

英語ディベート論題集 ③

HPDU 推奨論題・大会別 過去論題

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推奨論題は、地方大会や校内大会の運営、部活動の練習試合で、そのまま使える水準に調整されたものです。過去論題は、大会ごと・ラウンドごとに時系列で並べています。予選ラウンド（R1～R4）から決勝ラウンド（QF・SF・GF）へ進むにつれて、論題の抽象度と要求される背景知識が上がっていく設計になっている点に注目すると、練習計画を立てる際の参考になります。

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略称の解説

- ・ THBT (This house believes that ～)：本院は～と信じる
- ・ THW (This house would ～)：本院は～する
- ・ THS / TH supports (This house supports ～)：本院は～を支持する
- ・ THR / TH regrets (This house regrets ～)：本院は～を遺憾に思う
- ・ THP / TH prefers (This house prefers ～)：本院は～の方を好む
- ・ R1～R4：予選ラウンド QF：準々決勝 SF：準決勝 GF：決勝

Part 1 HPDU 推奨論題（都道府県大会用）

教育・学校

1. THW allow gifted students to skip grades in schools.
2. THW stop teaching English in elementary schools.
3. THBT teachers' salaries should be based on students' academic performance.
4. THBT schools should ban animal dissection.
5. THBT it is better for high school students to have a part-time job.

生活・文化・メディア

6. THBT watching movies at home is better than watching movies at the theater.
7. THBT television does more harm than good.
8. THW require all Internet users to use their real names.
9. THW restrict advertising aimed at children.
10. THBT criminal trials should be broadcasted on TV.

健康・スポーツ

11. THW introduce a fat tax on junk foods.
12. THW ban tobacco.

13. THW ban cosmetic surgery.
14. THW ban children from becoming professional models.
15. THW ban violent video games.
16. THW ban combat sports.

政治

17. THW make voting compulsory.
18. THBT the prime minister of Japan should be directly elected by citizens' vote.
19. THW abolish the House of Councilors.
20. THW introduce a mandatory retirement age for politicians.
21. THW set quotas for women in the Diet.

司法・安全保障

22. THW abolish the death penalty.
23. THBT torture is justified for national security.
24. THBT all violent juvenile offenders should be treated as adults in the criminal justice system.
25. THBT governments should never pay ransom to save hostages.
26. THW introduce conscription.

生命倫理

27. THW legalize active euthanasia.
28. THW legalize selling organs.
29. THW ban abortion.

動物・環境・エネルギー

30. THW abolish zoos.
31. THBT the use of animals for public entertainment should be banned.
32. THW ban whaling.
33. THW ban animal experiments.
34. THW legalize genetically modified foods.
35. THBT Japan should introduce the carbon tax.
36. THBT Japan should stop using nuclear power plants.

経済・科学技術

37. THW raise the consumption tax.
38. THBT Japan should remove import restrictions on farm products.
39. THW set a maximum limit on salaries.
40. THW stop sending humans into space.
41. THBT Japan should make English the second official language.

Part 2 連盟杯 全国大会 過去論題

HPDU 連盟杯全国大会（毎年 3 月開催）の過去論題です。第 1 回から第 7 回までは、開催日・会場・入賞校もあわせて記載しました。

2026 年（第 15 回）

R1 : In states with significant gang and cartel presence, this house would criminalize membership.

Info slide: Under laws criminalizing gang or cartel membership, the state only needs to prove that an individual is a documented member of a proscribed criminal organization, rather than proving they committed a specific violent act.

R2 : This house believes that schools should teach children to have a logical approach to life, even at the expense of reducing their emotional bandwidth (e.g. trying to react in less emotional ways, prioritizing logic over emotions when approaching problem-solving).

R3 : This house believes that the United States government should significantly shrink the size and budgets of its military.

Info slide: In March 2026, the United States reached a record military budget of \$1 trillion, focusing on peace through strength and global intervention.

R4 : This house opposes the narrative that familial love should be unconditional.

QF : This house, as a country attempting to transition away from fossil fuels, would prioritize nuclear power over renewable energy (hydro, wind, solar, etc.).

SF : This house would continue to reject the government's demands.

Info slide: You are the CEO of a leading AI firm with a mandate for ethical development. The government has ordered the removal of your system's safety protocols to facilitate mass surveillance and the deployment of autonomous weaponry. Following your refusal, the state has blacklisted your firm, prohibiting all government contractors from engaging with you.

GF : This house prefers the narrative that debating is an art to the narrative that debating is a sport.

2025 年（第 14 回）

R1 : THW ban all advertising of consumer goods or services.

R2 : THW legalize child labor in developing nations.

R3 : THR the decline of family values in western liberal democracies.

R4 : THR the stigmatization of political discussions in Japan.

Info slide: In the U.S., political discussions are common and seen as essential, even if they cause conflict. In Japan, they are often avoided to keep social harmony, making politics a more private matter.

QF : THW make university tuition free.

SF : THBT religious institutions should embrace the usage of AI.

GF : THBT globalism has failed the working class.

Info slide: Globalism refers to the ideology, politics, and systems that foster global

interconnectedness and interdependence, often linked to economic, political, and cultural integration.

2024 年 (第 13 回)

- R1 : This house believes that schools should allow students to use generative artificial intelligence (e.g. ChatGPT, Gemini).
- R2 : This house would allow public servants to strike.
- R3 : This house would also punish parents when their children commit a crime.
- R4 : This house would abolish affirmative action.
- QF : This house believes that SNS does more harm than good to democracy.
- SF : This house believes that developing countries should limit rural-urban migration.
- GF : This house believes that randomly selected citizens should judge in debate tournaments.

2023 年 (第 12 回)

- R1 : THBT big businesses should encourage their employees to work from home even after pandemics are no longer a threat to public health and safety.
- R2 : TH prefers a world without extreme emotions (falling madly in love, extreme grief, boiling rage).
- R3 : THBT feminism is incompatible with capitalism.
- R4 : THBT multinational companies should equalize wages for their workers in developing countries with those in their home countries.
- QF : THW ban tobacco.
- SF : THBT assassination is a justifiable response to the human rights abuses and political oppression committed by political leaders.
- GF : THBT the present condition of humanity is better than it would be in 100 years.

2022 年 (第 11 回)

- R1 : THBT the tourism industry does more harm than good for the citizens of developing countries.
- R2 : TH, as the feminist movement, would advocate for the abolishment of boys-only and girls-only schools.
- R3 : THW grant senior military officers a veto over military decisions made by politicians (e.g. troop deployments, specific missions).
- R4 : THW make the number of votes an individual has inversely proportional to their wealth.
- QF : TH prefers a world in which those accused of crimes remain completely anonymous to the public unless they receive a guilty verdict.
- SF : THBT the assassination of political leaders is a legitimate tool of foreign policy.
- GF : TH supports athletes using international sporting events (the Olympics, World Baseball Classic, FIFA World Cup, etc.) as platforms to protest and raise political stances.

2021 年 (第 10 回)

- R1 : THBT the age of digital information (e.g. social media, online news) has done more harm than good in protecting democracy.
- R2 : Given the technology, THW erase society's memory and evidence of the criminal past of former convicts after their release from prison.
- R3 : TH prefers a world without lying.
- R4 : THBT, assuming Personal Protective Equipment is sufficiently available, medical workers during a pandemic should have the right to opt out of service.
- QF : THBT spouses of political figures should not be recognized as public figures.
- SF : Instead of leaving the decision up to the producing company, THW legally require that self-driving cars always choose to maximize the number of lives saved, even if it leads to the death of the passengers.
- GF : THBT hacking is a legitimate way of protest against multinational corporations.

2020 年 (第 9 回)

- R1 : THW abolish the Olympic Games.
- R2 : THW prohibit criminals from publishing descriptions of their crimes.
- R3 : THBT the state should not subsidize art.
- R4 : THBT the feminist movement should oppose affirmative action for women.
- QF : THBT humanitarian aid does more harm than good to active conflict zones.
- SF : THW prohibit corporations from sponsoring academic research.
- GF : THW abolish private property.

2019 年 (第 8 回)

- R1 : THW ban beauty contests.
- R2 : THW introduce conscription.
- R3 : THW completely ban the broadcasting of suicide.
- R4 : THW ban all forms of gambling.
- QF : THW ban the use of combat drones.
- SF : THW trade with oppressive regimes.
- GF : THBT free speech should include the right to offend.

2018 年 (第 7 回)

- R1 : THW ban cosmetic surgery.
- R2 : THW require doctors to report all cases of suspected domestic violence.
- R3 : THW give the right to vote to prisoners.
- QF : THW legalize active euthanasia.

SF : THW give national treasures back to its people.

GF : THW criminalize paying ransom to hostages.

2017 年 (第 6 回)

R1 : THW ban alcohol.

R2 : THW abolish the escalator system in schools (such as Keio, Waseda).

R3 : THW legalize organ transplant for profit.

QF : THBT US military bases should be removed from Japan.

SF : THW abolish all laws restricting free speech.

GF : TH prefers the world without marriage.

2016 年 (第 5 回)

R1 : THW require broadcasters to devote equal time and prominence to coverage of female sports games as male sports games.

R2 : THW pay all elected politicians the median wage in their electoral district.

R3 : THW allow prisoners to donate their organs in exchange for shortening of their sentences.

QF : THBT, upon request by the authority, smartphone companies should be forced to unlock their products used by criminals.

SF : THBT the EU should abandon its commitment to the principle of open borders between member states.

GF : THBT democratic countries should not attend sporting events in countries with bad human rights records.

2015 年 (第 4 回)

R1 : THW require all Internet users to use their real names.

R2 : THBT gambling of all forms (e.g. lotteries, horse racing, or casinos) should be illegal.

R3 : THBT governments should refuse to assist in rebuilding areas prone to natural disasters.

QF : THW abolish the death penalty.

SF : THW provide welfare in the form of basic goods and services, rather than cash payments.

GF : THBT governments should negotiate with terrorists when their citizens are taken hostage by terrorist groups.

2014 年 (第 3 回)

R1 : THBT parents should have the right to access all accounts of their children's social networking sites.

R2 : THW apply the retirement age to politicians.

R3 : THBT the Tokyo Olympics venue should include the Tohoku/Fukushima area.

QF : THW deny those who have made poor lifestyle choices and actively harmed themselves (fatty food, alcohol, smoking) the access to the national health insurance.

SF : THBT research institutions that actively employ female scientists should be given more research funding by the government.

GF : THBT Japan should not impose any sanctions on Russia regarding the Crimea issue.

2013 年 (第 2 回)

R1 : THW allow gifted students to skip grades in schools.

R2 : THW ban experiments on animals.

R3 : THBT using the Internet in political election campaigns will do more harm than good.

QF : THW use quotas to increase the representation of women in the Japanese parliament.

SF : THW penalize media companies that broadcast the use of physical abuse (such as beating or kicking someone) as a form of humor.

GF : THBT the US federal government should ban the private use of firearms.

2012 年 (第 1 回)

R1 : THBT students in elementary schools and junior high schools should be required to repeat a grade if their class performance is poor.

R2 : THW make voting at elections compulsory.

GF : THW ban fortune-telling businesses.

Part 3 新緑杯 過去論題

2023 年以降は East / West の 2 会場で予選を行い、Championship で上位チームが対戦する形式となっています。

2025 年 Championship

SF : This house regrets the rise of parenting influencers.

GF : This house regrets the recent trend in American films of recasting iconic fairy-tale characters such as Snow White or Ariel with minority actors.

2025 年 West

R1 : THW make voting mandatory.

R2 : THW require doctors to report all cases of suspected domestic violence.

R3 : THBT the narrative “experience of hardship and agony is necessary for success” does more harm than good.

R4 : THBT developing countries should require their citizens to work for a minimum period of time in their country of origin after graduating from university.

2025 年 East

R1 : THBT AI does more harm than good.

R2 : THW rather be a J-pop idol than an average Japanese citizen.

R3 : THBT schools should prioritize the teaching of classic literature over contemporary literature.

R4 : THW ban the research and development of technology that can erase memories.

2024年 Championship

SF : This house believes that media should not broadcast bloody sports.

GF : This house would require politicians to disclose their health records to the public.

2024年 West

R1 : THW ban all forms of gambling.

R2 : THBT animal meat products should be banned.

R3 : TH supports the rise of language generative AI.

R4 : THW pay all elected politicians the median wage in their country.

2024年 East

R1 : This house would support the use of performance-enhancing drugs under medical supervision.

R2 : This house believes that long-distance relationships can be as successful as relationships where couples live close to each other.

R3 : This house would make physical education classes (not health education classes) optional in senior high schools.

R4 : This house believes that the growth of international tourism contributes positively to the conservation of cultural heritage, such as that of Kyoto.

2023年 Championship

SF : This house believes that prisoners should be given the right to vote in national elections.

GF : This house believes that, assuming compliance, we should globally cap military spending to 1% of GDP.

2023年 West

R1 : THW give more votes to citizens according to their performance on a current affairs test.

R2 : THBT governments in developing countries should limit migration to megacities.

R3 : TH, as a large company, would reflect the racial diversity of the national population in employee diversity.

R4 : THW allow the police full and unrestricted access to social media.

2023年 East

R1 : This house would remove all gender-based quotas in university admissions.

- R2 : This house believes that international sporting events divide rather than unite.
- R3 : This house believes that couples should have access to each other's social media accounts and personal devices.
- R4 : This house would introduce an internet voting system in Japan.

2022 年

- R1 : This house believes that film versions are never as good as the original books.
- R2 : This house believes that community service is a better punishment than prison for non-violent crimes.
- R3 : This house supports countries offering citizenship based on sporting ability.
- R4 : This house believes that, seventy years on, the United Nations is a disappointment.

2021 年

- R1 : This house would designate one city to permanently host the Olympics.
- R2 : This house would aggressively prioritize the posting of female diplomats to countries with poor women's rights records.
- R3 : This house would ban the display of art created with the intended purpose or reasonably likely outcome of causing offence.
- R4 : This house believes that if technology permitted us to identify people who are genetically predisposed to commit crimes, it would be appropriate for the state to monitor them and limit their activities.

2020 年

- R1 : This house would pay all elected politicians the median wage in their countries.
- R2 : This house would give national treasures (like the Rosetta Stone in the British Museum) back to their countries of origin.
- R3 : This house believes that only countries with good human rights records should be allowed to host the Olympics.
- R4 : This house would legalize surrogacy for profit in liberal democracies.

2019 年

- R1 : This house believes that professional sports players should be allowed to enhance their abilities by using drugs.
- R2 : This house, as an individual, would not consume works produced by immoral artists.
- R3 : This house believes that debating skills matter in getting a boyfriend or a girlfriend.
- R4 : This house would mandate retirement from the National Diet at age 65.

Part 4 新芽杯 過去論題

新芽杯は、ディベートを始めて間もない生徒を対象とした大会です。身近な話題を扱う 3 ラウンド構成で、授業でのミニ試合の論題としても使いやすいものが並んでいます。

2025 年

R1 : THBT all children should raise a pet.

R2 : THBT confessing love face to face is better than confessing online.

R3 : THBT schools should not give out homework during the summer break.

2024 年

R1 : THBT it is more enjoyable to watch a movie with friends at someone's house than at a movie theater.

R2 : THBT underaged individuals should not become YouTubers.

R3 : THBT love is more important than money for a good marriage.

2023 年

R1 : This house believes that parents should not use rewards to get their children to study.

R2 : This house believes that love at first sight will bring more harm than benefits.

R3 : This house believes that being a school teacher is a good job.

2022 年

R1 : To compensate for the school days lost due to the COVID-19 pandemic, THBT the high school summer holiday this year should be half as long.

R2 : Assuming COVID-19 is over, THBT traveling abroad is better than domestic travel for your honeymoon.

R3 : THBT women should be given two votes in national elections.

2021 年

R1 : THBT giving money as a birthday present is good for both parents and their children in high school.

R2 : In order for high school students to confess their love, THBT sending a message on a smartphone is better than face-to-face talk.

R3 : THW ban too skinny models (with a BMI below 18.5) from showing up in media.

2020 年

R1 : THW ban eating contests.

R2 : THBT holding a gorgeous wedding ceremony is better than holding a simple one.

R3 : THBT criminal trials should be publicly broadcasted on TV and other media (like YouTube).

出典・注記

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