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Who is right in this crazy world of politics? Which side knows what is best for the country? This is a matter of opinion regarded by many as a ridiculous fight. The main disputes revolve around the government's role in the market, taxes and government spending, abortion and gay marriage, along with other social issues, and the military.

One issue commonly discussed is the role and how much control the government in the market should exercise. The supply, demand, and price of the market will inherently be the answer to who are the winners and losers in this country; the government should not and is simply unable to make decisions for individuals regarding the market. The government's role is to provide public goods such as roads, bridges, fire and police protection, and national defense; other policies are interfering with the market's ability to allocate resources. Some believe the government playing the role of Robin Hood is a good idea, but in the United States at this time, this is a bad idea. If the people unable to take care of themselves economically are not rooted out, the unsteady America will continue to wobble and eventually, fall completely. America needs the government to stop trying so hard to fix everything; the efforts are worsening the situation or creating unforeseen conflicts. Competition is a way of life, as are winners and losers.

Related to the issue of government's control in the market is the viewpoint on government spending and taxes. Risks in life are the best way to accomplish something great and by raising taxes, the ability to take chances is lost. People know how to spend the money they

make themselves; the government does not need to take the well-earned money of hard working American residents to provide for those who are unwilling to take risks. By raising income and investment taxes the creativity America is known for is stifled, oppressing economic growth and activity. While it may seem as if the government should stay out of people's lives, there are some things on which money should be spent. These include law enforcement, education, and logical military use. The government is a petty excuse for individual decision making, which will allow many more problems to be solved the way they should be: by the one who caused the problem in the first place.

Abortion. The word itself is ugly, so how could anyone think of having one? The killing of a child when it has lived three years would be considered murder, so why is it not murder to kill a child when it has lived three months in the womb? It is amazing to think how excited people get when a simple bacteria cell is found on another planet and people around the nation exclaim, "We have found life!" The same people then look at an embryo at three months and say, "What? This is not a living person yet, so it is fine to kill it." Unless the mother has been raped, involved in incest, or is in danger of her own life, abortion is never tolerable. There are many ways to prevent unwanted pregnancy and if the mother and father made the decision to have unprotected sex or whatever the case may be, and the mother has a child in her womb, it is then their responsibility to have this child, the decision to end its life is not theirs. Adoption is a viable option, along with help from family and friends if the parents are unable to care for their child themselves. While many people are all about helping the less fortunate, this viewpoint suddenly changes when it comes to abortion, then it is acceptable to simply 'kill off' the less fortunate. Abortion is not acceptable, life is life, no matter where, when, or in what form.

A family is made up of all the people living in one house, according to Dictionary.com. This is where the issue of gay marriage comes in. Why is it that the dictionary does not have a prejudice against gay marriage, but so many people do? Gay marriage has become one of the most popular topics for discussion recently and many states have legalized gay marriage, causing some to rejoice and others to revolt. Gay marriage may seem strange, but why should two people who love each other not have the right to get married and have the same benefits as a heterosexual couple? At the same time, the claiming of the value of marriage decreasing is also very interesting. A man and woman's purpose to get married is to procreate together and to continue life in this world. A gay couple is unable to fulfill this purpose, so the value of their marriage seems invalid. Also interesting is the thought that gay marriage is becoming legal in more states simply because it is becoming more 'popular' among people. Gay marriage seems to be acceptable, but at the same time, not acceptable. This will be an interesting topic to follow into the future.

Wars have been fought for centuries to supposedly resolve issues. In this current time period, however, it seems as though wars are being fought to simply show who has more fancy toys and who has more power. The world is a scary place though and consequently, having a military is a necessity to any country that wishes to succeed. There are instances when military use goes too far; such as when the United States Military operates in dangerous missions they have no reason to be a part of. Not everyone in the world is going to believe peaceful talks about problems are the way to solve them and will use force against enemies. A resisting and strong strength must meet this force to maintain peace for our nation.

Peace for our nation must first start from within. The crime and punishment system of the United States is irresponsible in the sense that so much time and energy is spent reacting to a

crime, when the crime should have been prevented in the first place. Too many place their belief in the punishment system to recreate and reteach people to become productive citizens of our society, when these lessons should have been taught long ago. Accordingly, while punishment is an option to reinstate criminals to 'normal' life, the best way to do so would be to prevent it from happening. If this idea of prevention would not be effective, while in prison the criminals should be employed as city workers, doing such jobs as taking care of gardens, simple repair work, or other physical labor jobs if able and under supervision of a qualified official. This utilization of the labor resource would be efficient. Prevention is key for peace.

Peace cannot be found at the barrel of a gun when faced with it in a dire situation, but when out hunting or target practicing the gun is the constant source of peace. The belief of stricter gun control to prevent crimes such as mass shootings and murder is an inconsequential credit to the government. While the rate of murders may slightly decrease due to a limit on guns, such as the kind available for purchase, which permits should be allowed, and who should be permitted to carry a gun, the popularity of owning one will not. Whether officials like to believe it or not, people will have guns in their homes, even if they are banned. Those people who are law abiding and of sound mind should be able to own a gun without the government fearing. The people of the United States should have the right and the ability to defend their own homes and the government will not take this right away.

The rivalry between which political principles are the correct beliefs will continue on. The main disputes revolve around the government's role in the market, taxes and government spending, abortion and gay marriage, along with other social issues, and the military. As Abraham Lincoln said, "No man is good enough to govern another man without the other's consent." The government remains; our role in it is to choose those who represent our beliefs.