

Chapter 1 : The Great Debates of Our Time - Foresight Institute

Most other ethical debates ultimately depend upon our answers to this core ethical debate. The need for environmental protection, for example, generally pits individual liberties and state's rights against the need for global inter-governmental cooperation.

First off, I will try to argue that the storyline of AC4 is much better than Skyrim. The single player experience in AC4 is incredible, as my source can explain to you [http:](http://) There is an endless amount of things you can do on AC4, like uncover chests, find new islands, discover new viewpoints, retrieve animus fragments etc. The sense of exploration, the immense map and unlimited amounts of difficulty when it comes to naval battles all prove the resolve. There are so many different ships on the huge map that AC4 will offer you, and there is no ship that will not challenge you. The experience of naval battles has never been more real in any game, never been so realistic and has never been so much fun. The visuals in this game are also something to admire, along with the audio and interface. All around, the experience of being a pirate and boarding ships in this historically accurate, massive map is undeniably a great and entertaining experience. This is not the kind of game like Skyrim where you just do things and move on, but a game where you want to see what happens next. Lastly, The fighting animations in AC4 are also much more realistic and give you that, "Wow" feeling, because you are not just using a sword and sound waves to defeat your enemies like in Skyrim, but you are using real weapons against historically accurate enemies. All around, the single player experience and storyline of AC4 are far superior to Skyrim. Next, I will try to argue how accurate Assassins Creed is. I have already mentioned many ways that Assassins Creed 4 is accurate, and there are still some that I will mention. The story in AC4 revolves around a very real time, the golden age of pirates in Cuba. Nassua is also accurately described, as a dirty, diseased place where pirates lived. The conflict between pirates, Spanish and the British was also accurate, along with the combat that is portrayed in Assassins Creed 4. Edward is seen using real weapons, unlike in Skyrim, where your weapons are swords and your mouth. Skyrim uses strange, alien like characters with unrealistic weapons and abilities, whereas Assassins Creed 4 has real people and real enemies. All around, AC4 is much better for realism and historical accuracy which provides not only more entertainment, but education on real events in history. Once again I thank my opponent for accepting this debate and wish him the best of luck.

Chapter 2 : November The Great Debates of Our Time

"The New Gilded Age features incredibly insightful and timely debates between leading philosophers, economists, political scientists, and sociologists on the sources and future of inequality in the United States. This well written and accessible volume is a must-read not only for scholars, but for educated laymen and policymakers as well."

Tue 27 Jun Great armies sweep across continents raping and pillaging. Powerful navies blast each other by hostile shores. Tyrants inflict genocide and starvation on hapless populations. Sometimes however, historic moments are so small and seemingly insignificant that hardly anyone notices. Who was watching when an unknown monk named Martin Luther nailed his thesis to a church door, shaking the Holy Roman Empire to its very boots? Who noticed when Pommie brainbox Alan Turing cracked the enigma code, changing the course of WW2 and inventing the computer at the same time? How many people pricked up their ears when an electrical union adelegate called the boys off the job in a Gadansk shipyard, sparking a revolution which would bring down the gigantic Soviet superpower. Probably not many, yet these events were every bit as earth changing as the most cataclysmic political or military campaigns. One important takeaway from this, is that sometimes, seemingly all powerful political or religious structures are intrinsically unstable. They become corrupt and lose popular support, often without anyone really noticing. Then, all it takes is the right spark and the whole thing comes down like a house of cards. As Pickering Posters are well aware, I believe Islam is supremely vulnerable right now. It stands ridiculous, like a naked emperor, supposedly wrapped in an aura of peaceful beneficence. All it will take is someone with sufficient credibility to laugh loud enough and the whole world will suddenly come to its collective senses. Long ago, I thought that the catalyst might be a debate on prime-time television. I believed the stoush might be between a non-Muslim Islamic expert or experts and respected Islamic scholars. There is no way that Islam as it stands, can be defended. Any such debate could only end in humiliating defeat for the defenders of Islam as it currently stands. Imam Tawhidi Recently however, an unexpected contender has stepped forward. Not from the infidels, but from the ranks of Islam itself. I have to say that at first I was somewhat sceptical of Imam Tawhidi. Usually, this is followed by a lecture in cultural sensitivity and the need to stop profiling known terror operatives. Tawhidi strikes me as different. Tawhidi exposes the Islamic doctrines of violence against the unbeliever and is demanding that his community fesses up. I am prepared to stick my neck out this time however as I think this man is the real deal. That would make him an exceptionally brave and honest man. It would also make him an incredibly important ally in the fight against the Islam we have today. Tawhidi is in a unique position. As a senior Iranian Muslim, it would be somewhat awkward to accuse him of Islamophobia or racism. The channel which should be hosting this event is the Australian Broadcasting Commission Aunty is sucking over a billion dollars a year from the public purse. Its mandate is supposed to be, to serve the needs of the Australian people. Well right now the Australian people need a debate on Islam and this is the perfect opportunity. We finally have an Islamic Imam with impeccable credentials who is prepared to take the side which is critical of Islam. Their excuse was that it was important to encourage free speech. There are plenty of Australian Muslims espousing the most radical and fundamentalist forms of Islam. They could probably find at least a couple without going further than their own news and current affairs department. If no Muslim scholar is prepared to debate Tawhidi, he should be given three or four half hour slots on prime time TV and radio to present his point of view to the Australian public. The mandarins at the ABC are clearly aware of the danger they are in. Imam Tawhidi has the potential to expose them for the grubby, lying, anti Australian shysters they really are. That is why they are so terrified of him. I assume that is why they produced and broadcast a hit piece on Tawhidi on Radio National. The piece was so professional, it would have brought tears to Joseph Goebbels eyes. All the claims they made in the piece about Tawhidi are spurious. The Imam was a devout Muslim and held the same views as all devout Muslims. The game they are playing is quite transparent. They deny that the teachings of Islam belong to Islam. Then when a Muslim rejects Islam, they claim that person was previously an extremist. Today, the Imam says he has rejected these beliefs and wants a debate to discredit them. The ABC will of course refuse to host such an event. Meanwhile, Aunty continues to give platforms to Muslims who have

never rejected mainstream violent Islamic views. I will also be writing to members of the ABC board and asking for exactly the same thing. It is also time that traditional Australians stopped assuming that these people have our best interests at heart. We all need to make our voices heard and demand that these people start doing what we pay them to do, which is to support and protect traditional Australian culture. Come on Aussie, get your Biro out and have a go!

Scheduling the debates should be done early in the year, which would allow the candidates sufficient time to clear their calendars. The commission should determine the debate lengths, formats.

Are part-time band leaders semi-conductors? Are there a lot of virgins in the Virgin Islands? Are there any unguided missiles? Are you telling the truth if you lie in bed? Before they invented drawing boards, what did they go back to? Can a stupid person be a smart-ass? Could crop-circles be the work of a cereal killer? Do blind Eskimos have seeing-eye sled dogs? Do cemetery workers prefer the graveyard shift? Do clowns wear really big socks? Do fish get thirsty? Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery? Do steam rollers really roll steam? Do vegetarians eat animal crackers? Do you need a silencer if you are going to shoot a mime? Ever notice how irons have a setting for "permanent" press? What was the best thing before sliced bread? Whatever happened to preparations A through G? When cows laugh, does milk come out of their noses? Where are we going? Where is Old Zealand? Which is the other side of the street? Why are cigarettes sold in gas stations when smoking is prohibited there? Why are hemorrhoids called "hemorrhoids" instead of "asteroids"? Why are raisins called raisins if they are only dried grapes? Why not just call them dried grapes? Why are there interstate highways in Hawaii? Why are violets blue and not violet? Why did kamikaze pilots wear helmets? Why do ballet dancers dance on their toes? Why do fat chance and slim chance mean the same thing? Why do flammable and inflammable mean the same thing? Why do hot dogs come ten to a package and hot dog buns only eight? Why do people always remember where they were when someone famous was killed? Why do people tell you when they are speechless? Why do pigs have curly tails? Why do the signs that say "Slow Children" have a picture of a running child? Why do they call it life insurance? Why do they give you a tape with a VCR to tell you how to use it? Why do they put Braille dots on the keypad of the drive-up ATM? Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections? Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat? Why do tourists go to the top of tall buildings and then put money in telescopes so they can see things on the ground in close-up? Why do we call something sent by car a shipment and something sent by ship a cargo? Why do we call them restrooms when no one goes there to rest? Why do we drive on parkways and park on driveways? Why do we need training bras? What can we teach them? Why do we put shirts in a suitcase, and put suits in a garment bag? Why do we say "a pair of pants" when there is only one article of clothing involved? Why do we say something is out of whack? What is a whack? Why do wise guy and wise man mean entirely different things? Why do you need an appointment to see a psychic? Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours? Why does the sun lighten our hair, but darken our skin? Why is a boxing ring square? Why is a carrot more orange than an orange? Why is a person who plays the piano called a pianist, but a person who drives a race car not called a racist? Why is brassiere singular and panties plural? Why is it called lipstick if you can still move your lips? Why is it considered necessary to nail down the lid of a coffin? Why is it that doctors call what they do "practice"? Why is it that famous people are always born on holidays? Why is it that rain drops but snow falls? Why is the word dictionary in the dictionary?

Chapter 4 : Celebs take sides in the Yanny vs. Laurel debate

The Great Debates of our Time Summary of the event We're all seeing impressive developments. But the future is not determined. The ink isn't dry. What should humanity's path look [].

Published on Jan 26, A wetware company combining biological neurons with silicon systems for sensing, control, and computation. He has over 10 years of experience in neuroelectronic interfacing within both industry and academia. As a strategic program lead at a robotics startup in Switzerland Neuronic AG, acquired in , Osh implemented learning algorithms for pick-and-place robots which work alongside factory workers. The team achieved significant success in developing robots that learn object categorisation autonomously. Osh also led a cross-disciplinary industry team to develop an in vitro reflex arc for modeling implantable neural chips. These chips were to interface with the peripheral nervous system. The project was completed with a successful design of an implantable chip lasting years. Monica Anderson has decades of experience with traditional AI techniques specializing in NLP and over a decade of experience with deep neural networks. She has been conducting independent research on neural networks since and she founded Syntience Inc. She switched strategies from traditional "Reductionist" AI to Deep Neural Networks in , five years before the Deep Learning breakthrough in and twelve years before the rest of the AI research community started switching in She is exploring neural network strategies beyond "Deep Learning" and is favoring a "West Pole" approach where the system creates the neural network as it learns, rather than having the network topology be specified by programmers, as is common in Deep Learning. She is a frequent public speaker and proponent of "Model Free Methods" and believes that intelligence starts with subconscious Intuition. Her most important sound bite is "All intelligences are fallible". As company builder, he handled all aspects of starting a company from incorporating to fundraising and recruiting. As a technologist, he invented and built a molecular threader system for nano-manipulation of single DNA strands. He performed electron microscopy, AFM, programming, and technique development. Later he managed research and helped lead 40 scientists and engineers, including project management and experimental strategy. Behlendorf was a primary developer of the Apache Web server and a founding member of the Apache Software Foundation. He has also served on the board of the Mozilla Foundation since and the Electronic Frontier Foundation since His experience spans from biotech research to electronics design. Very experienced in invention, prosecution and monetization of intellectual property, he has over 80 Patents granted and pending in fields ranging from biophysics and safety systems to antennas, thermal systems, user interfaces and analog electronics. He has written numerous peer-reviewed publications in fields such as biophysics, genetics, electronics and robotics. Joe holds a Harvard A. Her academic background is in Neuroscience and Psychology where she holds a MSc with highest honors. She speaks on AI, innovation, the future, and how technology transforms society. She has served as a senior executive for major companies including Activision Blizzard, Disney, and Vivendi Games. She is interested in applying good philosophy to aid the longterm well-being of current and future species. He directs the Laboratory for Perception and Action, and is the founder and director of the Center for Science and Law. He is the author of several neuroscience books, including 1 The Brain: The Story of You, 2 Incognito: Discovering the Brain of Synesthesia. He has also written an internationally bestselling book of literary fiction, Sum, which has been translated into 28 languages and was named a Best Book of the Year by Barnes and Noble, New Scientist, and the Chicago Tribune. He has been a guest on the Colbert Report and profiled in the New Yorker. LightSail believes that a low-cost grid-scale energy storage solution holds the key to unlocking the true potential of increasingly competitive renewable energies, optimizing power grids, democratizing access to energy, and helping to make the world a safer and better place for future generations. Compressing air creates heat energy. Until now, this was wasted, drastically reducing efficiency. Merkle received his Ph. He joined Xerox PARC in , where he pursued research in security and computational nanotechnology until Merkle has fourteen patents and has published extensively. In he and Robert Freitas co-founded the Nanofactory Collaboration and in he and Freitas published " A Minimal Toolset for Positional Diamond Mechanosynthesis " which describes positionally-controlled atom-by-atom fabrication of diamondoid materials. Merkle was

inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame. He believes if we first change ourselves, we can better change the world. He started as an entrepreneur at the age of 6 selling candy during recess. James is currently the founder and CEO of Self Spark , a global platform for science-based lifehacking events. Steve Omohundro, President, Possibility Research Steve Omohundro has been a scientist, professor, author, software architect, and entrepreneur doing research on natural and artificial intelligence. He has degrees in Physics and Mathematics from Stanford and a Ph. He has worked with many research labs and startup companies. He created the think tank Self-Aware Systems to analyze the social impact of intelligent systems and to develop approaches that are provably safe and beneficial for humanity. This work has been in the media recently: Steve recently started Possibility Research to develop a new kind of intelligent software to improve programming, decision making, contracts, and governance. He serves on the boards of the SENS Foundation , The Seasteading Institute , and the Thiel Foundation , which promotes science and liberty across the globe and opposes violence in all its forms. He co-founded the 20 Under 20 Thiel Fellowship , which identifies and supports the tech visionaries of tomorrow in fields as diverse as robotics, biotech, space, communications, energy, and transportation. Before joining Mithril, he ran the Thiel Foundation and was a managing director of Clarium. Previously, he was the principal associate deputy secretary of health and human services. She lectures and writes about nanotechnology, AI, and longevity. She is Co-author of Unbounding the Future: Riva writes for a number of publications on topics such as AI, finance and philosophy and represented machine learning in a Microsoft campaign for The Economist. He has a keen interest in cognitive science and the inter-relationship between philosophy, psychology, ethics and computer science. In addition Peter founded Smart Action Company, which offers an intelligent call automation solution based on a first-generation AGI engine. Peter often writes and presents on various philosophical topics including rational ethics, freewill and artificial minds; and is deeply involved with futurism and radical life-extension David Yanofsky, Reporter at Quartz David Yanofsky is a reporter at Quartz where he covers topics ranging from trade and agriculture to tourism and satellites. He uses the principles of design and the power of development to try to find and tell stories in ways only the internet can allow. A self-taught practitioner of Javascript, Processing, Python, and R he previously worked for Bloomberg creating interactive stories for its websites, television stations, radio broadcasts, and magazines. Prior to Bloomberg he was a freelance graphic designer, screen printer, and book maker. Board certified in Radiology, he served on the clinical faculty at Stanford from Joon Yun received his B. He has served on several corporate and non-profit boards, and has published dozens of patents, scientific articles, and business essays. He is a contributor to Forbes, and is the health editor for Evolution magazine.

Chapter 5 : News - A DEBATE FOR OUR TIME? - The Pickering Post

The New Gilded Age: The Critical Inequality Debates of Our Time by David Grusky Income inequality is an increasingly pressing issue in the United States and around the world. This book explores five critical issues to introduce some of the key moral and empirical questions about income, gender, and racial inequality.

Chapter 6 : BBC Radio 4 - In Our Time, The Putney Debates

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Chapter 7 : Global Economic Sharing: The Most Important Debate of Our Time?

Anfernee Simons demolishes the debate of our time. When he was asked about what could very well be considered the most important and contentious debate of our.

Chapter 8 : Pros and Cons: Social Policy Debates of Our Times - S. Clara Kim - Google Books

Whether it's called euthanasia or physician-assisted suicide, this topic has (especially recently) become one of the greatest philosophical and political debates of our time. Supporters believe a person should be able to make their own decisions and have a right to end terminal suffering in a dignified way.

Chapter 9 : Portland Trail Blazers: Anfernee Simons demolishes the debate of our time

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