Name: Coleman Walker
Delegation: Magdalena Ecke/SDSC YMCA

TOPIC OF CONCERN:

The United States health care must implement a universal health care, which will cover all the people of the United States and offer the best medical care without risking bankruptcy.

JUSTIFICATION:

As of September 30, 2010, there were 46.3 million Americans without health insurance and it was estimated that there are 16 million Americans who are under-insured due to cost of health insurance or due to some medical condition which makes them uninsurable. In other words there are as many people in the US who are uninsured or underinsured as there are people in all of France. Among these people, over 50% of all personal bankruptcies in the United States are caused by medical costs.

America spends 15.3% of our GDP (according to the OECD) on healthcare – the highest in the developed world. Other countries such as Canada and France only pay 10% -11%. Also, America spends \$6714 per person per year on health care – the highest of all OECD countries. Canada spends \$3678 per person, nearly half of that spent by the United States. Despite spending more on health care than any other country in the developed world, the United States ranks 49th in the world in life expectancy (according to WHO), 37th in the world in health care (according to WHO) and dead last among the 30 OECD countries when it comes to mortality rates due to treatable conditions.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

America needs to implement a health system where there are public and private hospitals allowing the people to choose any doctor or hospital they want for treatment. The government would pay 70% of cost of going to the doctor, having an operation or undergoing treatment. However, if a person is on a list of 30 serious diseases, the government will pay 100% For the other 30% of the cost (what America would call the "Co Pay") it is up to the citizen to arrange private insurance for that 30%, with the poor being subsidized by the state (just as it is done in the United States with Medicaid and Medicare). The cost of the 70% paid by the state is funded by contributions from employers and employees, which will total 19% of an employee's paycheck, which is roughly the same as United States employees pay in withholdings today. This 19% deduction includes medical insurance, retirement pension, unemployment insurance, disability insurance, and other social security coverage. By implementing this medical care it would take care of citizens from the cradle to the grave and still cost 35% less than what the United States pays today.

Proposal No. 1601

Name: Taylor Williams
Delegation: Palo Alto YMCA

1 TOPIC OF CONCERN:

2 This proposal adds ammo and bullets to the 2nd amendment of the United States bill
3 of rights.

4 JUSTIFICATION:

5 As many you may not know, California recently instated a law that implies insane
6 taxes on any ammo made and sold in the state. Lawmakers were unable to instate
7 such taxes on handguns and rifles due to the 2nd amendment, so they have gone
8 after all ammo made and distributed in the state. This has caused many ammo
9 production companies to pull out of the state in both production and distribution.
10 This in turn has caused many jobs to be lost, which in turn has negatively affected
11 California's economy. Also, as a result, ammo prices have more then tripled.

12 This has negatively affected California by making it harder for law enforcement
13 agencies to obtain ammo for their weapons, which makes it harder for these agencies
14 to protect us. Also, this has made it harder for Californians to obtain ammo to
15 protect themselves. The reason why this amendment should be added is that if this
16 law is instated through out the country, it would greatly negatively affect our
17 economy, make it harder for all law enforcement agencies to obtain ammo and
18 protect us.

21 ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

22 If this amendment is instated into the 2nd amendment of the U.S. Constitution Bill
23 Of Rights, ammo and bullets for handguns and rifles would be added in. This would
24 make it illegal to instate high taxes on such ammo and bullets.
25

Proposal No. 1602

Name: Ife Onyeije
Delegation: Downtown Oakland

1 TOPIC OF CONCERN:

2 The exploitation of children through child pageants
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4 JUSTIFICATION:

5 This proposal calls to amend child labor laws to include child beauty pageants
6 under the fair labor standards act. In the United States, many young children
7 are unwillingly placed in these vanity contests; and while some children may
8 enjoy the attention, others that are forced to participate in this lifestyle
9 demonstrate symptoms of depression and in some cases malnourishment. Since
10 1938, child pageants have been exempt from federal child labor laws under the
11 fair labor standards act. At the time of enactment, it only allowed for parents to
12 play dress up with their children, and cushion their developing self confidence
13 with rehearsed "perfection" rewarded with lavish prizes.

14
15 Approximately 250,000 children participate annually in the United States
16 from ages 0-18, leaving more and more young adults who grew up in "Pageant
17 life" with mild P.T.S.D. (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder). William Pinsof, a
18 clinical psychologist and president of the Family Institute at Northwestern
19 University said,"Being a little Barbie doll says your body has to be a certain
20 way and your hair has to be a certain way. In girls particularly, this can unleash
21 a whole complex of destructive self-experiences that can lead to eating
22 disorders and all kinds of body distortions in terms of body image."

23
24 We can fix this dilemma starting by placing child pageants back under child
25 labor law restrictions, therefore automatically raising the entry age as well as
26 lowering the amount of hours allowed to work. For example we currently
27 regulate child actors and their parents. As a nation we have recognized that
28 children have been exploited by their parents for financial and social gains,
29 therefore we have put restrictions on how parents and the acting industry treats
30 the children in their care. Taking this into account, the age of pageant
31 contestants should be raised because children should have a chance to be child,
32 not just have them subjected to pageant life because their parents wanted them
33 to do so at eighteen months of age. At an appropriate age these children will
34 have a better chance to blunt the physical and mental stressors of contest life.
35 Furthermore, it would help to prevent the consequences that come along with
36 the pressures of glamorizing victory such as poor health, low grades, and even
37 lower self-esteem.

38 ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

39 The United States should reinstate child pageants into child labor laws under
40 the Federal Labor Standards act.
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Proposal No. 1603

Name: Rachel Brady
Delegation: Southwest/Riverside YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 To remove tax-exempts from religious organizations who blatantly politicize
3 themselves

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 The absence of taxation for churches has existed on the notion that church and
7 state should be kept separate. However, although concepts that coexist between
8 religious values and political agendas such as gay marriage and abortion are
9 allowed to be evaluated through both institutions, the religious field can shatter
10 the separation by endorsing or telling participants to oppose political candidates
11 or parties based on their agendas. To have this status for religious organizations
12 is not a right protected by the Constitution; it is made by legislature and can be
13 taken away as well. In order to maintain a tax-exempt status, the religious
14 community must show that they serve the public good, as opposed to a private
15 interest. It must be understood that the removal of the exemption will not stem
16 from protesting topics such as gay marriage and abortion themselves, but from
17 the active participation in protesting or endorsing a political candidate or group
18 that support or refute such kinds of topics. Removing tax exemption for
19 deliberate political interference helps to promote the separation of church and
20 state and prevent corrupt, unnecessary intrusion.

21
22 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

23 If an individual institution of religion participates in politicizing their practice,
24 whether opposing or endorsing a political candidate based on their agenda, their
25 tax-exempt status should be immediately removed by the Internal Revenue
26 Service.

Proposal No. 1604

Name: Sasha Hondagneu-Messner
Delegation: So. Pasadena-San Marino YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 To change the election of members of the House of Representatives to
3 Proportional representation.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 Currently, we elect members of the House of Representatives in single-member
7 districts, meaning that a certain amount of people in a district elect one
8 candidate to represent them. The problem with this winner take all system, is
9 that not everybody gets representation. For example, if a candidate wins with
10 50.1% of the votes, the other 49.9% of the votes count for nothing in terms of
11 representation.

12
13 With Proportional Representation, everybody's votes count. For instance, lets
14 say a state has 50 seats in the House of Representatives. In the primary
15 election, voters will vote for one representative they want to represent them in
16 their party. Then in the general election, instead of voting for a candidate, you
17 vote for a party. Lets say that in this state, Democrats got 30% of the vote,
18 Republicans got 26%, Green Party got 14%, Libertarian got 10 %, Tea party
19 got 8%, Socialist got 8%, and Independent got 4%. The top 15 Democrat vote-
20 getter candidates in the primary would get seats in the House, then the top 13
21 Republicans, the top 7 Green party members, the top 5 Libertarian, the top 4
22 Tea Party, the top 4 Socialist and the top 2 Independents.

23
24 This proposal will encourage more people to vote, as they won't feel that they
25 are throwing away their votes if they don't vote for the Democrats or
26 Republicans. More people will feel like it matters if they vote. Also, this
27 proposal will stop gerrymandering, as there will no longer be districts to
28 reshape. Gerrymandering is the process of redrawing district lines to favor one
29 party. The withdrawal of Gerrymandering will increase the competitiveness of
30 elections.

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32 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

33 Members of the House of representatives will be elected by proportional voting
34 instead of the current single member district system.

Proposal No. 1605

Name: Ian Fox
Delegation: SPPY-San Pedro YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**
2 The Revision of Unemployment Insurance Benefits
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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**
5 Originally, Federal Unemployment Insurance benefits were available to anyone
6 laid off or otherwise out of work through no fault of their own for a total of 79
7 weeks. However during the recession, Congress passed Obama proposal for
8 “Extend Benefits”, which provides the unemployed with additional 20 weeks of
9 benefits, a grand total of 99 weeks. Over three years later, this extended 20
10 weeks of Benefits has been reinstated again for the fourth time. The price tag of
11 extension is measured to be \$224 billion a year.
12 The recession has ended and it is now time to deal with an issue of tantamount
13 concern, our nation’s deficit and debt. Our budget cannot afford to support the
14 unemployed for almost two years, and thus we must reduce the number of
15 weeks back to 79 weeks. This proposal will squelch our skyrocketing debt, will
16 reduce our deficit and most importantly enable our tax dollars to be allocated
17 toward the greater good of America people.
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19 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**
20 Discontinue the Extend Benefits (EB) for the Unemployed, reducing the
21 unemployment insurance benefits maximum to 79 weeks

Proposal No. 1606

Name: Nicolas Tourani
Delegation: Crescenta-Canada YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**
2 Restructuring the United Nations based on the government of the United States
3 of America
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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**
6 The United Nations has proved itself time and again to be a bureaucratic
7 nightmare that struggles to act as a force of influence upon the World. It should
8 be a fair and equal government where countries can come to negotiate and
9 establish rules promoting natural human rights. The United Nations’ inability to
10 act against human rights violations in places such as Rwanda and Sudan show
11 the need for a stronger set of laws and enforcements. Ralph Bunche, who was
12 involved in the formation of the United Nations and was the first African
13 American to win the Nobel Peace Prize, said that: “In the dynamic world
14 society which is the objective of the United Nations, all peoples must have
15 equality and equal rights.” A more powerful system of government for the
16 United Nations is necessary, and the system established by the United States of
17 America is the perfect match. Its three branches of government have allowed
18 for equal treatment of a very diverse population under the laws outlined in the
19 Constitution.
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21 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**
22 Develop a senate and assembly to represent the people of the World and to
23 draft important legislation, a supreme international court to protect peoples’
24 rights, and an executive coalition led by a team of officers (one from each
25 region of the World). A delegation of Nobel Peace Prize writers and the
26 World’s foremost political scientists would draft a new Constitution and Bill of
27 Rights for the World, to be approved by a majority of the World’s countries.
28 All individuals elected to office in the United Nations will have to pass an
29 ethical evaluation to guard against corruption and tyranny within the
30 government.

Proposal No. 1607

Name: Nathan Epps
Delegation: El Dorado YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Make it a National requirement to participate in Community service for a
3 certain amount of time after High school students graduate till the age of 25.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 Participating in Community Service is extremely important in our
7 society. We learn to give back to what the community gives to us. People learn,
8 though community service, important life skills such as team work and
9 communication. It's important that the community looks good and you will
10 have a feeling of success. But community service can also help to ensure that
11 important services like providing meals for the elderly and volunteer fire
12 departments continue to run. It also helps to build a rich and supportive
13 community of people who know each other and lend each other a hand when it
14 is needed. Without community service in our society many people would not
15 know the meaning, usefulness, or importance of charity. Serving in your
16 community addresses many root problems that fall through the cracks of
17 government and social agencies.

18 In community service, you will receive a wealth of benefits. Perhaps
19 the biggest benefit you will experience when you join community service is the
20 satisfaction of incorporating service into your life and making a difference in
21 your community and your country. As an community service member, you will
22 gain valuable experience that translates directly into job experience in your
23 chosen field. You will learn teamwork, communication, responsibility, and
24 other essential skills that will help you for the rest of your life.

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26 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

27 Require all high school graduates to sign up for community service program
28 and attend 20 hours of community service a year till the age of 25. Alternatives
29 to community service would be religious missions and joining the army.

Proposal No. 1608

Name: Loren Vevaina
Delegation: Magdalena Ecke/SDSC YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 This proposal calls for previous financial knowledge or a mandatory financial
3 class to be taken for graduation requirements in every high school in the United
4 States.

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6 **JUSTIFICATION:**

7 A recent law was put into effect February 2010 stating that credit cards are
8 not permitted for those under the age of 21 unless a parent, guardian, or spouse
9 is willing to co-sign or unless the young adult has proof of sufficient income to
10 cover the credit obligations. Why did the federal government believe that
11 young adults are more responsible and can handle the risks of a credit card at
12 the age of 21 rather than 18? Who can say that anybody is responsible enough
13 to own a credit card when the average credit card debt per household is
14 \$15,788? It is not that all adults under the age of 21 are incapable of paying
15 bills on time, rather due to the lack of knowledge about these financial matters.
16 Some people don't have anybody to learn from about this huge aspect of life.
17 Learning about loans, stocks, saving money, lending money, equity, bonds,
18 taxes and more is not just second nature, and some adults still don't know how
19 all of it works today.

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21 Considering every state has the power to do what they want with education
22 this proposal is not requiring the board of education to follow this proposal,
23 rather it being more beneficial to each individual state to participate. Some
24 students argue that they have enough classes on their plate and are well
25 educated enough to not take a financial course. A financial section would be
26 added to an exam that all high school students must take before graduating,
27 such as the California High School Exit Exam. If the student did not pass that
28 part of the test, then they would be required to take a semester long financial
29 class that would be provided by the school. The states that participate in this
30 would receive an incentive from the government. A shocking 1,538,033 non-
31 business bankruptcies were filed in 2010. Consider the amount of money that
32 could be used in giving some money to participating states rather than bailing
33 out millions of people going bankrupt due to the lack of financial knowledge.
34 This could result in having more trust in teenagers being responsible for their
35 own money. This will also put a positive effect on our countries economy for
36 our future. If young adults learn about these concepts earlier on in life it can
37 protect many people from being in bad financial cases later on in life. Every
38 individual should leave high school feeling confident about being able to use
39 money wisely. This mandatory exam and/or semester long class would be
40 beneficial to become a part of every high schools regular curriculum, and needs
41 to be put into place immediately in order to set our country up for success.

Proposal No. 1609

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

To help the youth of America in becoming more educated about finances and how to manage their money in the future. This proposal asks for the immediate act of having a personal finance exam as part of graduation requirements, and if the student fails they will be required to take a semester course before graduation.

Name: Matthew Sauer
Delegation: Westside Family YMCA

TOPIC OF CONCERN:

First world problems (all of them), unemployment, and robots!

JUSTIFICATION:

Al Gore travels around the world spreading environmental awareness to all people. He has given his "Inconvenient Truth" lecture hundreds of times over the course of several years, and even turned it into a major motion picture. Wall-E saved the human race in a few days. In 1939 Dr. Robert Oppenheimer headed a team of the human races most brilliant minds, and six years later, the atomic bomb was created. Optimus Prime can turn his arm into a high powered laser canon. Man cannot compete with machine, if even a tiny fraction of people were as extraordinary as Optimus or Wall-E, man kind would have very few problems. Unfortunately, the average person has trouble transforming their arm into a rocket or recycling, so how about instead of recycling, have Wall-E do it, and instead of fighting, leave it to Optimus.

In modern times, our problems have stepped up their game. They can't be fixed by building a railroad or raising taxes. Instead of requiring manual labor, they require deep thought, and a lot of it. All people have the ability to think, but their minds are too cluttered with thoughts about finding a third minimum wage job in order to put food in their bellies. If the human race doesn't stop worrying about taxes and politics, and start thinking about ways to clean up the planet, our children won't have a planet to live on. We are cutting it close, and it's time to stop thinking about ourselves, and start worrying about our grandchildren. Being selfish is old school.

To free the minds of the people, we should replace all jobs that don't require much thought, with robots. Unemployment is an issue, but with all jobs that robots could do better, being done by robots, people would be able to live for free, with the exception of shelter. Alberto Broggi and his team have developed a car that is currently driving completely autonomously from Italy to China, a distance of 13,000km. The technology could easily be adapted to do every single process involved in farming produce (think self driving tractor). It would also be very simple to design technology that can raise cattle, chickens, and collect eggs.

In a world with the working class ruled by robots, we could finally stop worrying about feeding our families and getting jobs, and focus on saving the earth before it becomes an acidic molten fireball like Venus (Venus is farther from the sun than Mercury, but many times hotter, due to the fact that its atmosphere is filled with an overwhelming amount of carbon).

Proposal No. 1610

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

Starting in 2015, take the next 15 years to phase out the working class. Start with the food industry, because everyone needs to eat, make autonomous tractors and other farming tools available to them. The idea that they could get paid for all their work being done by a robot will be irresistible, and all farmers will use them. Once we gain a surplus of food, stop paying the farmer, and instead supply them with all the food they ever need for them and their families. Once the food industry has become autonomous, replace all other working class jobs with machines, starting with government employees. Unemployment will seem like a problem, but with the ability to have all anyone needs to live available for free, being homeless won't be that bad. People will realize that if they want more than just the essentials, they have to come up with something incredible, and start using their brains to make the world a better place.

Name: Maygan Lightstone
Delegation: Mission Valley/SDSC

TOPIC OF CONCERN:

Canceling all current political parties and making the formation of any other party or party system illegal. A party is defined as "a political organization subscribing to a certain ideology or formed around very special issues."

JUSTIFICATION:

President George Washington believed that the creation of a political party system in America would only lead to conflict and bitterness. In the year 2011, we have seen that he was right. Political parties are a source of disagreement among citizens of the United States. Many people stubbornly identify themselves as Republican or Democratic and stand (sometimes blindly) behind their party and their party's candidates. The "swing voters," or people who do not necessarily feel tied to their party's candidate, are the voters that most often decide which candidate will be elected into office. If political parties were abolished, all voters would become "swing voters." Without the labels of Republican and Democratic, voters would need to research a candidate's individual platforms before voting for him or her. This research would also lead to the average American voter becoming more involved in politics and lead to a better general understanding by voters of the person they are voting for. Also, the abolishment of political parties would lead to less discord among Congressmen; currently the Senate and House are in a constant battle among party lines. Progress is halted as we wait for Republicans and Democrats to come to compromises, but it seems like neither side wants to yield to the other. Without a party system, America will end its political civil war and progress can begin again.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

Cancel all political parties currently in existence and make the formation of any other political parties illegal.

Proposal No. 1611

Name: Silvie Reynolds
Delegation: Newport-Corona del Mar

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Place a ban on Mountaintop mining.

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 This proposal would place a ban on Mountaintop mining. Mountaintop mining
6 is a process common in the Appalachian Mountains. This process first deforests
7 the top of a mountain, and then blows off the top with dynamite, sending dirt
8 and debris flying hundreds of feet into the sky. This exposes coal seams which
9 are extracted, and then the top soil that was originally on the top is placed back
10 on. Then, the workers plant new seeds for the habitat to grow back, and then
11 put the excess dirt from the explosion in the nearby valley.

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13 This process should be banned because it reduces biodiversity in the area. The
14 land is supposed to be reseeded after the dynamite process, but it takes about 30
15 years for the pine trees to be grow back to normal size. Because the natural
16 forest that was on the mountain is gone, it reduces the time that families could
17 be spending money using the area for recreation to leave. Also, according to the
18 National Mining Association, one worker at a MTR can mine two and a half
19 times more coal than a traditional underground miner. This form of mining is
20 not putting many people to work, and in Kentucky, this process resulted in a
21 loss of 30,000 workers for this type of mining between 1980 and 2006. The
22 blasts at these sites create a massive release of dangerous toxins, including
23 sulfur, which has given many civilians that inhabit the area health problems
24 such as lung cancer. According to the EPA, the selenium that is released during
25 an explosion is found to deform fish. Mountaintop removal has been banned in
26 areas that are found to have endangered animals, however, this law has
27 exempted many areas, and not all areas have been researched to verify that
28 there are in fact endangered animals living there. If mountaintop removal is
29 banned, it would put more people to work in the underground traditional
30 mining method, sustain the natural environment and maintain the health of the
31 people and animals living around the area.

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33 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

34 The Congress will pass a law that bans Mountaintop mining.

Proposal No. 1612

Name: Steven Fields
Delegation: Sacramento Central YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 Making it easier for Industrial hemp farmers to cultivate their crop in the U.S.

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 "Production of industrial hemp has been proposed as a variable source of
6 substitute raw material for a wide range of industrial products including
7 cordage, paper, composite wood products..."; "...textiles, twine, insulation,
8 molding, carpeting, and many more." (extension.oregonstate.edu)
9 (www.hemptraders.com). The bast (fibers on the industrial hemp plant) on the
10 hemp plant can be used to make a multitude of items ranging from construction
11 to fashion. The bast on the plant is not only longer than that of cotton, flax but
12 it can be stronger and more reliable, and can be made in a higher quantity.
13 Switching to industrial hemp would increase the amount of competition
14 between different fabric companies and provide alternate solutions to create
15 and obtain a resource that won't spend any unnecessary money.

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17 We purchase most of our bast overseas because it is getting increasingly
18 difficult to own and cultivate a hemp farm in the U.S. because of the laws and
19 regulations set by the DEA (drug enforcement administration). "The first
20 federal law restricting hemp production was the Marijuana Tax Act of 1937."
21 (www.uky.edu). This Act put all Cannabis Sativa, a specific family of hemp
22 plants, and those whom dealt with the plant family to get registered and taxed
23 on their product. "When the Controlled Substance Act of 1970 categorized any
24 product containing THC as a Schedule 1 drug, regardless of narcotic content
25 level or use..." (www.uky.edu), it forced industrial hemp production to be a
26 plant that needed a license to grow, and was considered a "Schedule 1 drug"
27 even though industrial hemp has a THC content of .3 - 1 percent as
28 "Marijuana" has a 3 - 20 percent content level.

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30 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

31 Release industrial hemp from a "Schedule 1 drug", based on the THC
32 (tetrahydrocannabinol), reduce the necessary equipment to own and, or
33 cultivate a hemp farm, and amend the Marijuana Tax Act to exempt industrial
34 hemp from its jurisdiction.

Proposal No. 1613

Name: Mariela Lara
Delegation: Urban Services

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 To reduce the amount of second-time abortions thus reducing the fiscal
3 pressure on taxpayers.

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5 **JUSTIFICATION:**

6 Abortion was made legal in the United States in 1973 through the Roe v. Wade
7 Supreme Court Case. This case is an essential one because it states that
8 abortion cannot be outlawed for it is unconstitutional. The ninth and fourteenth
9 amendment protect the right to choose, and protecting that constitutional right
10 is our responsibility to uphold, but should tax payers have to pay for that choice
11 over and over again?

12 Everyone makes mistakes, that is inevitable. Everyone deserves a second
13 chance too but our tax money should not pay for someone's continuous
14 irresponsibility. If the individual made the mistake once to get pregnant
15 because of her negligence or lack of knowledge about contraceptives, should
16 we, the taxpayers, have to pay also?

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18 If an individual had a previous abortion, that experience should make her more
19 aware about her reproductive health and take careful measures when making
20 decisions. There are 1.37 million abortions per year (abortionno.org), 20% of
21 those, approximately 274,000, are second time abortions. The government
22 funds clinics that perform abortions such as Planned Parenthood. In 2007 Plan
23 Parenthood affiliates performed 305,310 medical and surgical abortions (2007-
24 2008 Plan Parenthood Annual Report).

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26 Today many women choose to abort, a choice that is protected by our
27 constitution and in many cases paid for with our tax dollars. Everyone makes
28 mistakes but part of that process is to learn and grow. If the individual makes
29 the mistake of becoming pregnant again, she still has the right to a second
30 abortion but must pay for it herself. Our tax dollars should not be spent on
31 these preventable disputes. In the case of abortion, one mistake is enough.

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33 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

34 Congress shall pass legislation in the United States to make it illegal for
35 Clinics/Agencies who are funded by the government to use these funds for
36 second time abortions.

Proposal No. 1614

Name: Amy Renero
Delegation: Long Beach YMCA

1 **TOPIC OF CONCERN:**

2 The banning of king sized candy bars.

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4 **JUSTIFICATION:**

5 Obesity has become an epidemic throughout the United States, and has ranked
6 number one with the highest obesity rate at 30.6%. McDonald's and other fast
7 food restaurants had the option of having their meals Super Sized, which they
8 did. But by the end of the year 2004, Super Size meals were completely gone
9 from their menu. King Size candy bars should be banned as well. These candy
10 bars have a high calorie rate, for example, a King Size Hershey's bar has 400
11 calories and a King Size Snickers bar has 510 calories. Some of these "treats"
12 have more calories than a good healthy meal. Psychologically, when someone
13 opens a candy bar, they feel obligated to eat the entire candy. For children, they
14 are attracted to the big size candy bars. Banning the King Size candy bars can
15 help reduce the obesity rates in the United States.

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17 **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

18 The Food and Drug Administration would ban all King Size candy bars to help
19 reduce a high calorie intake in which it will assist with our obesity dilemma in
20 our society.