



Country: Pakistan

In Pakistan, many girls are unable to go to school. It is believed that boys' education should be prioritised over girls. In Pakistan, many believe that women should not have jobs, it is their duty to stay at home and raise a family. So many people in Pakistan don't believe it is worth giving a girl an education.

As a group of students from Pakistan, you are very concerned by this motion. If this motion becomes law it will mean that the government of Pakistan will do even less to get girls an education. You will be against the motion.

What will your group be arguing? For or against?

What are the key arguments you will use to persuade others to agree with you?

How are you going to answer those who challenge you?

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Country: United States of America

In America, the age that students start and leave school will vary depending where they live in the country. It is different rules for different states. Each state can also decide exactly what children will learn. So there is a lot of variety. Some say that it is unfair because they have to stay longer in schools than others who live in the same country.

As a group of students from America, you will argue that it's not fair in America that some children have to stay much longer in schools than other. So you think everyone should be the same and this motion would allow children to choose for themselves. So you are in favour of the motion.

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Country: Finland

In Finland, children do not have to start school until they are seven years old. This is nearly two years later than other children around the world. They must stay in school until they are sixteen.

As children of Finland, you will argue that if Finland made children start school two years earlier like the rest of the world, they could finish two years earlier as well. Finland wants this motion passed as it will mean less time in school.

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Country: Malawi

In Malawi, Senior School is not compulsory. If children want to go to senior school it is very expensive, because of school fees, uniform, equipment etc. Malawi is a very poor country. Only the top 10% of primary students will be allowed access to good senior schools.

As children of Malawi, you are going to argue in favour of this motion. It's not that you don't want to go to school, you would love to, but the poverty of country means that you cannot afford to. You are more likely to be needed at home, looking after younger siblings, or to go to work, and the sooner you can start doing that the better.

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Country: Syrian Refugees living in Jordan

You are currently unable to access any education (primary or secondary) although you did attend when you were living in Syria before the war broke out. If this motion is passed it could mean that aid agencies will be less likely to help refugees across the world get access to a temporary school. It is worth being aware that there are currently 60 million people who are refugees and it is estimated that the average refugee is away from their home for seventeen years.

As refugee children you will be against this motion because you are worried about how this could affect your access to any education at all.

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