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A Resolution to Automatically Register All Eligible Voters

1 WHEREAS: All citizens over the age of eighteen are defined as eligible voters.

2 WHEREAS: The Washington Post wrote that only 67% of eligible Americans voted in
3 the 2012 presidential election and

4 WHEREAS: The US Census Bureau states 41.9% of Americans voted in the 2014
5 congressional midterm elections and

6 WHEREAS: The right to vote is extended to all citizens over 18, yet many are not
7 involved in the process.

8 WHEREAS: The earliest voter registration deadline in the United States this past year
9 was October 9, 2016 in Rhode Island and

10 WHEREAS: Unaware Americans may not register by a deadline when it is a month
11 before the election.

12 WHEREAS: By registering all eligible voters, the excuse of not being registered no
13 longer applies to non-voters and more Americans will vote.

14 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Student Congress here today that all eligible
15 voters should be registered.

A Resolution to Promote Democracy in the Middle East

- 1 WHEREAS: Democracy increases GDP in both the Middle East and the world.
- 2 WHEREAS: India has seen economic growth as a result of increasing democracy;
3 the Middle East may see the same.
- 4 WHEREAS: Democracy can decrease poverty, as seen in the country of Brazil.
- 5 WHEREAS: Many unstable governments have a major nourishment and poverty
6 issue.
- 7 WHEREAS: Democracy improves equality, where inequalities are often a source
8 of financial crises and lower economic growth.
- 9 WHEREAS: Democracy gives people equal access to justice, regardless of their
10 religion, ethnicity, or immigration status.
- 11 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Student Congress here today that the
12 United States should promote democracy in the Middle East.

RESOLVED: Age-Based Discrimination in the Working Industry should be Abolished.

1 WHEREAS: Age-based discrimination prevents children who are ahead of the
2 learning curve from getting real-life work experience

3 WHEREAS: Several current employers/companies favor an older worker over a
4 younger one solely based on age.

5 WHEREAS: People under the age still have a need for a steady source of income,
6 which could help improve the standard of life of a family.

7 WHEREAS: The lack of job opportunity for people under the age of 16 except for
8 in child modeling promotes the unhealthy beauty standards, and detracts from the
9 inherent innocence in children due to a sexually driven environment.

10 WHEREAS: Low income families have less of an opportunity to get out of
11 poverty.

12 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Student Congress here today that age-
13 based discrimination in the working industry should be abolished.

A Resolution to Abolish the Bitcoin

1 WHEREAS: The bitcoin is a virtual form of currency currently recognized as a commodity by the United
2 States.

3 WHEREAS: Transactions using bitcoins are unreliable and unstable due to their ability to be hacked and
4 stolen. The Bitfinex exchange in Hong Kong had 72 million dollars' worth of bitcoins stolen from
5 customers.

6 WHEREAS: Bitcoins are spent anonymously and in the past have been used in transactions in sites such
7 as the Silk Road for the illegal drug industry.

8 WHEREAS: Mining for bitcoins is estimated to use about 982 megawatt hours each day, enough to
9 power 31,000 homes.

10 WHEREAS: Bitcoins give foreign companies immense power and influence. Chinese companies, for
11 example, control seventy percent of the world's processing power.

12 WHEREAS: The supposed benefits of limiting transaction fees of bitcoins are simply shifted to pollution
13 costs, rendering the idea pointless.

14 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Student Congress here today, that the production and use of the
15 bitcoin should be abolished in the United States.

A RESOLUTION TO STOP USING ANIMALS IN CIRCUSES

1 WHEREAS: According to the Humane Society of The United States, "Circus training methods include
2 beating animals with clubs and other objects while depriving them of food."

3 WHEREAS: An investigation conducted by PETA shows the cruel forms of abuse towards animals. PETA
4 Asia's investigator documented that bear cubs are chained or tethered to a wall and forced to
5 remain upright, sometimes for hours, in order to train them to walk on their hind legs. If they
6 can't hold themselves up, they risk choking and hanging themselves.

7 WHEREAS: Risks of death of animals due to these types of abuse are extremely high. With the high risks,
8 the circus uses many animals.

9 WHEREAS: According to MSPCA, animals respond aggressively to abuse, injuring their handlers, trainers,
10 and even the public. They occasionally escape from their train cars or their temporary enclosures, risking
11 fatal traffic accidents and injuries to themselves, and others.

12 WHEREAS: Abuse can not only harm animals themselves, but also innocent bystanders.

13 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Student Congress here today that circuses immediately stop using
14 animals.

A Resolution to Encourage Increased Use of Driverless Cars

1 WHEREAS: A driverless car is defined to be a vehicle with total autonomy
2 according to Brookings Institute.

3 WHEREAS: The Association for Safe International Road Travel finds that 37,000
4 people die and 2.35 million are injured in road crashes per year.

5 WHEREAS: One of the leading causes of death in the United States is due to car
6 accidents.

7 WHEREAS: Driverless cars greatly improve the safety on roads.

8 WHEREAS: The use of driverless cars is more fuel efficient and is more
9 environmentally friendly.

10 WHEREAS: Driverless cars also allow for ex-drivers to have more time for other
11 activities.

12 WHEREAS: Americans spend 75 billion hours driving annually.

13 WHEREAS: The amount of time gained from driverless cars would amount to
14 more than \$500 billion per year in productivity.

15 WHEREAS: The revenue from increased productivity will support the increase in
16 jobs.

17 WHEREAS: The increase in jobs will lead to more consumer spending.

18 WHEREAS: Increased consumer spending will benefit the economy of the United
19 States.

20 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Student Congress here today that car
21 manufacturers make all cars driverless in the next five years.

A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE DRIVING AGES

1 WHEREAS: According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, a study from 1992-92 shows in New
2 Jersey (the only state with a minimum driver's license age of 17) the rate of crash-related deaths among
3 16- and 17-year-old was 18 per 100,000, compared with 26 per 100,000 in Connecticut, which had a
4 minimum driver's license age of 16 and 4 months.

5 WHEREAS: According to research from the Centre for Transport Studies, young male drivers aged 17-20
6 are seven times more at risk of a road accident than the average male driver. If we increase driving ages,
7 drivers will be more careful to avoid accidents because they will be more mature and have more
8 education.

9 WHEREAS: Center of Disease and Control and Prevention, approximately 17% (or 12.7 million) of
10 children and adolescents aged 2—19 years are obese. By raising the driving age by two years, older
11 teens may be encouraged to exercise more since they can't drive.

12 WHEREAS: According to Edgar Snyder & Associates, 56% of teens admit to talking on cell phones while
13 driving. Talking on a cell phone can double the likelihood of an accident and can slow a young driver's
14 reaction time. Smartphones and other technology distractions can make driving very dangerous.

15 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Student Congress assembled here the driving age be increased to
16 make roads safer and decrease accidents.

A RESOLUTION TO LIMIT PRESCRIPTION DRUG ADVERTISEMENTS

1 WHEREAS: Limiting prescription drug advertisements will lead to a decrease in prescription drug misuse
2 and abuse.

3 WHEREAS: The FDA claims that children are unable to interpret drug advertising correctly by
4 themselves, leading to gross misuse of prescription drugs.

5 WHEREAS: Jason Millman from the Washington Post reports that \$4.5 billion has been used by drug
6 makers to produce advertisements, which can be used for further improvement and development of the
7 drug itself instead and possibly drive costs of prescription drugs down, making them more accessible.

8 WHEREAS: Research done by Dominick L. Frosch PhD from the Department of Medicine of the University
9 of California shows that only 26% of prescription drug advertisements describe conditional causes and
10 risk factors. We must limit the number of ads that drug companies produce or force their ads to be more
11 educational for consumers.

12 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Student Congress here today that prescription drug advertisements
13 should be limited.

A Resolution to have the U.S. presume consent for organ procurement from the deceased.

- 1 WHEREAS: More than 119,000 men, women, and children are currently on the national transplant
- 2 waiting list.

- 3 WHEREAS: More than 30,000 transplants were performed last year.

- 4 WHEREAS: On average, 22 people die each day waiting for a transplant.

- 5 WHEREAS: 95% of U.S. adults support organ donation.

- 6 WHEREAS: 48% have given consent to be donors, and the rest haven't done it because they have no
- 7 motivation to do so.

- 8 WHEREAS: Every 10 minutes another person is added to the waiting list.

- 9 WHEREAS: Only 3 in 1000 people die in a way that allows for organ donation.

- 10 Therefore, be it resolved by the student congress here assembled that the U.S. presume consent for
- 11 organ procurement from the deceased.

A RESOLUTION TO ENFORCE CULTURAL CLASSES IN SCHOOLS

1 **WHEREAS:** Racial stereotypes are prominent in today’s society, and

2 **WHEREAS:** It causes racial tension between different races in America, and

3 **WHEREAS:** Inaccurate views of racial minorities in America is causing injustice and harm towards the
4 minorities, and

5 **WHEREAS:** Racial minorities feel estranged from their peers and neighbors because of racial slurs
6 called out to them, and

7 **WHEREAS:** Public media has misrepresented minorities with stereotypes and misinforms the public,
8 and

9 **WHEREAS:** This causes violence and harm towards minorities or from minorities,

10 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the hereby student congress here assembled that cultural classes
11 should be established in schools.

**A RESOLUTION TO CREATE AN AGE RESTRICTION ON CERTAIN CONTENT ON THE
INTERNET**

- 1 WHEREAS: Material on the Internet can often contain inappropriate content for younger views.
- 2 WHEREAS: Early exposure to inappropriate material can lead to detrimental consequences in the long
- 3 run for young viewers
- 4 WHEREAS: Psychology Today states that these consequences can include but are not limited to sexual
- 5 violence, early addictions, and end of normal childhood stages at increasing early ages.
- 6 WHEREAS: The implementation of age restrictive content is not difficult and will not cost lump sums of
- 7 money for website owners
- 8 WHEREAS: Age restricted programs are already in place on some mainstream sites such as YouTube and
- 9 Google, and is used efficiently.
- 10 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the student congress here that the government should enforce age
- 11 restrictions on all mainstream sites in order to regulate the exposure to explicit content.

A RESOLUTION TO BAN PRIVATE OWNERSHIP OF FIREARMS

1 WHEREAS: Lives are being lost due to the incapability of our government to take firm action against
2 gun users. There are 91 casualties as a result of firearms in America daily, and the government still
3 refuses to take action towards eradicating firearms.

4 WHEREAS: A cease of firearms would result in lower risks for our police. In the past 10 years, 49 police
5 officers have died annually, according to BBC. This number would be cut down if guns were banned
6 because lethality of criminals would be diminished.

7 WHEREAS: Citizens who are licensed to own a firearm would be documented within the government,
8 and gun and ammo sales to the public would be ceased, leaving only police with access to firearms.

9 WHEREAS: Gun control opponents argue that guns are used for hunting and acquiring food. However,
10 most people don't hunt specifically for food. More than 80% of every major meat source is raised on
11 farms instead of killed in the wild.

12 WHEREAS: The duty of a government is to protect its citizens, which is not upheld as long as firearms
13 are on our streets. The homicide rate in America is 25 times that of other developed countries, making it
14 far too dangerous for a first world country.

15 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the student congress here today that Private Ownership of Firearms
16 should be banned.

A RESOLUTION TO PRIVATIZE WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION

1 WHEREAS, Water (supply and sanitation) is defined as the provision of water by various
2 organizations (mainly public utilities) to individuals via a series of pumps and pipes.

3 WHEREAS: The current system of governments providing water is grossly inefficient, costing
4 far too much in both money and wasted water than it would with freer markets

5 WHEREAS, Governments have increasingly failed to ensure the water safety and infrastructure
6 used to deliver it over the past few decades

7 WHEREAS: The trade of water by the government to the private sector would generate an
8 enormous amount of wealth for the government

9 WHEREAS, Privatization would free up money and resources for the government to contribute
10 to other sectors

11 WHEREAS: The government could still regulate the private sector to a certain extent to ensure
12 safety

13 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Student Congress here today, that all state and federal
14 governments fully privatize water supply and sanitation.

A RESOLUTION FOR THE PROVISION OF A SAFE HAVEN FOR REFUGEES

1 WHEREAS: The refugee crisis is an urgent humanitarian disaster; and

2 WHEREAS: The migrants taking the arduous journey are seeking new homes due to persecution,
3 abuse, and other human right violations; and

4 WHEREAS: Members arriving at Europe's borders and puts the figure crossing into Europe in
5 2015 at more than 1,800,000; and

6 WHEREAS: With the entrance of refugees across EU-28, the GDP will increase by 0.13% by
7 2017; and

8 WHEREAS: The welcoming of refugees with open arms into one's country has proved
9 beneficial to the host community's economy and wages.

10 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Student Congress here assembled that a provision for
11 the safe haven of refugees is advantageous for both the asylum seekers as well as the countries
12 taking them in.

A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CHINA

1 **WHEREAS:** Increased diplomatic relations would result in more trade. This increased trade is crucial
2 simply due to the economic center of the world progressively transferring to the South China Sea.
3 Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific affairs, Daniel Russel articulates that the, “The
4 United States has sensibly declared its intention to rebalance towards the Asia-Pacific, which is
5 increasingly the nerve center of the world economy.”

6 **WHEREAS:** Increased diplomatic relations helps fight climate change. According to Joseph, Associate
7 Professor of Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School, China and the United States, the two largest
8 greenhouse gas (GHG) emitters in the world, together accounted for 35% of global GHG
9 emissions in 2012. He further states that “action by China and the United States is necessary
10 for the world to effectively address global climate change.”

11 **WHEREAS:** Increased diplomatic relations would help prevent nuclear war. Competition in the South
12 China Sea is increasing at a dangerous rate. Thomas J., Boswell professor of world politics and director of
13 the China and the World Program at Princeton University, stated that if change does not occur, conflict
14 is bound to happen. The risk of current issues “could conceivably escalate to nuclear war”.

15 **WHEREAS:** Exerting participation in the AIIB would increase influence of bank as a whole. According
16 to Sarah Knight, the US cannot possibly fault the mission of the AIIB, as there is a serious need for
17 infrastructure investment in Asia.

18 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Student Congress here today that diplomatic relations with the
19 Republic of China ought to be increased

A Bill to Adjust the Method of States' Representation in the House of Representatives

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **Section 1.** Section 2 of Amendment XIV will be amended to read as follows:

3 "Representatives shall be apportioned among the several States according to the percentage of total
4 house election voters that reside in that state, excluding all persons not taxed."

5 **Section 2.** The amended version of section 2 shall take effect before the next congressional
6 district reapportionment

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A BILL TO RAISE THE SALES TAX ON GMO PRODUCTS

1 BE IT ENACTED by the Student Congress here assembled:

2 Section 1: The sales tax on any genetically modified products shall be raised to 25
3 percent of the original price of the product in every state in the U.S.

4 Section 2: Any product that has any genetically modified ingredients will fall under this
5 bill. The list of products is defined by the Non-GMO project and the USDA Organic.

6 Section 3: This bill will be implemented to provide an economic disincentive to the
7 purchase of genetically modified food and products to improve the general health of the
8 public.

9 Section 4: The benefits made by the sales tax shall be divided into two parts. One part
10 shall be given to cancer centers to help in the treatment of patients. The other part of
11 the benefits shall be used to do research on the harms caused by genetically modified
12 products.

13 Section 5: Any farmers who have been found to produce GMO products and are not
14 being taxed will be subject to pay a fine of no less than 200 dollars.

15 Section 6: This bill shall be put into effect within the period of ten months of its passage.

A Resolution to Abolish Tipping in the United States

- 1 WHEREAS: Tipping should not be legal in the form of replacing the minimum wage.
- 2 WHEREAS: Tipping started as and continues to be a form of bribery.
- 3 WHEREAS: Tipping is an inconvenience that should be included in the employee's wage,
4 factoring into the inflation of meal prices, instead of the consumer not knowing the full cost of
5 their expense from the beginning.
- 6 WHEREAS: In other service jobs, workers are not reliant on the whims of the people they serve.
- 7 WHEREAS: The percentage tipped is completely random, and does not lead to better service or
8 food. Reinforced by a Cornell study that found tipping is completely randomized, and that great
9 service is only tipped 1% more than poor service.
- 10 WHEREAS: Tips make up more than 50% of server's salaries, and are not a steady rate,
11 therefore affecting the employee's economic stability. Especially because tips do not always raise
12 the employee's salary to minimum wage, and therefore are an unstable source of income.
- 13 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY STUDENT CONGRESS HERE TODAY that tipping
14 should be abolished in the United States and reinforced by ensuring minimum wage is paid.