

OXFORD UNION DEBATE RESULTS

Debate	Motion	Week	Summary
	MT : Michaelmas Term HT : Hilary Term TT : Trinity Term	(eg: MT18 = Michaelmas Term 2018)	
Decade Debate	<i>This House Has Hope For The New Decade</i>	HT20 Week 1	Motion Carried
Comedy Debate	<i>This House Believes That Laughter Is The Best Medicine</i>	HT20 Week 2	Motion Defeated
China Debate	<i>This House Would Start A New Cold War With China</i>	HT20 Week 3	Motion Defeated
Tech Debate	<i>This House Believes That We Are The Architects Of Our Own Demise</i>	HT20 Week 4	Motion Defeated
Feminism Debate	<i>This House Believes That Feminism Cannot Be Capitalist</i>	HT20 Week 5	Motion Defeated
Religion Debate	<i>This House Believes That Religion Has No Place In Public Life</i>	HT20 Week 6	Motion Defeated
UN Debate	<i>This House Believes That The UN Fuels An Illusion Of Global Cooperation</i>	HT20 Week 7	
Empire Debate	<i>This House Believes That The British Empire Is A National Disgrace</i>	HT20 Week 8	
No Confidence Debate	<i>This House Has No Confidence in Her Majesty's Government</i>	MT19 Week 1	Motion Carried
Authoritarians in The West Debate	<i>This House Believes It Can't Happen Here</i>	MT19 Week 2	Motion Defeated
Comedy Debate	<i>This House Has Nothing to Fear But Fear Itself</i>	MT19 Week 3	Motion Defeated
Climate Debate	<i>This House Would Break The Law to Save The Planet</i>	MT19 Week 4	Motion Carried
Impeachment Debate	<i>This House Would Impeach President Trump</i>	MT19 Week 5	Motion Carried
"Fake News" Debate	<i>This House Believes The Mainstream Media Cannot be Trusted</i>	MT19 Week 6	Motion Defeated
Space Debate	<i>This House Believes The Future Is In Space</i>	MT19 Week 7	Motion Carried
Toxic Masculinity Debate	<i>This House Rejects Traditional Masculinity</i>	TT19 Week 1	Motion Carried
No Platforming Debate	<i>This House Supports No Platforming</i>	TT19 Week 2	Motion Defeated
India No Confidence Debate	<i>This House Has No Confidence in Modi's Government</i>	TT19 Week 3	Motion Carried
Trump Debate	<i>This House Prefers Trump's Foreign Policy to Obama's</i>	TT19 Week 4	Motion Defeated
Shamima Begum Debate	<i>This House Believes Justice Has Been Done</i>	TT19 Week 5	Motion Defeated
Billionaires Debate	<i>This House Believes it is Immoral to be a Billionaire</i>	TT19 Week 6	Motion Defeated
Porn Debate	<i>This House Believes That Porn Has a Place in Sex Education</i>	TT19 Week 7	Motion Defeated
Palestine Debate	<i>This House Believes the Arab World has Failed the Palestinian People</i>	HT19 Week 1	Motion Defeated
Africa Debate	<i>This House Would Embrace an Ever Closer African Union</i>	HT19 Week 2	Motion Carried
#MeToo Debate	<i>This House Cannot Separate the Art From the Artist</i>	HT19 Week 3	Motion Defeated
Thatcher Debate	<i>This House Believes Thatcher was a Hero for The Working Class</i>	HT19 Week 4	Motion Carried
Love Debate	<i>This House Believes That All You Need is Love</i>	HT19 Week 5	Motion Carried
Left Debate	<i>This House Believes The Left Must Reclaim Populism</i>	HT19 Week 6	Motion Defeated
Catholic Debate	<i>This House Believes The Catholic Church Can Never Pay For its Sins</i>	HT19 Week 7	Motion Carried
Brexit Debate	<i>This House Supports The Deal</i>	HT19 Week 7	Motion Defeated
No Confidence Debate	<i>This House Has No Confidence in Her Majesty's Government</i>	MT18 Week 1	Motion Carried
Science Debate	<i>This House Believes That Science Alone Can Never Answer Our Biggest Questions</i>	MT18 Week 2	Motion Carried
War on Terror Debate	<i>This House Believes The War on Terror Has Been its Own Worst Enemy</i>	MT18 Week 3	Motion Carried
Justice Debate	<i>This House Believes That Retributive Justice is Obsolete</i>	MT18 Week 4	Motion Carried
WW1 Debate	<i>This House Believes We have Not Remembered Them</i>	MT18 Week 5	Motion Carried
Private Schools Debate	<i>This House Believes Private Schools Are a Public Disaster</i>	MT18 Week 6	Motion Defeated
Ireland Debate	<i>This House Believes Ireland is Ready for Reunification</i>	MT18 Week 7	Motion Defeated
Oxbridge Debate	<i>This House Believes Oxbridge is Failing Britain</i>	TT18 Week 1	Motion Defeated
Genetics Debate	<i>This House Believes Genetic Engineering Undermines the Nature of Humanity</i>	TT18 Week 2	Motion Defeated
Art Debate	<i>This House Believes Art is The Best Means to a Peaceful Revolution</i>	TT18 Week 3	Motion Defeated
Churchill Debate	<i>This House Believes Britain Should be Ashamed of Churchill</i>	TT18 Week 4	Motion Defeated
U.S Hegemony Debate	<i>This House Fears The Decline of The U.S As The Global Superpower</i>	TT18 Week 5	Motion Carried
Austerity Debate	<i>This House Believes That Austerity Has Been Europe's Worst Policy of The Century</i>	TT18 Week 6	Motion Carried
Middle East Debate	<i>This House Believes The Western Model of Democracy is Unsuitable For The Middle East</i>	TT18 Week 7	Motion Defeated
Feminism Debate	<i>This House Believes Celebrity Icons Have Corrupted Feminist Movements</i>	HT18 Week 1	Motion Defeated
Democratic Allies Debate	<i>This House Believes Democracies Should Never Ally With Authoritarian Regimes</i>	HT18 Week 2	Motion Defeated
Tech Empires Debate	<i>This House Believes The Rise of Tech Empires Threatens Society</i>	HT18 Week 3	Motion Carried
Religion Debate	<i>This House Believes We Cannot Thrive Without Religion</i>	HT18 Week 4	Motion Defeated
Westminster Establishment Debate	<i>This House Believes Westminster's Concerns Do Not Extend Beyond The Home Counties</i>	HT18 Week 5	Motion Carried
Financial Crisis - 10 Years On Debate	<i>This House Regrets Blaming Wall Street For The Global Financial Crisis</i>	HT18 Week 6	Motion Defeated
Partition Debate	<i>This House Regrets The Partition of India</i>	HT18 Week 7	Motion Carried
No Confidence Debate	<i>This House Has No Confidence in Her Majesty's Government</i>	MT17 Week 1	Motion Carried
True Love Debate	<i>This House Would Abandon The Ideal of True Love</i>	MT17 Week 2	Motion Defeated
Security/Liberty Debate	<i>This House Believes We Have Sacrificed Our Liberty for a False Promise of Security</i>	MT17 Week 3	Motion Defeated
Climate Change Debate	<i>This House Believes Individual Apathy is the Greatest Threat to our Climate</i>	MT17 Week 4	Motion Defeated
Populism Debate	<i>This House Believes Populist Leaders Deliver No Real Change</i>	MT17 Week 5	Motion Defeated
Media Debate	<i>This House Believes Social Media Undermines Good Journalism</i>	MT17 Week 6	Motion Defeated
European Union Debate	<i>This House Believes The Decline & Fall of The European Union is Upon Us</i>	MT17 Week 7	Motion Defeated
Kanye Debate	<i>This House Believes Kanye is more relevant than Shakespeare</i>	TT17 Week 2	Motion Defeated

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Universities Debate	<i>This House Believes A University must be a Safe Space</i>	TT17 Week 3	Motion Defeated
Comedy Debate	<i>This House Regrets the Success of its Friends</i>	TT17 Week 4	
Patriotism Debate	<i>This House Believes Patriotism Divides us More than it Unites us</i>	TT17 Week 4	No card
Democracy Debate	<i>This House Believes Democracy is for Sale</i>	TT17 Week 5	Motion Carried
China Debate	<i>This House Welcomes China's Impact Overseas</i>	TT17 Week 6	Motion Carried
Feminism Debate	<i>This House Believes Feminist Movements Disregard Minority Women</i>	TT17 Week 7	No card
LGBTQ+ Allies Debate	<i>This House Regrets the Prominence of Allies in the LGBTQ+ Movement</i>	HT17 Week 1	Motion Carried
Social Media Debate	<i>This House Believes Social Media Corrupts Human Interactions</i>	HT17 Week 2	Motion Carried
Liberalism & Populism Debate	<i>This House Believes Liberalism has Become Elitist</i>	HT17 Week 3	Motion Defeated
Religious Rights Debate	<i>This House Believes Religious Freedom Supersedes Civil Liberties</i>	HT17 Week 4	Motion Defeated
Drugs Debate	<i>This House Would Say No to Drugs</i>	HT17 Week 5	Motion Defeated
Russia Debate	<i>This House Believes the West Treats Russia Unfairly</i>	HT17 Week 6	Motion Defeated
<i>Benazir Bhutto Memorial Debate</i>	<i>This House Believes the Individual Still has the Power to Shape the Course of History</i>	<i>HT17 Week 7</i>	<i>Cancelled</i>
Racism & Education	<i>This House Believes British Education Perpetuates Racism</i>	HT17 Week 7	Motion Carried
No Confidence Debate	<i>This House Has No Confidence in Her Majesty's Government</i>	MT16 Week 1	Motion Carried
Big Pharma Debate	<i>This House Believes Big Pharma Prioritises Profits Over Patients</i>	MT16 Week 2	Motion Carried
Comedy Debate	<i>This House Believes There's No Such Thing as a Cheap Laugh</i>	MT16 Week 3	Motion Defeated
Two Party Debate	<i>This House Believes the US Presidential Race Reveals a Broken Two Party System</i>	MT16 Week 4	Motion Defeated
Artefacts Debate	<i>This House Would Repatriate Artefacts Obtained Under Colonial Rule</i>	MT16 Week 5	Motion Carried
UN Debate	<i>This House Believes the UN is a Failing Institution</i>	MT16 Week 6	Motion Defeated
Class Debate	<i>This House Believes the Class System is Static Irrespective of Wealth Acquisition</i>	MT16 Week 7	Motion Carried
Religion Debate	<i>This House Believes Religion Remins the Opiate of the Masses</i>	TT16 Week 1	Motion Carried
Climate Change Debate	<i>This House Believes the West has No Right to Impose Environmental Standards on Developing Countries</i>	TT16 Week 2	Motion Defeated
Refugee Crisis Debate	<i>This House Would Condemn Britain's Response to the Refugee Crisis</i>	TT16 Week 3	Motion Carried
Two-State Solution Debate	<i>This House Believes a Two-State Solution in the Middle East is Unattainable</i>	TT16 Week 4	Motion Defeated
DNA Manipulation Debate	<i>This House Believes the Manipulation of Human DNA is an Ethical Necessity</i>	TT16 Week 5	Motion Defeated
Technological Privacy Debate	<i>This House Believes Technology Companies Should Prevent Government Access to Consumers' Data</i>	TT16 Week 6	Motion Carried
EU Referendum Debate	<i>This House Believes the United Kingdom Should Leave the European Union</i>	TT16 Week 7	Motion Defeated
Holocaust Denial Debate	<i>This House Believes Holocaust Denial Should Not be Criminalised in the 21st Century</i>	HT16 Week 1	Motion Carried
Positive Discrimination Debate	<i>This House Believes Positive Discrimination is the Best Solution to an Unequal Society</i>	HT16 Week 2	Motion Defeated
China Debate	<i>This House Would Sacrifice Trade with China in Protest of Human Rights Abuses</i>	HT16 Week 3	Motion Defeated
Nuclear Weapons Debate	<i>This House Believes Nuclear Weapons Have No Place in 21st Century Britain</i>	HT16 Week 4	Motion Defeated
Strikes Debate	<i>This House Would Prioritise Public Safety Over the Right to Strike</i>	HT16 Week 5	Motion Defeated
ISIS Debate	<i>This House Believes the West Has No Responsibility to Take Military Action Against ISIS</i>	HT16 Week 6	Motion Defeated
Obama Administration Debate	<i>This House Believes the Obama Administration Has Been a Success</i>	HT16 Week 7	Motion Carried
No Confidence Debate	<i>This House Has No Confidence in Her Majesty's Government</i>	MT15 Week 1	Motion Defeated
Liberty & Security Debate	<i>This House Believes the UK Has Surrendered Too Much Liberty in Pursuit of Greater Security</i>	MT15 Week 2	Motion Carried
Organs Debate	<i>This House Would Legalise the Sale of Human Organs</i>	MT15 Week 3	Motion Defeated
BDS Debate		MT15 Week 4	Motion Carried
Red Poppy Debate	<i>This House Would Not Wear the Red Poppy</i>	MT15 Week 4	Motion Defeated
Media Debate	<i>This House Would Break UP Media Empires in Defence of Democracy</i>	MT15 Week 5	Motion Carried
EU Debate	<i>This House Believes Britain and the EU are Better Together</i>	MT15 Week 7	Motion Carried
Marriage Debate	<i>This House Believes the State Should Not Recognise Marriage</i>	MT15 Week 7	Motion Defeated
MP Debate	<i>This House Would Never be an MP</i>	TT15 Week 1	Motion Defeated
Sex Workers Debate	<i>This House Embraces Sex Work as a Career Choice</i>	TT15 Week 2	Motion Carried
Tobacco Debate	<i>This House Believes the Tobacco Industry is Morally Reprehensible</i>	TT15 Week 3	Motion Carried
Religion Debate	<i>This House Would End the State's Preferential Treatment of Religion</i>	TT15 Week 4	Motion Carried
Reparations Debate	<i>This House Believes Britain Owes Reparations to Her Former Colonies</i>	TT15 Week 5	Motion Carried
EU Debate	<i>This House Believes the European Union Should do More to Further World Peace</i>	TT15 Week 6	Motion Carried
Witty/Pretty Debate	<i>This House Would Rather be Witty Than Pretty</i>	TT15 Week 7	Motion Carried
US Rascism Debate	<i>This House Believes The United States is Institutionally Racist</i>	HT15 Week 1	Motion Carried
Oxbridge Debate	<i>This House Would Introduce Quotas for Oxbridge State School Admissions</i>	HT15 Week 2	Motion Defeated
<i>Murdoch Debate</i>	<i>This House Would Break Up Murdoch's Media Empire</i>	<i>HT15 Week 3</i>	<i>Debate Cancelled</i>
Feminism Debate	<i>This House Believes Feminism Has Been Hijacked by White Middle Class Women</i>	HT15 Week 4	Motion Carried
Putin Debate	<i>This House Believes Putin is Building an Empire</i>	HT15 Week 5	Motion Defeated
Police Debate	<i>This House Has No Confidence in Her Majesty's Police Force</i>	HT15 Week 6	Motion Defeated
Free Speech Debate	<i>This House Believes the Right To Free Speech Always Includes the Right to Offend</i>	HT15 Week 7	Motion Carried
No Confidence Debate	<i>This House Has No Confidence in Her Majesty's Government</i>	MT14 Week 1	Motion Defeated
Iraq War Debate	<i>This House Believes History Will Regret the Iraq War</i>	MT14 Week 2	Motion Carried
Comedy Debate (Anything But an Oxford Student)	<i>This House Would be Anything But an Oxford Student</i>	MT14 Week 3	

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British Values Debate	<i>This House Believes the State Should Promote British Values</i>	MT14 Week 4	Motion Carried
Sexual Violence Debate	<i>This House Believes Those Accused of Sexual Violence Have No Right to Anonymity</i>	MT14 Week 5	Motion Carried
No Platform Debate	<i>This House Believes that Popular Support is Enough to Justify a Platform</i>	MT14 Week 6	Motion Carried
Israel Debate	<i>This House Believes Hamas is a Greater Obstacle to Peace than Israel</i>	MT14 Week 7	Motion Defeated
Extremism Debate	<i>This House Believes Extremism in the Defence of Liberty is No Vice</i>	MT14 Week 8	Motion Carried
Promiscuity Debate	<i>This House Believes Promiscuity is a Virtue Not a Vice</i>	TT14 Week 1	Motion Carried
Scotland Debate	<i>This House Believes Scotland Should be an Independent Country</i>	TT14 Week 2	Motion Defeated
UKIP Debate	<i>This House Believes a True Tory Would Vote UKIP</i>	TT14 Week 3	Motion Defeated
Islam Debate	<i>This House Believes Islam is Incompatible with Gender Equality</i>	TT14 Week 4	Motion Defeated
Comedy Debate (Anything But an Oxford Student)	<i>This House Would Rather be Anything But an Oxford Student</i>	TT14 Week 5	
Drugs Debate	<i>This House Would End the War on Drugs</i>	TT14 Week 6	Motion Defeated
Private Schools Debate	<i>This House Believes Private Schools do More Harm than Good</i>	TT14 Week 7	Motion Defeated
Immigration Debate	<i>This House Believes Post-War Britain Has Seen Too Much Immigration</i>	HT14 Week 1	Motion Defeated
Comedy Debate (Nothing worth knowing can be taught)	<i>This House Believes Nothing Worth Knowing Can be Taught</i>	HT14 Week 2	
Russia Debate	<i>This House Believes Putin Has Been Good for Russia</i>	HT14 Week 3	Motion Defeated
Thatcher Debate	<i>This House Believes Thatcher Saved Britain</i>	HT14 Week 4	Motion Carried
Snowden Debate	<i>This House Would Call Edward Snowden a Hero</i>	HT14 Week 5	Motion Carried
Gender Debate	<i>This House Believes Gender Exists to Oppress</i>	HT14 Week 6	Motion Defeated
Iran Debate	<i>This House Believes Iran is a Wolf in Sheep's Clothing</i>	HT14 Week 7	Motion Defeated
No Confidence Debate	<i>This House Has No Confidence in Her Majesty's Government</i>	MT13 Week 1	Motion Carried
Europe Debate	<i>This House Believes the Euro Is a Threat to Democracy</i>	MT13 Week 2	Motion Defeated
Education Debate	<i>This House Believes University Education is a Right Not a Privilege</i>	MT13 Week 3	Motion Defeated
Religion Debate	<i>This House Believes Religion Harms Society</i>	MT13 Week 4	Motion Carried
Nationalism Debate	<i>This House is Proud to be Patriotic</i>	MT13 Week 5	Motion Defeated
Positive Discrimination Debate	<i>This House Believes Positive Discrimination is a Necessary Evil</i>	MT13 Week 6	Motion Carried
Socialism Debate	<i>This House Believes Socialism Does Not Work</i>	MT13 Week 7	Motion Defeated
Drones Debate	<i>This House Believes Drone Warfare is Ethical and Effective</i>	TT13 Week 1	Motion Defeated
Burundi Debate	<i>This House Would Help Britain Before Burundi</i>	TT13 Week 2	Motion Defeated
New Labour Debate	<i>This House Remembers New Labour Fondly</i>	TT13 Week 3	Motion Defeated
Comedy Debate (Size Doesn't Matter)	<i>This House Believes Size Doesn't Matter</i>	TT13 Week 4	
Islam Debate	<i>This House Believes Islam is a Religion of Peace</i>	TT13 Week 5	Motion Carried
Bankers Debate	<i>This House Believes it is Easier for a Camel to Pass Through the Eye of a Needle Than for a Banker to Enter the Kingdom of Heaven</i>	TT13 Week 6	Motion Defeated
News Debate	<i>This House Would Rather Make News Than Report It</i>	TT13 Week 7	Motion Defeated
Iran Debate	<i>The Election, The Arab Spring & The Bomb... What Next for Iran?</i>	TT13 Week 8	Cancelled
Gay Rights Debate	<i>This House Would be Glad to Have Gay Parents</i>	HT13 Week 1	Motion Carried
American Dream Debate	<i>This House Still Dreams the American Dream</i>	HT13 Week 2	Motion Defeated
Israel Debate	<i>This House Believes That Israel is a Force for Good in the Middle East</i>	HT13 Week 3	Motion Defeated
Queen & Country Debate	<i>This House Would Not Fight for Queen and Country</i>	HT13 Week 4	Motion Defeated
Comedy Debate (Rather be Feared Than Loved)		HT13 Week 5	
Feminism Debate	<i>This House Believes We Are All Feminists Now</i>	HT13 Week 5	Motion Defeated
Business Debate	<i>This House Believes That the City is a Drain on Talent</i>	HT13 Week 6	Motion Carried
European Union (Presidential Debate)	<i>This House Would Say Goodbye to the EU</i>	HT13 Week 7	Motion Defeated
No Confidence Debate	<i>This House Has No Confidence in Her Majesty's Government</i>	MT12 Week 1	Motion Carried
Assisted Dying Debate	<i>This House Would Legalise Assisted Dying</i>	MT12 Week 2	Motion Carried
Oxford Admissions Debate	<i>This House Believes That Oxford Admissions Are Still Unfair</i>	MT12 Week 3	Motion Defeated
Politics vs Media Debate	<i>This House Believes That British Politics is in the Pocket of The Media</i>	MT12 Week 4	Motion Defeated
God Debate	<i>This House Believes in God</i>	MT12 Week 5	Motion Defeated
China Debate	<i>This House Believes That the 21st Century Belongs to China</i>	MT12 Week 6	Motion Defeated
Occupy Wall Street (Presidential Debate)	<i>This House Would Occupy Wall Street</i>	MT12 Week 7	Motion Carried
Obama Debate	<i>This House Believes Obama Deserves a Second Term in Office</i>	TT12 Week 1	Motion Carried
Arab Spring Debate	<i>This House Believes the Arab Spring has Deepened the Divide Between the Muslim World and the West</i>	TT12 Week 2	Motion Defeated
Comedy Debate	<i>This House Would Rather be Mad Than Mediocre</i>	TT12 Week 3	Noes won on donations!
Prostitution Debate	<i>This House Would Recognise Prostitution as a Legitimate Business</i>	TT12 Week 4	Motion Defeated
Human Rights Debate	<i>This House Believes Force Can be Justified in Defending Human Rights</i>	TT12 Week 5	Motion Defeated
Social Networks Debate	<i>This House Believes that Social Media has Successfully Reinvented Social Activism</i>	TT12 Week 6	Motion Defeated
Who You Know (Presidential Debate)	<i>This House Believes That in Britain Who You Know is Still More Important Than What You Know</i>	TT12 Week 7	Motion Defeated
Civil Disobedience	<i>This House Believes That a Bad Law Deserves to be Broken</i>	HT12 Week 1	Motion Carried
European Union	<i>This House Fears the Rise of the European Union</i>	HT12 Week 2	Motion Defeated
Olympics Debate	<i>This House Believes that The London Olympics Will Deliver the Promised Legacy</i>	HT12 Week 3	Motion Carried
Religion Debate	<i>This House Believes That the Dividing Line Between Religion and Politics Should Shine Brightly</i>	HT12 Week 4	Motion Carried
Capitalism Debate	<i>This House Believes that Capitalism has Failed the Poor</i>	HT12 Week 5	Motion Carried
Africa Debate	<i>This House Believes that Africa's Fate is Better Left to its Own People</i>	HT12 Week 6	Motion Carried

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Glass Ceiling(Presidential Debate)	<i>This House Believes that the Only Way to Break the Glass Ceiling is Through the Use of Quotas</i>	HT12 Week 7	Motion Defeated