

# 10 Controversial opinions

*"First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win."* —  
Gandhi



## **Did you know?**

Elon Musk is so wealthy that if he spent \$1 million every single day, it would take him over 800 years to spend it all.

The top 1% of earners produce more carbon emissions in a single afternoon than the average person in a poor country does in an entire year.

According to the World Health Organisation, nuclear power is the safest form of energy production. The most dangerous form, coal, is estimated to cause around two million deaths per year, mostly through air pollution and accidents. Whereas, around 350 deaths per year are related to nuclear power.

Meat production generates 18% of human produced greenhouse gas emissions worldwide. This is more than all emissions from ships, planes, trucks, cars and all other transport put together.

Billionaires now own more than half of the world's largest media companies and all of the main social media companies.

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## Mixed up vocabulary

argument	the subject which is being discussed
ban	an emotional discussion
compromise	to forbid something or make it illegal
issue	a person's perspective or opinion
abolish	a discussion where different opinions are expressed
point of view	to come to an agreement where neither side wins or loses
debate	to officially get rid of something such as a tax or a law

## Idioms and collocations

Sasha is *on my* \_\_\_\_\_. We both agree that we should try to fly less.

After seeing the documentary, I *changed my* \_\_\_\_\_ about some of the issues.

I had a *heated* \_\_\_\_\_ with a colleague, and he stormed out of the room.

I am very different to my sister. We don't *see eye to* \_\_\_\_\_ *on* anything.

I'm *sitting on the* \_\_\_\_\_ on this issue. I can see both sides of the argument.

*eye side fence mind discussion*

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Cigarettes should be banned	Some drugs should be legalised
AI will do more harm than good	Nobody should be allowed to earn more than \$10,000,000 a year
English grammar isn't important as long as people can understand you	National Service should be introduced / abolished
Keeping animals in zoos is cruel	Children should be taught about sex at school
Social media should be banned for under-16s	Old or sick people should have the right to end their lives