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Foreword

The 2006-2007 high school debate topic is "Resolved: The United States federal government should establish a policy substantially increasing the number of persons serving in one or more of the following national service programs: AmeriCorps, Citizen Corps, Senior Corps, Peace Corps, Learn and Serve America, Armed Forces." This topic is chosen by the relevant debate associations.

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Good luck to each debater in researching, preparing and presenting arguments on this year's topic.

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Introduction

The 2006-2007 high school debate topic is: "Resolved: the United States federal government should establish a policy substantially increasing the number of persons serving in one or more of the following national service programs: AmeriCorps, Citizen Corps, Senior Corps, Peace Corps, Learn and Serve America, Armed Forces."

This selective bibliography is intended to help debaters identify resources and references on the debate topic. The bibliography lists citations to books, congressional publications, and newspaper, magazine and journal articles. Resources are organized into categories by national service agency (AmeriCorps, Armed Forces, Peace Corps, etc.) and by theme (civil-military values, history of national service in the United States, national service as a pedagogical tool, etc.), followed by a listing of relevant Web sites. Debaters may look for these and related resources at their local high school, research, government depository, and public libraries. References to free online resources are often provided.

The purpose of this debate manual is to provide debaters with a brief overview of information concerning the 2006-2007 high school debate topic. The compilation is not intended to supply complete coverage of the topic. Further research on national service can be conducted at high school, research, government depository, and public libraries.

Databases available through CRS's Knowledge Services Group were used to prepare this bibliography.

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AmeriCorps

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Reports on a two-year study of 22 AmeriCorps programs in Florida from 1997-2000, emphasizing their objectives and success in community strengthening.

Bogo, Jennifer. "AmeriCorps: In Environmental Service." *E: The Environmental Magazine*, March/April 1999: 22.

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Corporation for National and Community Service. *Serving Country and Community: A Longitudinal Study of Service in AmeriCorps*. Washington, DC: Corporation for National Service, December 2004.

Available online at: [http://www.nationalservice.gov/pdf/04_longstudy_report.pdf].

Reports results from a longitudinal study of AmeriCorps members demonstrating the early impacts of national service on members' civic engagement, education, employment, and life skills. Findings reveal that AmeriCorps alumni are more connected to their communities, more knowledgeable about problems facing their communities, and more likely to participate in community activities. They also are more likely to choose public service careers.

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Available online at: [http://www.nationalservice.gov/pdf/05_1130_LSA_YHA_study.pdf]

Hill, Alma E. "Volunteering on the Home Front: AmeriCorps Applauded." *Atlanta Journal, Atlanta Constitution*, November 10, 2001: A1.

Defines AmeriCorps as an offshoot of the national VISTA program created in the 1960s by President Lyndon B. Johnson as part of the war on poverty. President Bill Clinton enlarged the scope when he created AmeriCorps in 1993 to provide support for agencies working on community-based education, public safety, health, environmental and social service projects.

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Moskos, Charles. "Reviving the Citizen-Soldier." *Public Interest,* Spring 2002: 76-85.

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Slabbert, N. J. "The Technologies of Peace." *Harvard International Review* web exclusive, May 6, 2006.

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Available online at: [http://www.brookings.edu/comm/policybriefs/pb120.pdf]

Skocpol, Theda, and Morris P. Fiorina, eds. *Civic Engagement in American Democracy.* Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press, 1999. 528 p.

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Billig, Shelly H., and Marshall Welch, eds. *New Perspectives in Service-Learning: Research to Advance the Field.* Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing, 2004. 268 p.

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Eyler, Janet, and Dwight E. Giles. *Where's the Learning in Service Learning?* San Francisco, CA: Jossey Bass: 1999. 352 p.

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O'Sullivan, Arieh. "Youth Service Instead of Draft to be Subject of International Parley." *Jerusalem Post*, May 24, 2000: 5.

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Brudney, Jeffrey L., and Beth Gazley. "Volunteer Involvement in Local Government after September 11: The Continuing Question of Capacity." *Public Administration Review*, March/April 2005: 131-142.

Kirlin, John J., and Mary K. Kirlin. "Strengthening Effective Government-Citizen Connections Through Greater Civic Engagement." *Public Administration Review*, 2002: 80-85.

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Dowd, Alan W. "A Nation of Servants: Defining Public Service for the 21st Century." *The World & I*, January 2004: 281-293.

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Galloway, Joseph L. "National Service Should be Everyone's Duty." *Miami Herald*, May 12, 2006: F1.

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AmeriCorps [http://www.americorps.org/]

AmeriCorps is a network of local, state, and national service programs connecting more than 70,000 Americans each year in intensive service to meet the country's critical needs in education, public safety, health, and the environment.

Citizen Corps [http://www.citizencorps.gov/]

Citizen Corps, a component of USA Freedom Corps, was created to help coordinate volunteer activities to make communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to any emergency situation. It provides opportunities for people to participate in a range of measures to make their families, their homes, and their communities safer from the threats of crime, terrorism, and disasters of all kinds.

Corporation for National and Community Service [http://www.nationalservice.gov/]

The Corporation is the nation's largest grant-maker supporting service and volunteering. Through the Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and Learn and Serve America programs, the Corporation provides opportunities for Americans of all ages and backgrounds to express their patriotism while addressing critical community needs.

Department of Defense [http://www.defenselink.mil/]

The mission of the Department of Defense is to provide the military forces needed to deter war and to protect the security of our country.

International Association for National Youth Service [http://www.ianys.utas.edu.au/index.html]

The Association takes a proactive position on national youth service, recommending that every country give serious consideration to national youth service. To this end, the Association and its members are prepared to exchange information and otherwise assist nations wishing to consider the introduction of national youth service.

Learn and Serve America [http://www.learnandserve.gov]

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Peace Corps [http://www.peacecorps.gov]

The Peace Corps traces its roots and mission to 1960, when then-Senator John F. Kennedy challenged students at the University of Michigan to serve their country in the cause of peace by living and working in developing countries. From that inspiration grew this agency of the federal government devoted to world peace and friendship.

Senior Corps [http://www.seniorcorps.gov]

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Students.gov [http://www.students.gov]

Students.gov is an official U.S. government website designed for college students and their families. It provides easy access to information and resources from the U.S. government – all the information that is needed, in one place, from all parts of the government.

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