



What Issues do Students Most Want Presidential Candidates to Discuss?

“Economy” tops the list of topics in C-SPAN’s 2016 Video Documentary Competition, followed by “equality”

**** Winners Vie for \$100,000 in Prizes ****

National Winner Announced March 9

(WASHINGTON, D.C. - Feb. 29, 2016) – The economy was the issue most often examined by young documentarians participating in C-SPAN’s StudentCam 2016 video competition. Nearly 20% of participating students, double last year’s 10%, discussed the economy or related issues such as poverty, homelessness and minimum wage.

C-SPAN’s national competition invites middle school (grades 6-8) and high school (grades 9-12) students to produce a five- to- seven minute documentary, with this year’s contest asking students to select a topic they’d most like presidential candidates to discuss.

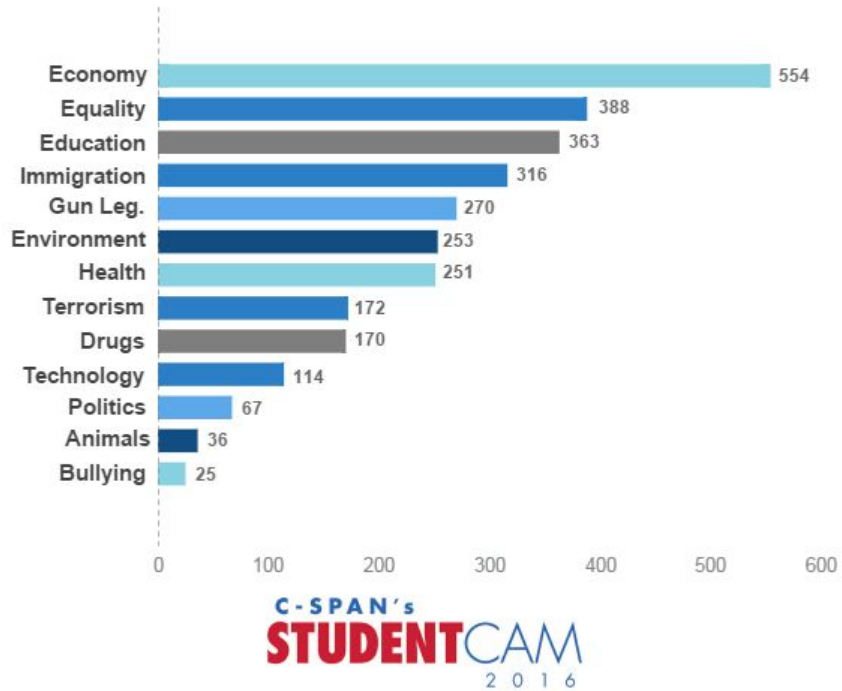
The 150 winners will be announced March 9 on C-SPAN’s “Washington Journal” program and online at www.studentcam.org. Winners will receive a total of \$100,000 in cash awards. A national Grand Prize winner will receive \$5,000 in prize money.

This year’s StudentCam competition will include public voting for a fan favorite prize. The winner will receive an additional \$500 cash award. Voting will take place February 29 to March 4 at <http://www.studentcam.org>.

The videos are being judged by a panel of C-SPAN representatives and education professionals. They are evaluated based on the thoughtful examination of the contest theme, quality of expression, adherence to the time limit, and use of C-SPAN programming.

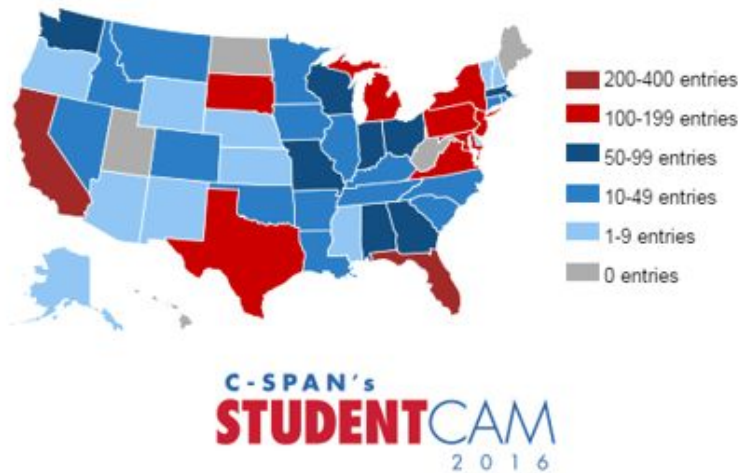
Equality/discrimination ranked second among student-selected video topics, up from fourth place, in last year’s StudentCam competition. Of the record-setting 2,887 entries received this year, the students’ top five topics chosen were: economy, equality, education, immigration, and gun legislation.

ISSUES SELECTED BY STUDENTS



Videos were submitted from students in 45 states and Washington, DC with the most entries coming from Florida (342 entries) and California (341 entries).

STATES REPRESENTED



The annual competition is a project of the C-SPAN Education Foundation and is sponsored by C-SPAN Classroom (www.c-spanclassroom.org).

About C-SPAN Classroom:

C-SPAN Classroom, www.c-spanclassroom.org, is a free membership service dedicated to supporting educators' use of C-SPAN programming in their classrooms. C-SPAN Classroom has reached more than one million students since its inception in 1987.

About C-SPAN:

Created by the cable TV industry and now in nearly 100 million TV households, C-SPAN programs three public affairs television networks in both SD and HD; C-SPAN Radio, heard in Washington DC at 90.1 FM and available as an App (Android, iPhone, Blackberry); and a video- rich website offering live coverage of government events and access to the vast archive of C-SPAN programming. Visit <http://www.c-span.org/>.

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