

The VERY basics of Progressive LD Debate

1. Offence – Defense **THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING!!!**
 - a. Offence: a line of argumentation that supports upholding YOUR Side of the resolution. May be made on the framework of EITHER DEBATER!
 - b. Defense: A line of argumentation that refutes an argument made by your opponent.
 - c. Students win by having unrefuted offensive argumentation on either framework.
 - d. You may lose your framework and still win a debate by proving that the resolution should still be upheld/refuted under your opponent's framework.
2. Framework:
 - a. Essentially Value and Criterion
 - b. Criterion is normally called "Standard"
 - c. May not be clearly labeled
 - d. Framework may have arguments that seem like the typical UIL intro but are substantive to the debate.
3. Argument Selection
 - a. Progressive debate frequently allows students to select strategically, parts of their case to support or abandon.
 - b. This is a function of being able to win on an opponent's framework.
 - c. IE: If they have offence on your framework you can kick it and win the offence on their framework.

4. Overview/Underview

- a. Overview is an explanation of the relationship between the contentions and the Framework
- b. Underview are preemptive offensive arguments made against anticipated frameworks.
- c. Underview is typically ran at the conclusion of the 1AC

5. LARP (Policy in LD)

- a. Mostly, LARP ACs will advocate a consequentialist VC. There is no reason for this, but it is the trend
- b. Plan Text: description of a policy action, that would be a topical way of doing the resolution.
- c. Advantages
 - i. Some harm - why something is bad relative to the framework
 - ii. Terminal impact - the biggest/most important consequence
 - iii. Uniqueness - in the absence of doing the aff, the harm will exist
- d. Solvency - prove that the aff is going to solve the harm
- e. Inherency - Not necessary in LD, because the resolutions never include the phrase 'substantially increase/decrease'.

6. LARP NEG

- a. Disadvantage - a harm to implementing the plan
- b. Counterplan : A different mechanism for solving the harms the affirmative aspires to solve

7. Kritik

- a. Link - Shows that the affirmative leads to some bad impact
- b. Impact - Demonstrates what is so bad about the aff's assumption
- c. Alternative - Provides a way for us to avoid the Link and Impact
- d. Role of the Ballot - justify the standard that the judge should

8. Theory

- a. Interpretation: RULE BEING PROPOSED FOR THE ROUND
- b. Violation: WHAT DID YOUR OPPONENT DO
- c. Standard: METRICS FOR EVALUATING PROPOSED RULES
- d. Voter:
 - i. Examples of common voters: Fairness and/or Education
 - 1. Common justification for fairness: to adjudicate who is the better debater requires that the procedure be fair, otherwise impossible to decide.
 - 2. Common justification for education: schools fund debate for educational reasons
 - 3. What should the judge do if you win the interpretation is a good rule AND that the opponent violated the rule?
 - a. Drop the argument -- the judge should ignore the opponent's argument that violated the interpretation
 - b. Drop the debater -- the judge should vote against the debater who violated this interpretation,

7. Questions?