

Dear Middle School Debate Coaches,

I'm writing to let you know about two upcoming opportunities for your debaters (in addition to the CTMSDL tournaments on Feb 27 & April 24 and CTMSDL Championship on May 22).

1. The NY Debate League is hosting a virtual Middle School Parli tournament on Saturday March 6. Its Parli format is very similar to CTMSDL's. Contact Evan Streams at [epstreams@gmail.com](mailto:epstreams@gmail.com) for more information. The tournament will involve 4 rounds as follows: Novices debate two topics twice; varsity debates two topics once and one topic twice.

#### **Novice and Varsity**

*Countries responsible for the greatest greenhouse gas emissions should pay reparations to the countries most threatened by climate change.*

*Reptiles should not be kept as pets.*

#### **Varsity Only**

*Abolish the United States Senate.*

2. Civics First CT just released the topic for its virtual Middle School Spring Policy tournament:  
*"Resolved: Federal judges should be appointed for a term of only 18 years."*

The early round Middle School Spring Tournament will take place on Tuesday, May 4 2021, hosted via Zoom, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

The playoff Middle School round will take place on Tuesday, May 11 2021, hosted via Zoom, beginning at 9:00 a.m. You can find more information at [https://www.civicsfirstct.org/middle\\_school\\_debate](https://www.civicsfirstct.org/middle_school_debate). Contact Scott Garosshen at [sgarosshen@hdblfirm.com](mailto:sgarosshen@hdblfirm.com) with questions.

Hope to see you all at our February 27 tournament!

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