

Persuasive Speeches Topic Selection Guide

In the **Consider the Choices** section of each Issue Guide, click **Read more** below the introduction to topics that interest you. Then click on **Perspectives in Detail** to read the arguments for and against related action strategies. **The bullet points under “What should be done?” are examples of subtopics of the appropriate scope for this assignment.**

America’s global role

- Put domestic needs first
- Promote Global Stability, Prevent Chaos
- Promote Democracy and Protect Human Rights

Crime

- Getting tougher with offenders
- Getting to the roots of violent crime
- Taking rehabilitation seriously

Economy

- Use the free market and free trade to create jobs
- Secure and improve American jobs
- Educate workers to compete in the global economy

Education

- Raising educational standards
- Creating student-centered schools
- Offering educational choices
- Providing adequate funding

Environment

- Curb pollution through sensible regulation
- Putting environmental protection in perspective
- Preventing further environmental destruction

Gay rights

- Protect and extend equal rights of all our citizens
- Let states and communities choose solutions that work for them
- Support and protect traditional institutions and values

Health care

- Use competition to make the system more efficient
- Expand the current system to cover more people
- Create a national health care system

Higher education

- Invest in making sure all students can attend college
- Provide opportunity to the needy
- Keep tuition down by making colleges more efficient

Immigration

- Honoring our commitment to newcomers
- Cutting back to preserve our security and culture
- Cutting back in response to economic realities

Medical research

- Scientists should be free to pursue genetic research
- Treat the sick, but don’t change our genetic future
- Leave humans as God and nature created them

Poverty and welfare

- Eliminating the dependency trap
- Redefining what’s expected of America’s poor
- Devising a job’s strategy

Race

- The civil rights strategy
- The affirmative action strategy
- The equal rights strategy

Right to die

- Recognize the right to die with dignity, with a physician’s assistance
- Focus on giving comfort and recognizing the patient’s preferences
- Reaffirm the commitment to preserve life