



New Style Impromptu Prompts for 2018/19

1. **Editorials:** These are samples of the longer style format (up to 150 words) that was used up until 2011-12 which will once again be an option for tournament use.

Poland

The Economist, April 28, 2011

http://www.economist.com/node/18620794?story_id=18620794

...Poland must raise its game to regain its rightful place at Europe's top table. That must start with the economy, which despite a good recent run still exhibits ominous weaknesses. Mr Tusk must get a grip on the public finances. A big budget deficit (7.9% last year) may have helped in the downturn, but it now reflects fiscal incontinence...

Mr Tusk says he wants to provide humanitarian aid and political advice. But the excess of waffle and the lack of specifics stand out in contrast with Poland's ready support for the missions in Iraq and Afghanistan...

Since his first bid for power ... (Mr. Tusk) has gained authority in his own party, Civic Platform, which has trounced its opponents at every turn. Never in Poland's troubled history has a leader been better placed to realise his country's true potential. But, having secured power, Mr Tusk has done only half the job.

150 words

In praise of ... a nuclear-free Europe

- [The Guardian](http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2010/feb/24/nuclear-weapon-free-europe-editorial), Wednesday 24 February 2010
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2010/feb/24/nuclear-weapon-free-europe-editorial>

Five [Nato](#) states are to call for the removal of all remaining US [nuclear weapons](#) on European soil, a move that could spur global disarmament. ...It is always best to start a long journey with small steps, and getting rid of between 150 and 240 useless weapons must rank as one of these. These weapons come in the shape of gravity bombs which take hours, ...to be loaded on to planes. They have been rendered all but obsolete by missiles which take minutes. Germany is seeking the withdrawal of US tactical nuclear weapons not just from its soil but from Europe as a whole. Making any cuts conditional on parity with Russia is a recipe for stalemate, as the superiority of conventional forces is now with Nato. The boot is on the other foot.

149 words

Seattle Times, April 13, 2011 From Letters

http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/northwestvoices/2014767153_francebansfullfaceveils.html

— Wolfgang Mack, Seattle

Your story on France enforcing its laws against hiding your face in public is missing the point entirely ["Protestors arrested as France imposes ban on full-face veils"].

You cannot say that the French nation is not "welcoming" to foreigners. In the past decades they have, in fact, taken in so many Muslims that they... makeup... over 15 percent of France's entire population.

The sad fact is that too many of their Muslims refuse to assimilate. It is reasonable to ask them to live by the rules of the country of their choice, just as we are expected to abide by their rules when we visit a Muslim country.

And if they do not like the culture of the country they have chosen..., they are free to leave for some place else where the culture is more to their liking.

After all, nobody forced them to come to France.



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2. **Quotes:** Will continue to be similar to what we have been using for the last several years. Here are the quotes used at IE State Finals in 2017-18:

“The universe is an intelligence test.”

-- Timothy Leary

“Morality is a test of our conformity rather than our integrity.”

- Jane Rule

“Life has a way of testing a person’s will, either by having nothing happen at all or by having everything happen at once.”

-- Paulo Coelho

“You don’t have to know what you did wrong. Not everything is a lesson... Sometimes you just fail.”

-- Dwight Schrute

“There is only one day left, always starting over:
it is given to us at dawn and taken away from us at dusk.”

-- Jean-Paul Sartre

“Failure is the condiment that gives success its flavor.”

-- Truman Capote

“Without deviation from the norm, progress is not possible.”

-- Frank Zappa

“There will come a time when you believe everything is finished. That will be the beginning.”

-- Louis L'Amour



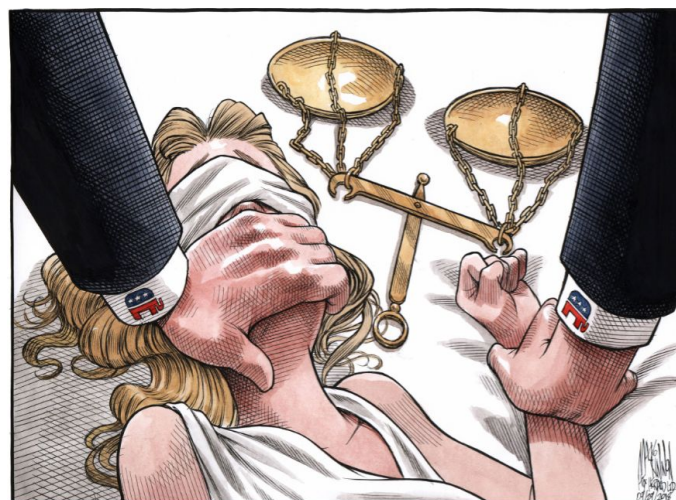
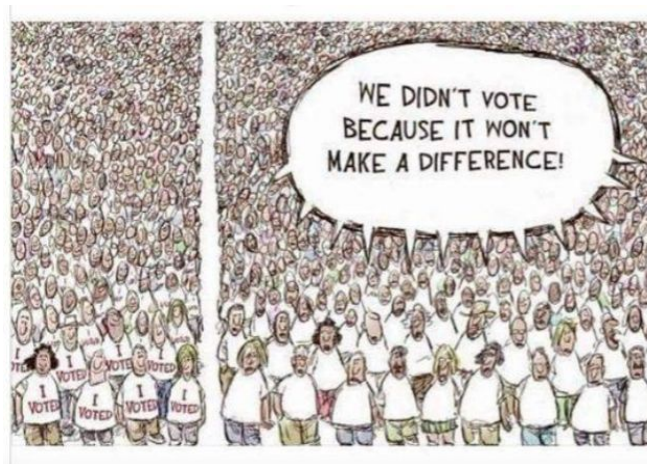
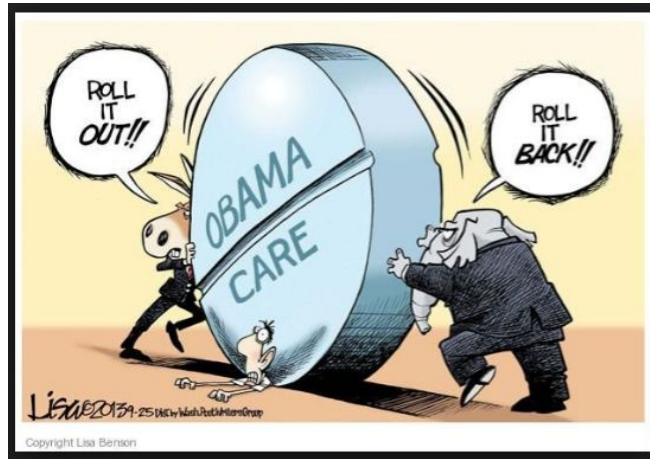
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3. **Resolutions:** Typically worded as value statements, contestants will be able to agree or disagree. These samples come from NSDA Lincoln-Douglas and Big Questions debate topics:

- **Resolved: The United States ought to provide a universal basic income. (L/D Style)**
- **Resolved: Wealthy nations have an obligation to provide development assistance to other nations. (L/D Style)**
- **Resolved: In the United States, national service ought to be compulsory. (L/D Style)**
- **Resolved: A just government ought to prioritize civil liberties over national security. (L/D Style)**
- **Resolved: Civil disobedience in a democracy is morally justified. (L/D Style)**
- **Resolved: In a democracy, the public's right to know ought to be valued above the right to privacy of candidates for public office. (L/D Style)**
- **Resolved: Humans are primarily driven by self-interest. (Big Questions style)**
- **Resolved: Science leaves no room for free will. (Big Questions style)**

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4. Visual Cues - may include editorial cartoons, newsworthy corporate advertising, issue campaigns, iconic photographs and memes.



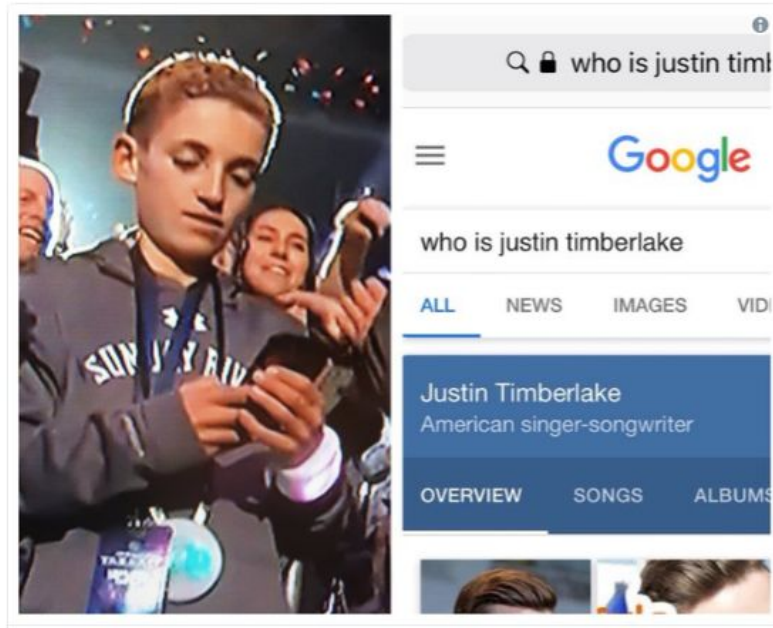
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Kinder Eggs are banned in the US to protect children; assault weapons are not



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 shoe 🐼 @shoe0nhead · Feb 21, 2018
what does crowder want you to change his mind about?
[#ChangeMyMind](#)

