***Speech #11: Persuasive Speech***

Persuasive speech topics are public speaking topics in which the speaker states his or her opinion on persuasive, yet controversial, topics. The main goals of this speech are:

* Get the audience to agree with your views, thoughts, feelings, experiences and personal opinions.
* Present the reasons and arguments to build your case.
* Convince them that the side you have taken is the right side.

***These are ideas…coming up with your own is MUCH better!***

1. *Our animal cruelty laws should pertain to factory farming.*
2. *Hockey is better than basketball*
3. *Home schooling is an effective education program.*
4. *12 years of school shouldn’t be mandatory*
5. *Texting while driving should be a criminal offense*
6. *Open Campus Lunch should be instituted at AHS.*
7. *Playing a video game is fun only when you win.*
8. *All textbooks should be put on iPads, and each student should get one.*
9. *Minimum wage should increase*
10. *Age can't be a factor in making any decisions about workers.*
11. *Students should spend the whole day on studying and not on sports.*
12. *People who have committed serious crimes should not help make laws for others.*
13. *Workplace dating is wrong.*
14. *We sometimes have to do things that we not enjoy doing.*
15. *I should get a car for my 16th birthday*

The more controversial your persuasive speech topics are, the harder you have to try to convince them of the credibility of the arguments you present to support your opinion speech topics.

Brainstorm your own topics:

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| Topic | Main Points Pro (include) | Main Points Con (stay away) |
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