

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Abolish the Electoral College

1 **WHEREAS,** Multiple presidents have been elected into office without gaining the popular
2 vote; and

3 **WHEREAS,** This has led to millions of people losing any form of voice in the presidential
4 election; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Abolishing the Electoral College would lead to equal voting power for everyone
6 across America, and would stop the election from being decided by a few 'swing'
7 states now, therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED,** That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of
9 the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the
10 Constitution when ratified by the legislatures:

11 **ARTICLE ---**

12 **SECTION 1:** With the passing of this amendment, the Electoral College
13 shall hereby be abolished and the electoral process shall be determined
14 by the national popular vote.

15 **SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
16 appropriate legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Erin Mohr of The Mary Louis Academy.

A RESOLUTION TO REAFFIRM AMERICA'S COMMITMENT TO THE IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL

1 **WHEREAS,** The United Nations, the International Atomic Energy Agency, and the U.S.
2 Department of State have all found that Iran is in compliance with the
3 international agreement to suspend its nuclear weapons program; and

4 **WHEREAS,** If the U.S. were to pull out of the agreement, sanctions could not be effectively
5 reinstated as none of our allies or other countries have shown any willingness to
6 join us in so reinstating them; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Reneging on the Iran deal without reason would severely tarnish the full faith &
8 credit of the United States, as other nations could have no confidence that any
9 agreement with the U.S. would survive the beginning of a new Presidential
10 administration; and

11 **WHEREAS,** Pulling out of the agreement would have the effect of giving succor to hard-
12 liners in Iran's government and serve to weaken the only incentive Iran has to
13 keep its nuclear program defunct; now, therefore, be it

14 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled shall not renege on the Joint
15 Comprehensive Plan of Action (aka "the Iran nuclear deal") by re-imposing
16 sanctions against Iran.

Respectfully Submitted,

Xavier High School

A Bill to Incentivize the Diversity in Film to Prevent Cultural Whitewashing

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Movie studios receiving federal grants must require fifty percent of lead roles to be
3 played by minority actors.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. "Movie studio" shall be defined as a major entertainment company or motion picture
5 company that has its own privately-owned studio facility or facilities that are used to
6 make films.

7 B. "Lead roles" shall be defined as the four roles in a film, known as lead actor,
8 supporting actor, lead actress, and supporting actress, that can be nominated for an
9 Academy Award by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

10 C. "Minority" shall be defined as a relatively small group of people, especially one
11 commonly discriminated against in a community, society, or nation, differing from
12 others in race, religion, language, gender identity, sexual orientation.

13 D. "Actors" shall be defined as any individual whose profession is performing in movies.

14 **SECTION 3.** The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), in conjunction with the National
15 Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), shall be responsible for the implementation of
16 this legislation.

17 A. At the end of the fiscal year, the NEA and NEH shall assess all movies produced by a
18 studio. If the majority of the movies produced do not meet the requirements, the
19 studio shall receive only eighty percent of the allocated federal grant funding. The
20 next fiscal year, if requirements are still not met, the studio shall receive seventy
21 percent. This shall continue until the end of the fourth fiscal year, where a movie
22 studio shall lose all federal grants.

23 B. If the government reaches the end of the fiscal year with excess money from grants,
24 the money shall be returned to Congress.

25 **SECTION 4.** The start of the 2018 fiscal year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Eric Harwood, The Collegiate School (NY).

A BILL TO STOP THE SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS

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

2 **SECTION 1.** A. The United States shall give the nations of Yemen, Lebanon, Jordan,
3 Libya, and Hungary \$3 billion each annually in conditional aid.

4 B. The United States shall accept 35,000 Syrian refugees per year until
5 January 1, 2020.

6 **SECTION 2.** A “Syrian refugee” is defined as an individual who is currently fleeing the
7 persecution or conflict within the Syrian state.

8 B. “Conditional aid” will only continue to be granted to the above nations
9 if the respective state:

- 10 i. spends 90% of all aid received on food, water, shelter,
11 education, or other necessities in the refugee population;
12 ii. grants the United Nations High Commissioner on Refugees full
13 access to the state’s refugees and their living conditions; and
14 iii. is determined by USAID to be fit to receive the previously
15 defined quantity of the aid for the next fiscal year.

16 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State and USAID shall oversee this legislation.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect 30 days after passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Joseph Wisidagama
Xaverian High School*

A Bill to Classify FISC Proceedings to Ensure Secure Intelligence

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** All documents regarding the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISC) will be classified.
- SECTION 2.** “Documents” shall include all court transcripts, court orders, court opinions, summaries of cases, and any information regarding proceedings of the court.
- SECTION 3.** The Supreme Court of the United States shall oversee implementation of this legislation.
- SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented immediately upon passage.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Max Plottel, Newton South High School.

A BILL TO BAN THE USAGE OF PRIVATE MILITARY CONTRACTORS

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Private military contractors (PMCs) may no longer be utilized by the US
3 Department of Defense.

4 **SECTION 2.** Private military contractors (PMCs) will be defined as companies that
5 engage in armed security services. These armed security services include,
6 but are not limited to, combat missions, provision of protective services,
7 security advice and planning, prison administration, interrogation, and
8 intelligence gathering.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Congressional Armed Service Committee shall oversee the passage of
10 this bill.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Varun Jauhar
Syosset High School*

A Bill to Legalize Marijuana to Help End the War on Drugs

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1: Possession of any amount of the drug Cannabis, (also known as Marijuana), shall be permitted only to those of age 25 or higher. All those arrested and convicted for possession of Cannabis when they were 25 or older shall have their arrest removed from their records and be released from prison.

Section 2: A. "Cannabis" are defined as a preparation of the Cannabis plant intended for use as a psychoactive drug or medicine.

B. "Convicts" are defined as people found guilty of a criminal offense and serving a sentence of imprisonment.

Section 3: This legislation shall be overseen by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the Food and Drugs Administration, and the United States Department of Justice

Section 4: This legislation will be enacted immediately after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sowad Karim of The Bronx High School of Science

A Bill to Put Boots on the Ground in Yemen to Effectively Combat the Houthi Rebels

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States military will be providing military support to the Yemen
3 government, by placing 15,000 U.S troops on the ground. The United
4 States will end support for the Saudi Air Coalition.

5 **SECTION 2.** The United States will place boots on the ground to gain back the major
6 cities of Yemen to establish a foothold in the region.

7 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Defense will oversee the enforcement of the bill.

8 **SECTION 4.** This will be enacted on February 9, 2018.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Michael-Scott Greco
Xaverian High School*

**A RESOLUTION TO TERMINATE FUNDING FOR THE
F-35 JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER PROGRAM**

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The F-35 is the largest single expense in the Department of Defense budget, and
2 figures to be so for the foreseeable future; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Due to inherent design issues, the F-35 is likely to be inferior to the most modern
4 Russian and Chinese jets during its lifetime; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The performance envelope of the F-35 demonstrates a modest progression over
6 legacy platforms at enormous cost; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The pursuit of the F-35 program has come at the expense of replacing the legacy
8 interceptors (AIM-9/120 families) with modern SRAAM (short range air-to-air
9 missile) and air breathing BVRAAM (beyond visual range air-to-air missile); and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** The history of tri-service programs has shown these programs to produce over
11 budget weapons platforms compromised to needs of all end users; therefore be
12 it
- 13 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled shall seek to end funding for
14 procurement of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter by the Department of Defense.

Introduced for Congressional debate by Robert Pedersen, Xavier High School

A BILL TO REINSTATE THE VOTING RIGHTS TO ALL EX-FELONS IN THE UNITED STATES

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All felons in the United States will have their voting rights fully restored
3 after the completion of their sentence.

4 **SECTION 2.** Voting rights shall be defined as the ability to vote in federal and state
5 elections.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall oversee the implementation of this piece
7 of legislation.

8 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect immediately after passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Jack Liu
Syosset High School*