R.A. Butler Prize, 2024

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Questions

Answer **one** of the following. You are encouraged to use a diverse selection of contemporary, historical or literary examples in making your arguments, and not to restrict yourself to material taken from school courses. Essays should be no longer than 3,000 words, including any footnotes.

- 1. Would a global wealth tax be both possible and desirable?
- 2. Is it possible to justify wars in the name of democracy?
- 3. Should we care about the personal morals of politicians?
- 4. Democratic states, authoritarian regimes, or private corporations: which of these can mostly effectively manage the climate transition?
- 5. When do global sporting events become important for international politics?
- 6. Should all artefacts taken by colonial powers from around the world be returned to their countries of origin?
- 7. Should old people be allowed to vote?
- 8. When is abstaining from voting a legitimate political tactic in a democracy?
- 9. Does good government require strong leaders?
- 10. Should we let Artificial Intelligence solve political disagreements?

Eligibility and submission

Rules of eligibility are on: https://www.trin.cam.ac.uk/undergraduate/essay-prizes/politics/. The essay should be submitted via a form on this site. The deadline for submission is 12 noon (BST) on 1st August 2024.