

## **Forty Persuasive Topic Suggestions: For or Against**

1. Dieting makes people fat.
2. Romantic love is a poor basis for marriage.
3. The war on terror has contributed to the growing abuse of human rights.
4. High school graduates should take a year off before entering college.
5. All citizens should be required by law to vote.
6. All forms of government welfare should be abolished.
7. Both parents should assume equal responsibility in raising a child.
8. Canadians should have more holidays and longer vacations.
9. Participating in team sports helps to develop good character.
10. The production and sale of cigarettes should be made illegal.
  
11. People have become overly dependent on technology.
12. Censorship is sometimes justified.
13. Privacy is not the most important right.

14. Drunk drivers should be imprisoned on the first offense.
15. The lost art of letter-writing deserves to be revived.
16. Government and military personnel should have the right to strike.
17. Most study-abroad programs should be renamed "party abroad": they are a waste of time and money
18. The continuing decline of CD sales along with the rapid growth of music downloads signals a new era of innovation in popular music.
19. High School and College students should have complete freedom to choose their own courses.
20. The primary mission of colleges and universities should be preparing students for the workforce.
  
21. Financial incentives should be offered to high school students who perform well on standardized tests.
22. All students in high school and college should be required to take at least two years of a foreign language.

23. College students in the U.S. and Canada should be offered financial incentives to graduate in three years rather than four.
24. College athletes should be exempted from regular class-attendance policies.
25. To encourage healthy eating, higher taxes should be imposed on soft drinks and junk food.
26. Students should not be required to take physical education courses.
27. All citizens under the age of 21 should be required to pass a driving education course before receiving a license to drive.
28. Any student caught cheating on an examination should be automatically dismissed from high school or college.
  
29. Zoos are internment camps for animals and should be shut down.
30. University students should not be penalized for illegally downloading music, movies, or other protected content.

31. Nontraditional students should be exempted from regular class-attendance policies.
32. At the end of each term, student evaluations of faculty should be posted online.
33. Professional athletes convicted of using performance-enhancing drugs should not be considered for induction into the Hall of Fame.
34. Any citizen who does not have a criminal record should be permitted to carry a concealed weapon.
35. All schools should take a harder stand on the issue of cyber bullying.
36. Public speaking should be a mandatory class in all high schools.
37. Society should institute a four day work week.
38. Young offenders should be treated as harshly as adult offenders...the law is the law.
39. Video games DO NOT affect a student's ability to concentrate in school.
40. Cruelty against animals should come with a mandatory prison sentence.

