



CIVICS FIRST

Advancing Civics Education in Connecticut

High School Debate Spring 2023 – Resolution & Source Materials

The resolution for this year's high school tournament is:

RESOLVED: Connecticut should end qualified immunity for police officers in civil lawsuits.

This is an open-universe problem. You may support your argument with any sources you wish. You are not limited to the sources we provide, nor do you need to use them. But pay attention to who your sources are. The reliability of someone's source is a fair issue to raise in a debate round, whether that source is on the list below or not.

Suggested Sources:

Coverage of Connecticut Police Reform

- <https://reason.com/volokh/2020/08/02/connecticut-passes-law-curbing-back-qualified-immunity-but-with-loopholes/>
- <https://www.gmflaw.com/workshops/>
- <https://ctnewsjunkie.com/2021/07/22/police-accountability-taking-shape-one-year-later/>
- <https://www.ctpublic.org/news/2022-05-27/lamont-vetoes-bill-that-could-have-limited-immunity-in-police-chases>
- <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/11/28/nyregion/connecticut-police-officers-charged.html>

Coverage of National Police Reform

- <https://ij.org/qualified-immunity-state-reforms/>
- <https://www.nhbr.com/parsing-the-qualified-immunity-debate/>
- <https://www.vlct.org/news/understanding-importance-qualified-immunity>
- <https://www.msnbc.com/deadline-white-house/deadline-legal-blog/tyre-nichols-qualified-immunity-supreme-court-rcna68142>