

## Global Issues & Human Rights Topics 2015

1. **Syrian Civil war:** What is the history or the current civil war and what are the beliefs and ideals of each side? Syrian refugees?
2. **Mexican Drug Cartels:** What power and influence do these Cartels have over their own country and their people?
3. **China's current political structure:** What sort of government does China run and how does that China's overall influence across the globe?
4. **China and Human and Civil Rights:** How does China's political structure affect its own people (rights, liberties, etc)
5. **China's Labor, trade and factories:** What are the working conditions in factories? What is the impact of China's heavy industry?
6. **Immigration issues:** Latin America into United States
7. **Immigration issues:** from North Africa (out of Libya) to Europe
8. **Russia/Ukraine:** What led to the current military conflict? How are other countries reacting?
9. **North Korea:** What is the current political system? Characterize North Korea's relationship with South Korea and the West.
10. **North Korea** Human rights violations?
11. **Maquiladora in Mexico:** What is the current situation with factories in Mexico (number, rate of production, conditions...)? How does this affect Mexico's economy?
12. **Egypt:** Since the Arab Spring revolutions in 2011, what is the current political status? How are religion and government intertwined?
13. **Tunisia:** Since the Arab Spring revolutions in 2011, what is the current political status? How are religion and government intertwined?
14. **Libya:** Since the Arab Spring revolutions in 2011, what is the current political status? How are religion and government intertwined?
15. **Syria:** Since the Arab Spring revolutions in 2011, what is the current political status? How are religion and government intertwined?
16. **Iraq:** What is the post-war situation politically, economically, socially? Are they better off today than they were before the \_\_\_\_ war?
17. **Yemen:** Since the Arab Spring revolutions in 2011, what is the current political status? How are religion and government intertwined?
18. **Education of women in Afghanistan and Pakistan:** What is the status of education in this country? How does it differ among boys and girls?
19. **Malala** (from **Pakistan**) and her fight for education for all girls.
20. **Child Soldiers in Uganda or South Sudan or Sierra Leone:** What is a child soldier and what is the system in place what exploits these boys?
21. Does **Iran** have the right to develop a nuclear weapon? What type of government is in place? What type of government do the people want there? Should the world do something to address Iran's current role?
22. **Oppression of Gays in Russia or Iran:** In what ways are gay people targeted in these countries? What role does the government play?
23. **Electronic Waste:** Where does your cell phone go to die? What impact does this have on the environment?
24. **Government Surveillance:** Who is watching, listening, reading? What are the implications of this?
25. **Education of Girls:** Who is Malala and what is her mission for girls in Pakistan and around the world?
26. **Decline of Bee Populations around the World:** Why do bees matter to our global ecosystem? Why are they dying and what will be the effects?
27. **Polar Ice Caps and Climate Change:** What are the effects of human caused climate shifts on plants, animals and our global ecosystem?
28. **Space Trash:** What man-made objects are orbiting the earth? How and why? What is the implication?

29. **Ocean Debris:** Are the oceans a global trashcan? How much and what kind of debris is in our oceans and what are the effects?
30. **Cyber Warfare/terrorism (Sony):** Who and what is plotting cyber warfare and against whom and why?
31. **Boko Haram:** A new terrorist organization?
32. **ISIS in the Middle East:** Who are they? Where are they? What do they want and how are they trying to achieve it?
33. **ISIS online:** What is their online strategy?
34. **Water Crisis:** Clean drinking water in under-developed and war-torn countries
35. **Ebola Outbreak:** Sierra Leone, Liberia