Quick facts

College Debate 2016

College Debate 2016 is a national, nonpartisan, social media and technology program, designed to empower young voters to identify issues and help influence the national debate. As a Voter Education Partner for the Commission on Presidential Debates, Dominican University of California is proud to lead the College Debate initiative.

College Debate at a Glance:

Student delegates representing 150 college campuses
Using social media and technology
Talking about issues that matter to young voters

Student delegates will be trained to initiate issues-based conversations with their friends, classmates, and campus peers. Their issues will be identified at the College Convention in the fall, and contributed to the fall U.S. Presidential debates.

Issues College Debate 2016 student delegates are talking about:

Foreign policy
- Economic opportunities
- Education achievement gap
- K-12 public education system
- Environmental degradation

Healthcare
- Women's rights
- Quality of life
- Equal pay for equal work
- Senior citizens
- Mass incarceration

Education
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Immigration
- Social justice
- Global military presence
- Deportation of children

Civil rights
- Military
- Xenophobia
- College costs
- Voter rights
- Wealth gap

Did you know there are 69.2 million Millennial voters in the US, and their votes could make up 31% of the overall voting population?

Delegate Training: June 2016
College Convention: September 2016

http://collegedebate.org
Dominican University of California
Highlights of College Debate Activities:

- Student delegates will travel to Dominican University in June to learn how to organize issue-focused events at their schools, and return in September to raise those issues at the 2016 College Convention
- Screening and discussion of Bring it to the Table, with filmmaker Julie Winokur
- Like or Unlike: Your Digital Footprint in the Virtual World session on how to put your best virtual foot forward in the social media world and beyond with Dr. Syb Brown
- Facts from Fiction session on how Millennials can discern the truth, report on the campaign, and galvanize awareness with Alexander Heffner, host of PBS’s The Open Mind
- Presentation from California Secretary of State, Alex Padilla
- Delegate-led social media conversations and podcasts
- Campus engagement activities around voter registration
- Issues Rooms, pairing delegates with experts on the topics of importance to them
- Virtual College Debate, capturing the activities and conversations at partner schools across the country surrounding youth issues
- Moderated Town Hall

Political affiliation of the delegates:

- Solid liberal
- Next generation left
- Young outsider
- Business conservative
- Steadfast conservative
- Faith and family left
- Hard pressed skeptic

Where are the student delegates from?

- 22% Far West
- 20% Southeast
- 17% Great Lakes
- 11% Plains
- 10% Mideast
- 7% Southwest
- 5% Rocky Mountains

- 50% White
- 16% Hispanic
- 15% Black
- 13% Asian
- 6% Multi-racial

- 55% Private college
- 36% Public college
- 9% Community college