

Basic Speech Writing Advice

Pro/Con Speech 1

- I. Introduction: My partner and I (oppose/support) the resolution: Resolved that the United States should accede to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea without reservations.
- II. Define terms: In order to understand our position, we will define _____ as _____ and...
- III. We begin our argumentation with Contention 1 (state an overarching advantage to your position)
 - i. Offer an argument which supports your claim
 - ii. Explain
 - iii. Offer evidence to support the argument with the source blended into the speech like you would when sourcing a document in an essay
 - iv. Offer a second piece of evidence if you want, in the same format
 - v. Give an analysis of why this is important in the round
- IV. Contention 2 (state another overarching advantage to your position)
 - i. Offer an argument which supports your claim
 - ii. Explain
 - iii. Offer evidence to support the argument with the source blended into the speech like you would when sourcing a document in an essay
 - iv. Offer a second piece of evidence if you want, in the same format
 - v. Give an analysis of why this is important in the round
- V. Conclusion: Here you explain to the judge the way you'd like the judge to evaluate the round. It is called giving a voting criteria or a framework. You might say something like: "My partner and I believe the best way to evaluate this round is _____ because _____."

Pro/Con Speech 2

1. Introduction: I will begin by addressing our opponent's arguments and then I will explain why we are winning this round.
2. Begin with opposition's definitions are they in conflict with yours? If yes, explain why your defs are best (field, contextual, expert, etc)
3. Go to each of their contentions or points 1 by 1 in the order that they presented them and refute them using evidenced claims—give impacts!
 - a. On their first contention where they said _____ I have _____ responses
 - b. Make your argument claim
 - c. Give evidence with source blended in like in the first speech
 - d. Explain why this is important
4. Continue through all of their arguments in the same way
5. Then go back to your original speech and if you are the first speaker, extend your original arguments with bigger impacts and maybe more evidence
6. If you are the second speaker, go back to your original speech and answer the arguments your opponent made in their first speech
 - a. On our first contention, they argued _____, however _____
 - b. Make your argument claim
 - c. Give evidence with source blended in like in the first speech
 - d. Explain why this is important
 - e. Extend your original argument with bigger impacts and maybe more evidence
7. Conclusion: Explain why the framework or voting criteria that your opponent told the judge to use to decide the round is not the best way to decide, and convince the judge why the judge should use your framework or voting criteria to choose the winner.