



Middle School Debate Spring 2024- Resolution & Source Materials

The resolution for this year's middle school tournament is:

RESOLVED: Connecticut should allow all incarcerated persons to vote.

This is an open-universe problem. You may support your argument with any sources you wish. You are not limited to the sources we provide, nor do you need to use them. Pay careful attention to your sources. The reliability of someone's source is a fair issue to raise in a debate round, whether the source is on the list below or not.

CT specific info:

- [HB-5702](#)
- [Civil Rights Group Hears Testimony in Favor of Allowing Incarcerated Residents to Vote | CT News Junkie](#)
- [Testimony of Nicole D. Porter](#)
- [Connecticut Bars Over 6,000 Citizens from Voting](#)

General info:

- [Arguments for and against allowing people convicted of a felony to vote while incarcerated - Ballotpedia](#)
- [Where legal, voting by those in prison is rare, study shows | MIT News](#)
- [Most states disenfranchise felons. Maine and Vermont allow inmates to vote from prison.](#)
- [All the Prisoners in Maine and Vermont Can Vote. Here's Why Few Do | The Marshall Project](#)
- [Why Shouldn't Prisoners Be Voters? | The New Yorker](#)
- [There Are Good Reasons for Felons to Lose the Right to Vote | The Heritage Foundation](#)
- [What Government Interest Is Served by Disenfranchising Felons?](#)