

AFFIRMATIVE (Government)

1st speaker:

- Define topic
- Present the line (a basic statement summarising the team's position)
- Outline what each speaker will talk about
- Present first half of AFFIRMATIVE argument

2nd speaker

- Reaffirm the team's line
- Rebut the main points presented by the NEGATIVE team
- Present second half of AFFIRMATIVE argument

3rd speaker

- Reaffirm the team's line
- Rebut all remaining points of the NEGATIVE team
- Present a summary of the AFFIRMATIVE argument and round off

NEGATIVE (Opposition)

1st speaker

- Accept or reject the definition presented by the AFFIRMATIVE team
- Present your team's line
- Outline briefly what each speaker will say
- Rebut a few points made by the AFFIRMATIVE team
- Present the first half of the NEGATIVE team's argument

2nd speaker

- Reaffirm the team's line
- Rebut some of the main points of the AFFIRMATIVE argument
- Present the second half of the NEGATIVE argument

3rd speaker

- Reaffirm the team's line
- Rebut all remaining points of the AFFIRMATIVE team
- Present a summary of the NEGATIVE argument and round off

DEBATE

Do not rebut statements before the other team has made them

Do not criticise the speakers themselves, just the things they say

Pick the important things to rebut.

Where there are only two speakers on a team, the first speaker should present the whole case, and the second should rebut all the opposite team's points