
About Debatabase

Debatabase is a pool of over nine hundred debate motions across a wide number of topics. For each topic, there is an introduction followed by a presentation for both sides of the argument in debate – the pros and the cons - as well as counterarguments to each point.

The reader can then make up their own mind and decide: do I agree or disagree with the motion?

What topics does Debatabase cover?

Debatabase currently has fourteen different headline themes each covering a number of debate motions in four languages:

Politics, Culture, Education, Environment, Free Speech, Health, International, Law, Religion, Society, Philosophy, Economy, Science, Sport

Under each theme are sub-themes to widen the range of debates. Science for example contains debates on technology and the Internet. The themes themselves are also quite broad for example politics includes debates ranging from 'Is it worth voting?' to 'Actively circumventing Internet censorship is a legitimate foreign policy tool'.

What does each debate case involve?

Each debate case provides a context and introduction to the debate explaining why the debate is important and who it is most relevant for as well as defining the motion and providing a bit of the background.

The core of the debate follows - arguments both for and against the motion of the debate. Each argument is backed up with evidence and references. For each argument there is also a counter argument that seeks to undermine or disprove the argument that is being made.



What are Debatabase debates used for?

Debatabase meets different needs for different people.

Debaters

For debaters they provide case files with an introduction to the topic as well as providing arguments for both sides of the issue.

High school students

For high school students Debatabase debates provide a useful resource to help with classwork and homework. They provide a relatively broad introduction while also providing specific examples and cases that are relevant.

For those who are simply curious about any given topic, Debatabase provides a useful starting point for making up one's mind and deciding on a position. The reader can read both sides of the argument, weigh the evidence and decide for themselves which side they think is right. If they want more information on the topic or to explore the issue further, they can refer to the references and bibliography.



Top Databases - How many people read the debates?

The number of readers varies: the more obscure the debate the fewer the visitors; a thousand or less. Conversely, the more controversial the debate and the wider our audience reach and interest, the more the visitors.

Rank	Views	Debate Motion
1	266,991	This House believes single-sex schools are good for education
2	227,144	This House would ban animal testing
3	196,414	This House believes reality television does more harm than good
4	163,949	This House supports the death penalty
5	159,770	This House would ban homework
6	151,560	This House would raise the legal driving age to 18
7	144,522	This House believes the internet brings more harm than good
8	139,266	This House believes university education should be free
9	132,784	This House Would Ban School Uniforms - Junior
10	113,796	This House believes that children should be allowed to own and use mobile phones.