

In addition to the SPAR topics we have used in the past, we will also offer more challenging public policy topics like the ones listed below. Each pair of students will have a choice of three resolutions. One will be more challenging (public policy/current events) and two will be what any reasonably well-informed middle schooler would know about. As in IMP, one competitor eliminates one topic, the other competitor eliminates another topic, and the remaining resolution is the one to be debated.

Broad Public Policy Topics - Dialectic SPAR

Immigration/Border security	The "Space Force"
Fast Food/Junk Food	U.S. involvement in foreign wars
Financing education after HS	Voter ID laws
Taxing the Wealthy/Income inequality	Public & Private Schools/Charter Schools
Autonomous Cars	The Income Gap/minimum wage
Health care/prescription drugs	North Korea
Climate change/Alternative energy sources	China/Trade tariffs
Mandatory Gap Year/ Public Service Projects	Russia
Trade schools vs 4-year college	Yemen, Syria
Contact Sports in HS	Afghanistan
"Nation-building"	Yemen
Standardized Tests	Iran
Environment/Ocean Life	Military spending/budget

