

# Persuasive Oratory Topics

Pets should be adopted from a shelter / *should be bought from a breeder*.

Wild animals should / *should not* be tamed.

People should / *should not* be allowed to own exotic animals.

Zoos and aquariums should / *should not* be closed.

Art and music therapy should / *should not* be covered by health insurance.

Graffiti should / *should not* be considered art.

All students should / *should not* be required to learn an instrument.

Automobile drivers should / *should not* be required to pass a driving test periodically.

Fast cars are / *are not* dangerous.

Bicycles should / *should not* share the roads with cars.

Introverts / *extroverts* make great leaders.

Rising energy prices are due to...

Hiring cheaper foreign employees hurts / *does not hurt* the economy.

Interns should / *should not* be paid for their work.

Employees should / *should not* receive additional compensation for walking or biking to work.

Tipping in restaurants should / *should not* be mandatory.

Boys and girls should / *should not* be taught separately.

We should / *should not* introduce the concept of a siesta into American culture.

Children should / *should not* be given regular access to mobile phones or tablets.

Online education produces / *does not produce* equivalent outcomes when compared with in-person education.

Higher education is / *is not* overrated.

The best way to stop bullying is to...

Someone with more than one DUI should / *should not* lose their drivers' license.

The 2nd Amendment to the US Constitution should / *should not* be repealed.

The US federal government should / *should not* legalize the use of cannabis for medical purposes.

The concepts of "right" and "wrong" change / *do not change* from generation to generation.

There are / *are never* good enough reasons for declaring war.

Governments should / *should not* tax the sale of sugary drinks and use the revenue for public health.

Cosmetic surgery has / *has not* risen to a level that exceeds good sense.

The fast food industry should / *should not* be held legally accountable for obesity.

Acupuncture is / *is not* a valid medical technique.

Assisted suicide should / *should not* be legal.

Consuming meat is / *is not* detrimental to your health.

Dieting is / *is not* a good way to lose weight.

Voting in the US should / *should not* be made compulsory.

The US should / *should not* impose term limits on members of Congress.

To address poverty, we need to...

To address drug addiction, we need to...

It is / *is not* acceptable for the government to detain suspected terrorists without proper trial.

Torture is / *is not* acceptable when used for national security.

Celebrities who break the law should / *should not* receive stiffer penalties than non-celebrities.

The government should / *should not* completely ban all tobacco products.

It is / *is not* wrong for the media to promote a certain beauty standard.

The media is / *is not* responsible for the moral degradation of teenagers.

Advertising should / *should not* be aimed at children.

Freedom of the press has / *has not* gone too far.

Religion should / *should not* have a place in government.

Recycling should / *should not* be mandatory.

Genetically modified foods should / *should not* be sold in grocery stores.

Parents should / *should not* be allowed to alter the genes of their unborn children.

Plastic bags should / *should not* be banned.

Smoking in public should / *should not* be banned.

Professional female athletes should / *should not* be paid the same as male athletes in the same sport.

Doping should / *should not* be allowed in professional sports.

All students should / *should not* be required to learn how to swim.

Advanced in technology will increase / *reduce* human employment opportunities.

Libraries should / *should not* be replaced with unlimited access to e-books.

The US should / *should not* move from the dollar to a digital currency.

Bloggers and social media influencers should / *should not* be treated as journalists and punished for indiscretions.

Technological advances have contributed to great human connectivity / *isolation*.

Mobile phone use in public places should / *should not* be regulated.

Violent video games do / *do not* make people more violent.

The safest country in the world is...

The nations of the world should / *should not* work toward planetary nuclear disarmament.

The idea of peace on earth is / *is not* naive.

Tattoos should still / *should no longer* be considered unprofessional.

Romantic movies and books do / *do not* glorify an unrealistic depiction of love.

Offensive and inappropriate language should / *should not* be removed from classic literature.

TV shows or movies about teenage suicide encourage / *prevent* it.

The cost of higher education should be reduced by...

Same-sex colleges are beneficial / *antiquated*.

College attendance should / *should not* be required of everyone.

Taking a gap year between high school and college is beneficial because...

Removing tenure and job-protection from professors would improve / *reduce* the quality of higher education.

The traditional college model has / *has not* become outdated in the age of the internet.

You should pursue a career based on...

The federal minimum wage should / *should not* be increased.

E-commerce is beneficial / *detrimental* to small communities.

All employees should / *should not* receive paid maternity/paternity leave.

Capitalism is a beneficial / *harmful* economic system.

Three-day weekends would increase / *decrease* work productivity.

Working from home should / *should not* be the new standard.

You should / *should not* support small businesses, even if their prices are not as cheap as larger competitors.

The US should / *should not* establish mandatory military service for all its young people.

The most important book every student should read is...

Gas- and diesel-powered vehicles should / *should not* be banned.

We should take better care of our planet by...

Children should / *should not* have the right to virtual and physical privacy from their parents.

How important is a community in raising children?

True or false: "It takes a village to raise a child."

Professional daycare is beneficial / *detrimental* for a child compared to staying home with a parent.

The most powerful influence on a person's character is nature / *nurture*.

Parents should / *should not* have to consent to their minor children receiving medical treatment.

Parents should / *should not* require their minor children to attend church.

The US should / *should not* have open borders.

The US should / *should not* get involved when leaders of other countries commit human rights violations on their own people.

The US is / *is not* overly dependent on manufactured goods from other countries.

The government should focus on increasing revenue / *decreasing spending*.

Universal health care should / *should not* be freely given to everyone.

Prisoners should / *should not* have the right to vote.

The police should / *should not* use rubber bullets in place of real ones.

US military funding should be increased / *decreased*.

Doing away with the welfare system would be beneficial / *detrimental* in the long run.

The US Constitution should be reformed by...

Organ donation should / *should not* be mandatory for all.

Self-driving cars should / *should not* be illegal.

The benefits of the internet do / *do not* outweigh the loss of privacy.

We should / *should not* build a colony on the moon.

Online friendships do / *do not* have the same benefits as in-person friendships.

Social media influencers are beneficial / *detrimental* to society.

The popularity of “selfies” has increased self-confidence / *self-centeredness*.

Cancel culture is a positive / *negative* thing.

The tri-unity of God matters because...

The infinite nature of God matters because...

The eternal nature of God matters because...

The unchanging nature of God matters because...

God’s omniscience matters because...

God’s omnipotence matters because...

God’s omnipresence matters because...

God’s sovereignty matters because...

God’s loving nature matters because...

God’s holiness matters because...

God’s righteousness matters because...

God’s goodness matters because...

God’s revelation of himself through creation matters because...

God’s revelation of himself through providence matters because...

God’s revelation of himself through human conscience matters because...

God’s revelation of himself through the Bible matters because...

The authority of scripture matters because...

The inspiration of scripture matters because...

The inerrancy of scripture matters because...

The reliability of scripture matters because...

The fact that all people are made in the image of God matters because...

Your purpose in life is to...

The Fall still affects us today because...

The reality of hell matters because...

Jesus being the Messiah matters because...

Jesus being both God and man matters because...

Jesus coming to save us matters because...

Jesus' future return matters because...

The Holy Spirit guiding us to truth matters because...

The Holy Spirit convicting us of sin matters because...

The Holy Spirit regenerating us from spiritual death matters because...

The Holy Spirit empowering us for service matters because...

The gospel is still good news today because...

Regeneration is necessary for salvation because...

Repentance is necessary for salvation because...

Faith in Christ is necessary for salvation because...

The gift of justification matters because...

Being reconciled to God matters because...

Growing in holiness matters because...

The fact that true believers will go to heaven matters because...

Bible study is important for a Christian because...

Prayer is important for a Christian because...

Rest is important for a Christian because...

Confessing sin is important for a Christian because...

Church involvement is important for a Christian because...

Worship is important for a Christian because...

Serving others is important for a Christian because...

Stewardship is important for a Christian because...

How do you know God exists?

If God is good, why is there so much evil in the world?

If God is loving, how can he send people to hell?

If God is all-powerful, why doesn't he end human suffering?

Is the Old Testament God different from the New Testament God?

Do all religions ultimately point to God?

Do Christians worship three Gods?

Does God endorse violence?

Is truth relative?

Is the Bible irrelevant?

Is the Bible full of contradictions?

Is the Bible homophobic?

Does science contradict the Bible?

How can I trust the Bible when there are so many different interpretations?

Does the Bible degrade women?

How can I know God's plan for my life?

Will I go to heaven if I live a good life?

Why can't I just live the way I want?

If it's my body, isn't it my choice?

Does my life really matter?

Is Jesus any different from other religious leaders?

Why did Jesus need to die on a cross for our sins?

Is there any evidence that Jesus actually existed?

Did Jesus fulfill Old Testament prophecies?

If we have the Holy Spirit, why do we need the Bible?

Is the Holy Spirit reserved for super Christians?

Does every believer have a spiritual gift?

Is it possible to hinder the Holy Spirit?

Will God condemn a person who has never heard about Jesus?

If I'm a good person, will I go to heaven?

Why does it matter what I believe, as long as I'm sincere?

Does God forgive really big sins?

If Christians are saved, then why are they still messed up?

If I accept Jesus as savior, can I sin all I want?

If I'm still struggling with sin, am I really saved?

Can I lose my salvation?

Does God care if I am involved in a local church as long as I pray and read my Bible?

Why doesn't God answer my prayers?

Can I forgive someone who hurt me?

Why are Christians so judgmental?

Why do Christians live lives that look no different than non-Christians?

Is Christianity responsible for oppression and injustice?

Does God care about my entertainment choices?

Should Christians be tolerant?

Is Christianity just a psychological crutch?

Does God care about my money?

How can I overcome my sinful habits?

Should a Christian engage in politics?

Your emotions are / *are not* a means of ascertaining truth.

Authority figures are / *are not* a reliable source of truth.

The majority of those who call themselves Christians do / *do not* have a biblical worldview.

How Christian parents choose to educate their children is / *is not* a decision for them to make solely at their discretion.

Church leaders must / *needn't* do more to train their flocks for engaging in spiritual warfare.

Most Christians are / *are not* well-equipped to stand firm for truth.

The greatest threat facing the church is...

The US should / *should not* be a Christian nation.

Loving your neighbor means... / *does not mean...*