

Persuasive Speech Topics

FACTS

Persuade that your fact is true. Prove that your claim is the best and defend yourself against oppositional ideas.

Example: Persuade your audience that space exploration is beneficial.

VALUES

Persuade that something is right or wrong, moral or immoral, valuable or worthless. Appeal to the beliefs, morality and values of your listeners.

Example: Persuade your speech class mates that cheating at school is absolutely unacceptable.

POLICIES

Persuade that there is a problem and get the audience to agree with your solution. Motivate them to act or change attitudes, policies or policy regulations. Appeal to human needs, reason and emotion.

Example: Persuade your public to keep the thermostat in your home at 68 F in winter and 72 F in summer.

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| Abortion             | Aliens and UFO's          | Bigamy                    |
| Abuse Of The Elderly | Alternative imprisonment  | Bird Flu                  |
| Abused Womey         | Alternative Medicine      | Birth Control             |
| Academic Dishonesty  | American Education Reform | Body Piercings            |
| Academic Freedom     | Amnesty                   | Breast Feeding in Public  |
| Acid Rain            | Animal Experimentation    | Bulimia                   |
| Addiction            | Animal Rights             | Cameras in Courtrooms     |
| Adoption             | Animal Welfare            | Campaign Finance Reform   |
| Affirmative Action   | Anorexia Nervosa          | Capital Punishment        |
| Afghanistan          | Anti-Semitism             | Censor Hate Speech        |
| Africa               | Arab-Israeli Conflict     | Censorship                |
| Age Discrimination   | Armed Conflicts           | Chain Gangs               |
| Aging Population     | Arms Control              | Child Labor               |
| Agricultural Policy  | Arms Trade                | Church State Issues       |
| AIDS/HIV             | Asylum                    | City CurfewsCivil Rights  |
| Air Pollution        | Atomic Energy             | Climate Change Policy     |
| Airline Safety       | Ballot Initiatives        | Condoms In Schools        |
| Alcohol Abuse        | Battered Women            | Creationism vs. Evolution |
|                      | Beginning of Life Issues  | Cuba                      |

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| Dating Campus Issues            | Immigration                 | Single Parent Families     |
| Death Penalty                   | Infectious Diseases         | Smoking                    |
| Depression                      | Inner City Poverty          | Social Security Reform     |
| Dieting                         | Internet Chatrooms          | Social Welfare             |
| Disabilities Act                | Iraq                        | Space Exploration          |
| Domestic ViolenceDrug<br>Policy | Islamic Fundamentalism      | Stadium Taxes              |
| Drunk Driving                   | Juvenile Crime              | Stem Cell Research         |
| Endangered Oceans               | Language Policy             | Tax Reform                 |
| Endangered Species              | Legal System                | Teen Pregnancy             |
| Espionage and Intelligence      | Littering                   | Term Limits                |
| Gathering                       | Marriage and Divorce        | Terrorism                  |
| Ethnic Violence                 | Media Violence              | Tobacco Industry           |
| Euthenasia                      | Medical Ethics              | Trade with China           |
| Family Violence                 | Medicinal Marijuana         | Transportation             |
| Fat Tax On Food                 | Medicine Abuse              | US Budget                  |
| Feminism                        | Minimum Wage                | US War on Drugs            |
| Foreign Oil Dependence          | Missile Defense System      | Urban Terrorism            |
| Foreign Policy                  | National Tobacco Settlement | Vaccinations               |
| Foster Care                     | Nonproliferation            | Violent Video Games        |
| Fraud                           | Nuclear Technology          | Voluntary National Testing |
| Gambling                        | Organ Donation              | War Crimes                 |
| Gangs                           | Organized Crime             | War On Drugs               |
| Gay Marriage                    | Peace                       | Water Resources            |
| Gay Rights                      | Physician-Assisted Suicide  | Weapons Disarmament        |
| Genetic Engineering             | Polygamy                    | Welfare Reform             |
| Genetically Engineered Foods    | Pornography                 | Women in the Military      |
| Genocide                        | Poverty                     | Women's Rights             |
| Global Resources                | Prison regime               | Working Women              |
| Global Warming                  | Race Relations              | World Trade                |
| Government Fraud and Waste      | Racial Profiling            |                            |
| Gun Control                     | Rain Forests                |                            |
| Hate Crime                      | Recycling                   |                            |
| Health Care Policy              | Religious Right             |                            |
| Home Schooling                  | Reproductive Technologies   |                            |
| Homeland Security               | Russia                      |                            |
| Homeless in America             | School Uniforms             |                            |
| Human Cloning                   | School Violence             |                            |
|                                 | Sex Education               |                            |