

PREARGUMENTATIVE PROMPTS/CONTEMPLATIVE PROMPTS

- +Do you believe that people should get a second chance? What about criminals?
- +Do clothes make the man or woman? If not, what does?
- +Most of us have had run-in's with something supernatural or extraordinary. What about you? Describe the conditions/situation.
- +What is the best way to deal with terrorism?
- +Do you believe in Ghosts? Explain.
- +How do you feel about homosexuality? Heterosexuality? Bisexuality? Are such things natural? Why or why not?
- +How do you feel about euthanasia (assisted suicide)?
- +Is the United States of America becoming a haven for lazy people? Why or why not?
- +How do you feel about marriage? What is the right age for marriage? What is a "good" marriage? What is a "bad" marriage?
- +Are you concerned about the food you eat? You might consider the use of pesticides, imported food, genetically-modified foods, and artificial ingredients?
- +Does age matter in relationships?
- +Should homosexuals be allowed to marry their partners legally?
- +Should the official work week be shortened or extended? Is 40 hours/per week too much? Why or why not?
- +Do you feel that the (name a recent bill or law - such as No Child Left Behind act) is working? Why? How do you know?
- +Should schools use tests for graduation?
- +How do you feel about curses and swears? Are they really that bad? Why or why not?
- +Should prostitution be legal? Why or why not?
- +Should gambling be legal? Why or why not?
- +Guns: Good or bad? Needed or not needed? Why or why not?
- +Are hunting and fishing good things for the environment? Why or why not?
- +How do you feel about food these days? Do you think our food is overly processed, artificial, or what?
- +Are we too dependent on technology?
- +Are cell phones dangerous? What do you think?
- +Should the legal drinking age be increased, decrease, or kept the same? Why?
- +Should English be the official language of the United States? Why or why not?
- +Do you think that public officials should be fired for putting up indigent pictures on the internet?
- +Should the government be allowed to put wire-taps on your phone (without your knowledge)? What about cameras in your house? Why or why not?
- +Many people say that "Sex sells." What does this mean? Also, to what capacity does sex sell?
- +Divorce rates are higher than ever. What do you think is the cause to such an increase?
- +How should celebrities conduct themselves?
- +Why are Americans so prudish about sex when other cultures around the world are not?
- +Would you pay higher taxes if everyone in the country were able to have a home, food, clothing, and medical/dental care? Why or why not?
- +Name one person who you trust. What qualities/characteristics does this person possess?
- +Name one thing which makes you angry. Why? How angry does it make you?
- +Is the freedom of press a good thing? Why or why not? What about the freedom of privacy?
- +There are two types of living conditions: Urban (city living) and Rural (non-city living). Which do you prefer? Why?

- +Mohandas Gandhi once said, "An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind." What does this mean to you? How might it apply to some sort of circumstance in your life?
- +Should assault weapons belong in the hands of the individual citizen, or should they belong only in the hands of law enforcement and the military? Why or why not?
- +Do you believe in the afterlife (life after death)? Why? What support/proof do you have?
- +Some people believe that public schools (K-12) are nothing more than "glorified babysitting services." What do you think? What might be an alternative to public schooling?
- +If all drugs were made legal, would you take drugs for pleasure (just as people drink or smoke)? Why or why not?
- +Are advertisements and marketing for products and services become a bit extreme? Why or why not?
- +Currently, people born in other countries cannot be President. Should we change this law or keep it? Why or why not?
- +Do a short calculation: How much trash do you produce a week? How many bags? Given that the average population of a state is 6,000,000. Multiply your number by 6,000,000 to find a rough estimate of how many bags of trash people produce in your state a week. What should we do with all that trash?
- +What is a cult? What are the characteristics of a cult? What do cults do to solicit members?
- +Is social networking good or bad? Why?
- +Why do people "keep up with the Joneses"?
- +Does religion help or hinder people? Explain.