1. Political freedoms are best appreciated in those countries where they do not exist.
2. An understanding of the past is necessary for solving the problems of the present.
3. Successful leadership is a matter of allowing everyone to share responsibility.
4. Local governments should be allowed to govern free of federal interference.
5. Everyone who commits a crime in our society should be held equally responsible under the law.
6. Only those politicians who have learned the art of compromise can achieve their political goals.
7. Students should be more interested in the process of learning than in the facts learned.
8. It is sometimes necessary to restrict individual freedom for the sake of social order.
9. Governments have a responsibility to regulate companies that provide necessary services to citizens.
10. The primary concern of television news today is to entertain rather than to inform.
11. For every problem a technological innovation solves, it tends to create another, sometimes greater, problem.
12. A country needs enemies, real or imagined, in order to maintain its identity.
13. Nations often resist new approaches to solving social problems.
14. There are times when an individual's private acts should become a public concern.
15. No matter how oppressive a government, violent revolution is never justified.
16. Citizens who enjoy a country's benefits during peacetime have a responsibility to support their nation in time of war.
17. A nation's economic aid to a foreign government usually implies an endorsement of that government's policies.
18. In politics, resorting to personal attack usually indicates the weakness of one's own position.
19. In a democracy, the press has not only the right but the responsibility to report all of the news.
20. Only when public figures admit their mistakes can they earn the public's trust.
21. Freedom of speech should include acts or opinions that may be objectionable to the majority of people.
22. The more people rely on computers, the more people become alienated from one another.
23. It is not the responsibility of government to provide financial assistance to failing businesses.
24. Developed nations have an obligation to provide aid to the underdeveloped nations of the world.
25. In a country that fosters freedom of speech, the expression of ideas should never be censored.
26. A government has not only the right, but also the responsibility, to regulate what is broadcast over the public airwaves.
27. Democratic nations should offer refuge to citizens of oppressive governments.
28. Only a fully informed electorate can vote responsibly.
29. Technology designed to make our lives simpler often turns out instead to make our lives more complicated.
30. A just legal system is one that will risk freeing a guilty person before convicting an innocent one.
31. Advances in communication have led to a loss of personal privacy.
32. Sometimes the civil rights of individuals must be compromised in order to ensure public safety.
33. The United States federal government should substantially increase social services for persons living in poverty in the United States.
34. The United States federal government should substantially increase public health services for mental health care in the United States.
35. The federal government should establish an education policy to significantly increase academic achievement in secondary schools in the United States.
36. The federal government should establish a comprehensive program to regulate the health care system in the United States.
37. Chain stores are detrimental to the best interests of the American public.
38. The abuse of illegal drugs ought to be treated as a matter of public health, not of criminal justice.
39. Cyberbullying should be a criminal offense.
40. Colleges and universities have a moral obligation to prohibit the public expression of hate speech on their campuses.
41. Violent juvenile offenders ought to be treated as adults in the criminal justice system.
42. In the United States, a journalist’s right to shield confidential sources ought to be protected by the First Amendment.
43. Individuals with disabilities ought to be afforded the same athletic competition opportunities as able-bodied athletes.
44. Establishing a safe educational environment in grades K-12 justifies infringement of students’ civil liberties.
45. Human genetic engineering is morally justified.
46. Terminally ill persons have the right to die when and how they chose.
47. When they conflict, respect for cultural sensitivity ought to be valued above commercial use of free speech.
48. The individual ought to value the sanctity of life above the quality of life.
49. When in conflict, a business’s responsibility to itself ought to be valued above its responsibility to society.
50. An adolescent’s right to privacy ought to be valued above a parent’s conflicting right to know.

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