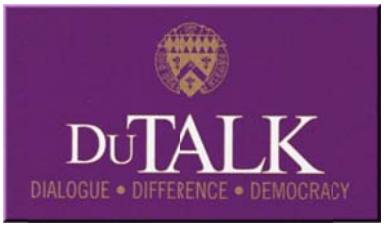

Current Controversial Topics

Session Date_____

- According to recent research Marriage is no longer the norm in America (only college educ.)
- Afghanistan and the Pull Out of U.S. Troops
- A Mormon President?
- Child Sexual Abuse (Penn. State/Coaches and "cover-up")
- China and Tibet (recent upswing in Buddhist monks committing self-immolation)
- Chinese companies and theft of U.S. intellectual property
- Commemorative celebrations of the Civil War (150th anniversary activities)
- Concealed weapons laws – should state's allow individuals to carry guns?
- Cultural Disrespect or Honest Mistake (burning of Qu'ran in Iraq and bloody aftermath)
- Data-mining and targeted advertising by Google (new rules began March 1, 2012)
- Deficit Reduction or stimulus spending?
- Does Hip Hop music promote sexism?
- Environmental Protection Laws and Enforcement vs. Economy (Fracking, Canada-Gulf Pipeline)
- Farm Subsidies
- Gambling on College Basketball – Final 4
- Global Economic Crisis – should foreign countries be bailed out when their citizens do not pay taxes?
- How do we help children in America get fit? (take away sugared drinks in vending machines? End the ability to use food stamps for junk food?)
- Hooking Up Youth Sexual Culture
- Illegal Immigration – Arizona and Alabama Laws
- Increased Taxation Rates for the Wealthy
- Invisible Children's film on Kony – should Central Africans' speak for themselves?
- Legalization of Medical Marijuana
- Limbaugh's characterization of a law student as a "slut" for using birth control – is this hate language? How does political rhetoric shape civil discourse in America?
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- No Child Left Behind and School Reform
- North Korea and Missile Testing – should the world feed North Korea?
- Paying NFL players to take opponents out of the game (and subsequent harsh penalties)
- Planned Parenthood vs. Right to Life (most recent battle over breast cancer screening funding)
- Political campaigning funded by unregulated super PACs
- Privacy and Technology
- Reality TV – is it destroying American culture and values?
- Religious institutions required to insure birth control coverage
- Right of public employees to collective bargaining

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- Same Sex Marriage
- Should the federal government fund the education of people at for-profit on-line "colleges"?
- Should the government regulate copyrighted content on the web? (Google/Wikipedia protest law by going dark for a day)
- Should the rich in America keep all their money? (Richest 20% of households own 85% of the wealth as of October 2011)
- Stem Cell Research
- Trayvon Martin – George Zimmerman Situation (hate crime or self-defense)
- UN Intervention into the Syria crisis
- Undercover activists (PETA) at large animal feedlots and slaughterhouses (IA law proposal)
- U.S. Military Intervention Abroad
- Where should Facebook place its loyalties – users or investors?
- Wikileaks: Whistleblower or Criminal?

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