

Dissent

Below are some sample questions for Dissent a discussion based board game. The game would fit well with campaigns by safer community partnerships of public health, drug workers, the police, adult services etc. Some of the questions would be about pure footballing themes about who was the better player etc. Others would tie in with social issues:

Health

1. **Angels deserve a rise more than top flight wing-backs**

Nurses should get a bigger pay packet than Premiership footballers.

- a) Agree
- b) Disagree

2. **"It's 2,000 of us against 70,000 drunkards."**

Javier Clemente of Spain, before their Euro 96 match against England.

Is alcohol is to blame for most football hooliganism?

- a) Yes
- b) No

3. **Commentators had problems with a number of names during Euro 96 including Russia's Nickersov.**

Bad language by fans is a good thing, as it helps people let off steam from their daily lives and is good for mental health.

- a) Agree
- b) Disagree

4. Off Sick as a parrot

Is it OK to phone in ill so that you can watch an important match?

a) Yes

b) No

5. One to discuss down the pub

Clubs are guilty of hypocrisy. They complain that players' drunken antics are a bad example for kids and then accept sponsorship from Breweries.

a) Agree

b) Disagree

6. "There was a knock on my hotel room and it was the porter with a bottle of champagne I'd just won at the casino and there was a huge pile of money on the bed, and next to it was the current Miss World in a negligee. He looked at the champagne, and the money, and the girl, and he said to me 'George, where did it all go wrong?'"

George Best.

Is this a good lifestyle?

a) Yes

b) No

7. "We used to call the boss the Hairdryer because he would come right up to your face and scream at you."

Gary Pallister about Sir Alex Ferguson.

Football coaches get away with things that ordinary managers would get sacked for, as they are bad for people's mental health

A) Agree

B) Disagree

8. "E is for England"

One of the titles, New Order considered for their 1990 World Cup anthem.

Players shouldn't be tested for drugs like cannabis, which don't improve their performance.

a) Agree

b) Disagree

9. Sport For All

The ideal behind school P.E - and the reality....

Free for all

It's a wet Wednesday afternoon, so the lads are mucking about in the changing rooms.

School P.E. is about helping kids be healthy and happy. It's not about turning out football and sports stars.

a) Agree

b) Disagree

10. "Look at Jesus. He was an ordinary run-of-the-mill sort of guy who had a genuine gift, just like Eileen has."

Glenn Hoddle

Glenn Hoddle and others believe in faith-healers, like Eileen Drewery. Do you?

- a) Yes
- b) No

11. Strange, Daft and Batty

Alfred Strange, Harry Daft and David Batty have all played for England.

Players shouldn't need sports psychologists unless they are strange, daft or batty.

- a) Agree
- b) Disagree

12. "To me, pressure is being homeless or unemployed, not trying to win a football match."

The, then, Scotland boss, Andy Roxburgh.

Top players and managers are paid so much money they should be able to cope with the stress of fans abusing them etc.

- a) Agree
- b) Disagree

13. The worst thing a player has ever done- and by 'Mr. Good' Gary Lineker!

Gary Lineker (and Peter Crouch) shouldn't advertise crisps. They make kids unhealthy.

- a) Agree
- b) Disagree

14. Footballers do it – and cry afterwards

Paul Gascoigne and other players have cried in front of millions of people. But is it really OK for men to cry?

- a) Yes

b) No

Community and personal behaviour

15. Researchers set up an ‘accident’ and watched what happened. Fans helped the victim if he was wearing their colours. They didn’t if he was in the colours of a bitter rival.

Sunday Times 24.12.00.

Would you help someone from your biggest rivals?

a) Yes

b) No

16. Research has shown that people's self-esteem goes up, when their national team do well.

The only way to show that you love your country nowadays is by supporting the national football team.

a) Agree

b) Disagree

17. A tax is the best means of defence.

The Government should spend money to ensure that no clubs go out of business.

a) Agree

b) Disagree

18. “If I can blend into the background and nobody notices the change that will be fine by me.”

Mark Bosnich on taking over from Peter Schmeichel. (Later that week he was arrested on his stag night.)

Is it realistic to expect footballers to be role models?

a) Yes

b) No

Crime and racism

19. Leeds United: The case for the defence.

You'll remember the famous legal action in 2002 involving some of their players.

Would you lie in court to help a mate?

a) Yes

b) No

20. "The people who are kicking up a fuss in Marseilles are true fans. They feel passionate enough about the England team to go out and fight for them."

Ellis Cashmore, Sociology professor about the 1998 World Cup.

Are hooligans football fans?

a) Yes

b) No

21. "The most violent offenders should be flogged in front of the main stand before the start of home games. I'd volunteer to do the whipping myself."

Allan Clarke, when manager of Leeds.

They should bring back the birch to finally stamp out football and other hooliganism.

a) Agree

b) Disagree

22. "It seemed, somehow, that being racist at football was legitimised by those involved as being just another way of getting at a rival club. It was not real 'racism' at all."

Asian fan talking in "Football and Families" by Williams and Neatrou.

Is there still too much racism in football?

a) Yes

b) No

Wider issues

23. "THE END OF THE WORLD!"

A headline in the Sun after an England World Cup failure.

The press sensationalise football. The only real tragedies were at Heysel and Hillsborough, where people died. Do you agree that the football coverage in this country isn't very good?

a) I agree

b) I disagree

24. Russia refused to play Chile in a World Cup qualifying game because their stadium had been used as a prison after a coup

Should we keep sport out of politics?

a) Yes

b) No

25. 1969: Honduras and El Salvador troops clash after a World Cup qualifier. The Press call it the 'Soccer War'.

Do football and other sports promote peace and international understanding?

a) Yes

b) No

26. "The mind boggles at the news (should I scream or cry?) that the BBC and ITV are to spend an outrageous £160 million on World Cup football in 2002 and 2006.....What a scandalous waste. How many starving people would this feed?"

Letter to the Radio Times.

Is it a scandalous waste?

a) Yes

b) No

Mark Burns