

Xaverian Invitational COngressional Debate DOcket

Senate



# A RESOLUTION TO STOP SELLING ARMS TO SAUDI ARABIA

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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled today that this legislative body vehemently disagrees with the proposed sale of weapons to the Saudi Arabian military by the United States State Department.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Christ the King Regional High School*

**The Reform for American Democracy Act of 2016**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1**. H.R. 4679 the People Before Party Act of 2016, which amends the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to eliminate Straight-Party Voting from any voting system, used for Federal elections is hereby passed.

**Section 2**. Straight-Party Voting shall be defined as a ballot, which provides automatic voting for all candidates in a particular party, rather than choosing the individual candidates.

**Section 3.** The United States Election Assistance Commission in conjunction with the Federal Election Commission will oversee the elections of federal government officials and ensure that the no Straight-Party Voting occurs in elections with any federal officers.

**SECTION 4.** This Act will go into law 1 year after passage.

**Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Rep. Brendan Kane*

*Xaverian High School*

# A Resolution to End Safe Spaces on America’s College Campuses

**WHEREAS**, More and more Universities and colleges across America are starting to adopt safe spaces; and

**WHEREAS**, Safe Spaces encourage individuals to only listen to rhetoric inside their own bubble and intolerance towards rhetoric of opposing ideological viewpoints; and

**WHEREAS**, This hurts the ability for our youth to develop world views that are comprehensive and have those worldviews challenged; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this congress here today hereby recommend all colleges and universities stop the practice of safe spaces

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Rep. Michael Maisano*

*Xaverian High School*

**The War of Information Act of 2016**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1**. S.2692 - Countering Information Warfare Act of 2016 is hereby passed.

**Section 2**. Amends Section 6 of S.2692 - Countering Information Warfare Act of 2016 to 15 years instead of 10 years

**Section 3.** The Department of State shall oversee this piece of legislation.

**SECTION 4.** This Act will go into action immediately months after passage.

**Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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**A Bill to Fund the EPA to Filter our Water**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1**. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is given $200,000,000 to reduce the amount of lead in the water supply.

**Section 2**. A. The allocated funds will come from the Department of Defense budget.

B. The funds will specifically be used to filter water.

**Section 3.** The Department of Health shall oversee the transfer of the allocated funding to the EPA.

**SECTION 4.** This law will take effect at the beginning of FY 2019.

**Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Xaverian High School*

**A Bill to Ban Private Military Contractors**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1**. Private military contractors (PMCs) may no longer be used by the Department of Defense.

**Section 2**. Private military contractors are defined as companies which engage in armed security services, some of which include: combat missions, protective services, security advising and planning, prison administration, interrogation, and intelligence gathering.

**Section 3.** The Congressional Armed Services Committee shall oversee implementation of this bill by making cuts to the Defense budget by the specific amounts which would otherwise be used to pay PMCs

**SECTION 4.** This law will take effect within one year of passage.

**Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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*Xaverian High School*

**A Bill to Allow Felons to Vote After the Completion of their Sentence**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1**. The government of the United States shall allow felons to vote in all states following the completion of their sentence.

**Section 2**. A. Felon shall be defined as a criminal convicted of a serious crime.

B.  Sentence shall be defined as the final explicit act of a judge-ruled process.

**Section 3.** The implementation of this legislation will be overseen by the Department of Justice.

**SECTION 4.**  This legislation will be implemented on January 1, 2018.

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*Respectfully submitted,*

*Achievement First*

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**A Bill to End Russian Sanctions**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1**. All economic sanctions imposed by this United States of America on the

3 Russian Federation shall be terminated.

4 **SECTION 2**. “Economic sanctions” shall be defined as the withdrawal of customary trade

5 and financial relations for foreign interests and security purposes.

6 **SECTION 3**. This legislation shall be implemented immediately after passage.

7 **SECTION 4**. The Department of State shall oversee implementation of this legislation.

8 **SECTION 5**. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Melina Geroulanos

Xaverian High School

**A Bill to Leave NATO**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1**. The United States federal government shall sever all ties between itself and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

**Section 2**. The United States Department of State shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

**Section 3.** Upon passing, this legislation shall be implemented on January 1, 2018.

**SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

##### *Respectfully submitted,*

##### *Rep. Dominique Kopko*

##### *Xaverian High School*

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**A Bill to Reinstate the Federal Assault Weapons Ban**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The Federal Assault Weapons Ban is hereby reinstated.

**SECTION 2.** The Federal Assault Weapons Ban includes prohibition on the manufacture for civilian use of certain semi-automatic firearms defined as assault weapons, as well as certain ammunition magazines. Assault weapons are defined as having one of the following: pistol grip; forward grip; folding, telescopic, or detachable stock; greased launcher or rocket launcher; barrel shroud; threaded barrel; bullet buttons; thumb hole stocks; or bump or slide fire stocks.

**SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) within the

United States Department of Justice will oversee enforcement of this bill.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented immediately upon passage.

**SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Rep. Jeremy Valle*

*Xaverian High School*

**A Bill to Reform STEM Education to**

**Create a new Cyber Command Workforce**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1**. The United States will hereby allocate $100,000,000 into advanced STEM education to allow a new generation of cyber industry and government workers.

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**Section 3.** The Department of Education (DOE) will oversee implementation of this legislation.

1. The DOE will subsidize the $100,000,000 in the form of formula grants to states to allow the teaching of advanced STEM education.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect on August 1, 2017.

**Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Rep. Melissa Ribaudo*

*Xaverian High School*