

Junior National Debating Championships
May 23 - 26, 2019

Debating Motions

Round 1 and 2 (Prepared):

This House believes that provincial governments in Canada should have full authority over environmental legislation.

Info Slide: On April 1, 2019, the Canadian government passed the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act which imposed a federal carbon tax on four provinces who did not meet federal requirements for carbon pricing. This legislation has been constitutionally challenged in two provinces and is currently before the Ontario Court of Appeal and the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal.

Round 3:

This House, as Canada, would have prime ministers serve a single ten-year term (without the possibility of re-election).

Round 4:

This House regrets “reboots” of old movies.

Infoslide: There is currently a trend in Hollywood films and television to “reboot” old movies, often giving them a modern twist.

Examples include: “Ghostbusters”, “Les Miserables”, “Spider Man”, “Superman”, “Godzilla”, “Robocop”, “Star Trek”

Round 5:

This House regrets “internet influencer culture”.

Infoslide: An influencer is someone who has the social power to influence people in their decisions of what to buy and where to go for entertainment. Internet influencers collect thousands of followers on social media and use their influence to promote and sell products and services to their followers.

Round 6:

This House, as the Canadian government, would implement a points-based social credit system.

Infoslide: China plans to implement a points-based social credit system that will punish its citizens for socially harmful behaviours such as public drunkenness and spreading “fake news.” It would also reward socially beneficial behaviours such as volunteer work or blood donation. A citizen’s social credit score could easily be checked by any other citizen for personal or professional reasons, and would be considered on applications for schools, loans, and jobs.

Quarter-Finals:

This House would require all female-identifying high school students to complete a coding course.

Semi-Finals:

This House believes that countries with ageing populations should increase immigration rather than encouraging their own citizens to have more children.

Finals:

This House would grant pardons to all Canadian citizens accused of marijuana-related crimes.