

THE POWER OF PERSUASION

MATERIALS:

- *The Power of Persuasion Topic Cards*



DESCRIPTION:

Students will attempt to persuade their table groups to believe what is written on their *Power of Persuasion Topic Card*....in 60 seconds!

DIRECTIONS:

- Print the attached *Power of Persuasion Topic Cards*.
- Divide the class into small groups.
- Place a set of cards face down on each table.
- Each student draws a card from the deck. If a student does not like the topic, he/she may draw from the deck one more time. He/she must then select one of the two topics to speak on.
- Students will take one minute to prepare for their speeches.
- Then, one at a time, students will have one minute to persuade their group to believe what is written on the card.
- When all of the members of the group have completed their persuasive speeches, have them select the most persuasive speech from their group to present to the class.

The Power of Persuasion Topic Cards

Persuade your group that there should or should not be random drug testing in the workplace.

Persuade your group that your curfew should be 1:00 am

Persuade your group that it is beneficial to take good Cornell notes.

Persuade your group that marijuana should or should not be legalized.

Persuade your group that the legal drinking age should be lowered or raised.

Persuade your group that abortion should remain legal or be outlawed.

Persuade your group that the age at which you can obtain a driver's license should be raised or lowered.

Persuade your group that taxes should be raised or lowered in your state.

Persuade your group that doctor assisted suicide is wrong or right.

Persuade your group that welfare benefits should or should not be provided by the state.

Persuade your group that global warming is either true or false.

Persuade your group that illegal immigrants should or should not be allowed to live in your state.

Persuade your group that spanking your own child should remain legal or be outlawed.

Persuade your group that using unclaimed animals from the animal shelter is or is not okay for medical testing.

Persuade your group that there should or should not be prayer in school.

Persuade your group that one religion for the entire world would or would not be a good idea.

Persuade your group that gays should or should not have the right to marry.

Persuade your group that stem cell research is right or wrong.

Persuade your group that reading your children's email is right or wrong.

Persuade your group that everyone should or should not be required to have health insurance.

Persuade your group that everyone should or should not be required to have car insurance.

Persuade your group that God does or does not exist.

Persuade your group that aliens do or do not exist.