



Public Forum Debate Ballot

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| Tournament Date: | | Tournament Location: | | |
| Round/ Flight: | Room: | Division: | Judge Name: | Affiliation/ Occupation: |
| Resolution/Topic: | | | | |

Please do not complete the portion below until after the coin toss.

Flip a coin to determine side and speaking order of the debate. The winner of the flip has the option of choosing either the side (Pro or Con) or the speaking order (first or second) in the round. The team that loses the flip makes the remaining choice, either side or speaking order.

Judging Instructions:

Clash of ideas to advocate or reject a resolution in a manner persuasive to the judge is imperative.

*Judges should decide the round as it is debated, not how they personally feel.

Debaters should display solid logic and reasoning, utilize evidence, counter arguments of opponents, and communicate clear ideas with professional decorum. *Public Forum rules DO NOT allow for plans or counter-plans to be introduced by either side.

Crossfire time should be dedicated to questions and answers rather than reading evidence. Evidence may be referred to extemporaneously.

New arguments may **not** be introduced in the Final Focus; however, debaters may include new evidence to support prior arguments.

| Pro | | | | |
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| Code: | 1st Team | 2nd Team | Points | |
| #1 | Name: | | | |
| #2 | | | | |
| #3 | Name: | | | |
| #4 | | | | |
| Con | | | | |
| Code: | 1st Team | 2nd Team | Points | |
| #1 | Name: | | | |
| #2 | | | | |
| #3 | Name: | | | |
| #4 | | | | |
| Rate each speaker from 20-30 points: 20-23 Below Average 27-28 Above Average ↗ 24-26 Average 29-30 Outstanding <i>Scores below 20 may only be awarded in cases of unethical or inappropriate behavior.</i> | | | | |
| Winning Team: | | Pro Con | Team/Code: | |

Comments to Pro debaters:

Comments to Con debaters:

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

Order/Time Limits of Speeches

Speaker #1 (1st Team) 4 min.
 Speaker #2 (2nd Team) 4 min.
 Crossfire (#1 & #2)* 3 min.

Speaker #3 (1st Team) 4 min.
 Speaker #4 (2nd Team) 4 min.
 Crossfire (#3 & #4)* 3 min.

Speaker #1 Summary 2 min.
 Speaker #2 Summary 2 min.

Grand Crossfire (all) 3 min.

Speaker #3 Final Focus 2 min.
 Speaker #4 Final Focus 2 min.

2 minutes of Prep Time per side

*** The first question is asked by the earlier speaker.**