



PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE BALLOT

Round/ Flight	Room:	Division:	Judge Name:
Resolution/ Topic			

Pro				Con			
Code		Rank	Points	Code		Rank	Points
Pro Spkr 1 Name:				Con Spkr 2 Name:			
Pro Spkr 3 Name:				Con Spkr 4 Name:			

Winning Team: <input type="checkbox"/> Pro <input type="checkbox"/> Con	Team/Code: This was a low point win: <input type="checkbox"/>
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Rank each speaker 1 through 4 WITHOUT repeating a rank

Rate each speaker: 1 Unethical/inappropriate Behavior 2 Below Average 3 Average 4 Above Average 5 Very Good 6 Outstanding

- ❖ Judges should decide the round as it is debated, not based on their personal beliefs.
- ❖ Debaters should advocate or reject the resolution in manner clear to the non-specialist citizen judge (i.e., jury). Clash of ideas is essential to debate.
- ❖ Debaters should display solid logic and reasoning, advocate a position, utilize evidence, and communicate clear ideas using professional decorum.
- ❖ Neither the pro nor con is permitted to offer a plan or counterplan, defined as a formalized, comprehensive proposal for implementation. Rather, they should offer reasoning to support a position of advocacy. Debaters may offer generalized, practical solutions.
- ❖ Crossfire time should be dedicated to questions and answers rather than reading evidence. Evidence may be referred to extemporaneously.
- ❖ No new arguments may be introduced in the Final Focus; however, debaters may include new evidence to support prior arguments.

Comments to PRO debaters:

Comments to CON debaters:

Reasons for Decision (cite specific arguments that had a bearing):

Order & Times of Speeches
PRO Speaker 1 4min CON Speaker 2 4 min
Crossfire (1&2) 3 min
PRO Speaker 3 4min CON Speaker 4 4 min
Crossfire (3&4) 3 min
PRO Speaker 1 Summary 2 min CON Speaker 2 Summary 2 min
Grand Crossfire (all) 3 min
PRO Speaker 3 Final Focus 2 min CON Speaker 4 Final Focus 2 min