

## **Activity Worksheet**

### **Sensible or ridiculous ideas?**

1. Do men, on average, have a different profile of aptitudes than women?
2. Why can't religious people understand that there's no God?
3. What makes atheists so sure God doesn't exist?
4. Should all conquered nations receive compensation, monetary or otherwise?
5. Are women hypocrites for using their sexuality, while protesting that men objectify them?
6. Are suicide terrorists morally motivated but mentally unstable?
7. Should trans women be considered women?
8. Would the incidence of rape go down if prostitution were legalised?
9. In terms of justice, is fairness more important than equality?
10. Are women more naturally suited to caring for babies than men are?
11. Are white men the most superior category of human being today?
12. Is morality just a biological product of evolution, with no inherent reality?
13. Would society be better off if heroin and cocaine were legalised?
14. Is homosexuality the symptom of an underlying infectious disease?
15. If we celebrate only the good in our national history and downplay the bad, are we hypocrites?
16. Should all national borders be scrapped?
17. Are black people better at sport?
18. Should trans women be allowed to compete in professional boxing?
19. Should parents have the option of euthanising newborns with birth defects that would give them a life of pain and disability?
20. Is male/female a biological distinction?
21. Do parents have any significant effect on the character of their children?
22. Would damage from terrorism be reduced if suspects could be tortured in special circumstances?
23. Is the average intelligence of Western nations declining because less intelligent people are having more children than smarter people?
24. Would unwanted children be better off if there were a market in adoption rights, with babies going to the highest bidder?
25. If they really feel it, is it acceptable for a person to self-identify as a person of another race?
26. Should people have the right to enhance the genetic traits of their children, if possible?
27. Is the #MeToo movement emasculating men, and as a result leaving more women 'on the shelf'?
28. Is it unrealistic to expect people from very different cultures to live in harmony in a single society?

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