

Structuring an AFFIRMATIVE case

Introduction (a quotation, story or evidence)

It is because I agree with _____ (insert concept, philosopher, author of quotation above) that I must affirm today's resolution (insert resolution)

The Value I will be upholding in today's debate is (insert value) _____ upheld (or supported) by the Criterion of (insert criterion) _____.

Before proceeding, I feel it is important to offer a few definitions:

To better understand the Affirmative position, I offer the following three areas of analysis:
initially, _____
secondly, _____
and finally, _____

But let's look at my first contention, (insert Tag Line) _____

(explain Contention One— add claims, support, analysis, typically addresses your VALUE)

Thus, in this point we see that _____

Which brings me to my second contention, _____

(explain Contention Two— add claims, support, analysis, typically addresses your CRITERIA)

Thus, in this point we see that _____

And finally my third contention, _____

(explain Contention — add support, analysis, typically addresses the RESOLUTION specifics)

Thus, in this point we see that _____

In this speech I have shown you (insert areas one and two). Both of these contentions help to uphold my Value of _____ and the Affirmative meets the Criterion of _____.

***I am now open for cross-examination**

Structuring a NEGATIVE case

Introduction (*a quotation, story or evidence*)

It is because I agree with _____ (*insert concept, philosopher, author of quotation above*) that I must negate today's resolution (*insert resolution*)

The Value I will be upholding in today's debate is (*insert value*) _____
upheld (or supported) by the Criterion of (*insert criterion*) _____, Before proceeding, I feel it is important to offer a few counter definitions:

_____ - _____

_____ - _____

_____ - _____

_____ - _____

_____ - _____

To better understand the Negative position, I offer the following two (*or three*) areas of analysis: initially, _____ and secondly, _____

But let's look at my first contention, (*insert Tag Line*) _____

(explain Contention One here – add claims, support, analysis)

Thus, in this point we see that _____

Which brings me to my second contention, _____

(explain Contention Two here – add claims, support, analysis)

Thus, in this point we see that _____

In this speech I have shown you (*insert areas one and two*). Both of these contentions help to uphold my Value of _____ and the Negative meets the Criteria of _____.

*Now, let's look at my opponent's case... (*begin Refutation of the Affirmative case*)