What is your opinion about each controversial topic ? And write 3 supporting points for your opinion.
Then listen to the audio and compare answers.

DNA testing
(Pro) / Con

Why?

1. can help catch criminals
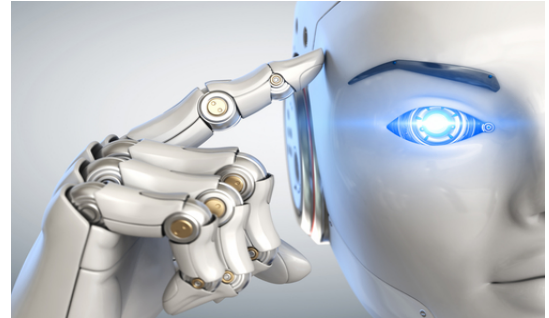
2. _____

3. _____

Work from home
Pro / Con

Why?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Government surveillance
Pro / Con

Why?

1. _____

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3. _____

Artificial intelligence
Pro / Con

Why?

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Globalization
Pro / Con

Why?

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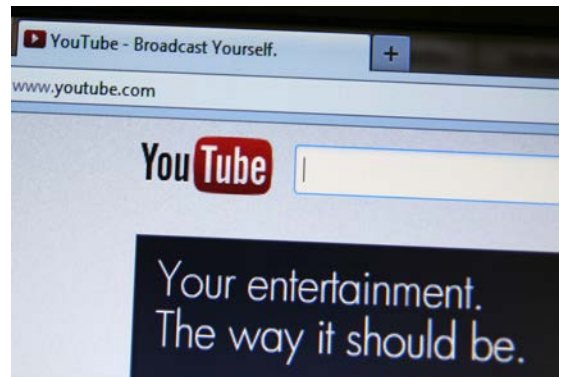
Viral videos
Pro / Con

Why?

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Number 1

So the first controversial topic is DNA testing. What do you think Mason?

I think it's very useful. It can help the police catch criminals.

Charlotte?

If we do a DNA test, we might be able to predict illnesses.

Libby?

I think a DNA test might help us understand our personalities. If we understand our genes, we might understand our behavior better.

Any arguments against? Charlotte?

DNA tests might not be accurate, and they can not tell us anything about culture.

Number 2

The second controversial topic is working from home. Rosa?

When you work from home, you have more freedom and independence.

I agree, and also, you can spend more time with your family.

And, of course you have a more flexible schedule.

What are the cons? Aria?

At home there are a lot of distractions. Also, it's not good for teamwork and you might lack motivation.

Number 3

The third topic is government surveillance. How do you feel about the government watching you, Charlotte?

I think it's scary. I worry about my privacy. And I might be scared to speak freely.

Oh, I disagree. I think it increases public safety. For example, CCTV cameras can help catch criminals.

Yes, and it helps prevent terrorism.

Number 4

The fourth topic is quite interesting. Artificial intelligence, good or bad? Libby?

I think that artificial intelligence and automation can help us work more effectively. It can do the boring tasks. We can be more creative.

Yes. And it can help us make smarter decisions.

 I agree too. Artificial intelligence will make our lives easier. I can talk to the TV. I don't have to look for the remote.

Number 5

Here's another one. What are the benefits of globalization? Charlotte?

 I think it's good because we interact with people from other countries, and learn about other cultures.

Also, globalization helps make goods cheaper, and we have higher standards of living around the world.

Are there any disadvantages?

Sure! It's bad for local businesses, and some countries benefit more than others

Number 6

The final topic is viral videos. What are your opinions about viral videos? Libby?

I think viral videos are fun. They are entertaining.

Yes. And you can become famous quickly. And make a lot of money.

Also, they can be a good form of advertising.

I don't agree. I think viral videos can be very bad. They can spread lies and misinformation. And people can get addicted to them.