

**AP Research Topics
2010-2011**

- 1) Use of performance-enhancing drugs should/should not be restricted _____
- 2) Year-round school is/is not more beneficial for students _____
- 3) Vaccines should/should not be mandatory for all children _____
- 4) Torture is/is not an acceptable method of gathering intelligence _____
- 5) Mandatory drug testing policies are/are not constitutional/justifiable _____
- 6) Businesses should/should not have the right to monitor employee email
& internet usage _____
- 7) There should/should not be limits on the amount of punitive damages
awarded in liability suits (frivolous law suits) _____
- 8) Standardized tests are/are not an accurate measure of intelligence _____
- 9) The identity(privacy) of a convicted sex offender
should/should not be protected from the community _____
- 10) The ethical problems related to cloning do/do not outweigh the
potential benefits _____
- 11) Tracking (ability grouping) should/should not be used in determining
courses for public school children _____
- 12) Terrorist threats do/do not justify suspension of civil liberties in the
name of national safety (see Patriot Act) _____
- 13) Dependence on technology does/does not make us more vulnerable
to terrorism _____
- 14) School vouchers are/are not an effective way to improve the quality
of education _____
- 15) Tobacco companies should/should not be held responsible for
smoking-related illnesses/deaths _____

- 16) Term limits should/should not be imposed for representatives
and senators _____
- 17) Reducing the flow of immigrants into the country would/would not benefit
the United States _____
- 18) Automobile manufacturers should/should not be required to provide
more fuel-efficient/environmentally friendly cars _____
- 19) Privatizing social security would/would not be an effective way of
securing benefits for the elderly _____
- 20) Free Trade agreements are/are not beneficial for the US _____
- 21) The overuse of antibiotics does/does not lead to serious
public health concerns _____
- 22) America's judicial system is/is not racially biased _____
- 23) The proliferation of nuclear weapons in the Third World does/does
not pose a threat to the United States _____
- 24) State-supported schools should/should not allow religious activities
on the premises _____
- 25) A public official's right to privacy does/does not outweigh the
public's "right to know" _____
- 26) The quantity of credit available to American consumers
should/should not be significantly reduced _____
- 27) Gun manufacturers should/should not be held responsible for
gun-related crime _____
- 28) Suburban Sprawl does/does not negatively affect
America's wildlife. _____
- 29) Lobbyists negatively influence the legislative process in the US _____
- 30) Public education in the United States is/is not preparing students for
success in the 21st Century _____

- 31) English should/should not be the official national language of the United States. _____
- 32) Compulsory attendance laws for America's secondary schools should/should not be enforced. _____
- 33) The use of economic incentives to achieve U.S. foreign policy goals is more / less effective than threats of sanctions or invasions _____
- 34) The current US system of federal income (progressive) taxation should/should not be replaced by a flat rate income tax _____
- 35) Third-world countries should/should not be held to the same environmental protection standards as developed countries _____
- 36) The United States should/should not import products made in countries known for sweat shops/questionable labor practices _____
- 37) The two-party system does/does not undermine democracy in America. _____
- 38) The economic bailout of the country's financial institutions will have positive / negative long term effects _____
- 39) Congress should/should not invest substantially in finding alternative energy sources _____
- 40) Outsourcing jobs benefit / harm the US economy _____
- 41) Compulsory military service legislation should/should not be passed by Congress _____
- 42) TV/Media violence does/does not impact the behavior of people _____
- 43) The US should/should not restrict the importation of foreign goods _____

Helpful Resource on these topics:

http://www.ncpa.org/sub/dpd/index.php?Article_Category=29