



***CX BASICS:
HOW TO ARGUE
IN STYLE***

HELLO!



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CROSS EXAMINATION DEBATE: PROBLEM AND SOLUTION

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially reduce Direct Commercial Sales and/or Foreign Military Sales of arms from the United States

Let's start with the
first set of Debate
Jargon

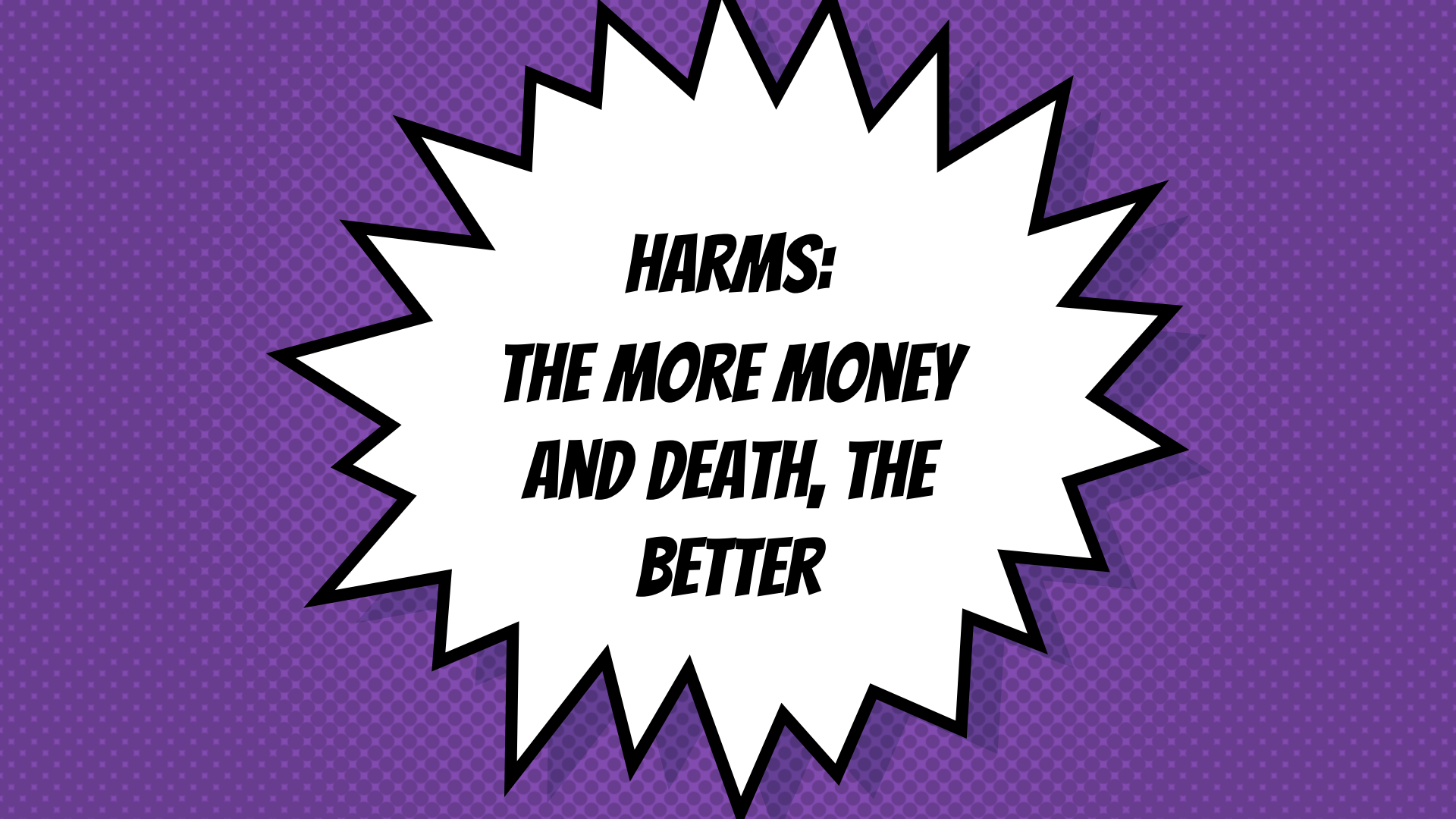
5 STOCK ISSUES



***SIGNIFICANCE:
THE BIGGER THE
PROBLEM THE
BETTER***

FIND A PROBLEM THAT MUST BE SOLVED

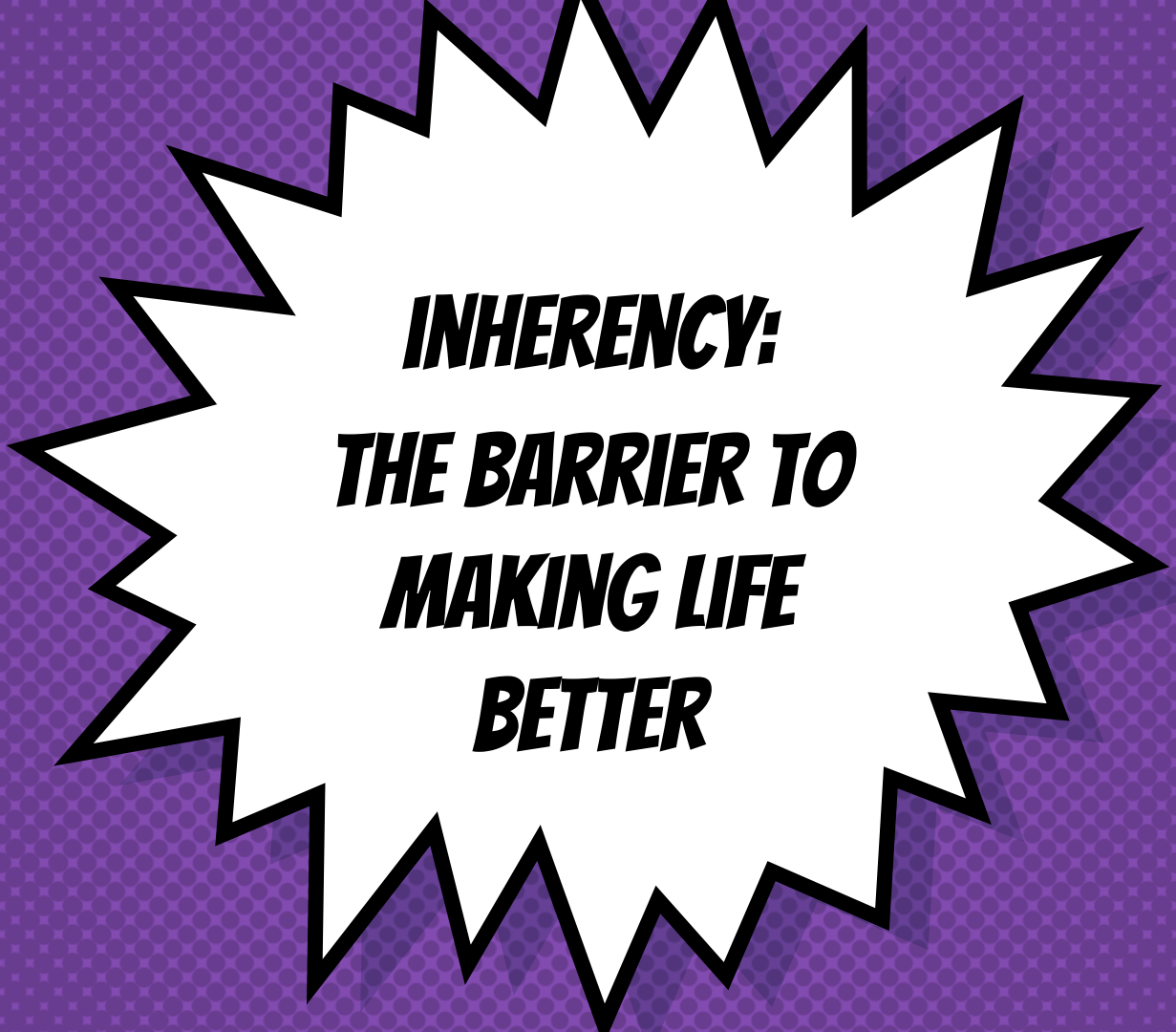
- × Problem must affect a large # of people
- × Problem must impact a major portion of a country/business



***HARMS:
THE MORE MONEY
AND DEATH, THE
BETTER***

FIND A PROBLEM THAT IS BAD

- × Problem cause death and destruction
- × Not only are many people affected, but they also must be destroyed
- × Debaters LOVE bad news!



***INHERENCY:
THE BARRIER TO
MAKING LIFE
BETTER***

FIND A PROBLEM THAT ISN'T GOING AWAY

- × If your problem is big and bad, why isn't it being fixed?
- × Is it attitude? Is it money? Is it because that is the way “we have always done it”?



***SOLVENCY:
MAKE THE
PROBLEM GO
AWAY!***

NOW, FIX IT!

- × Agent of Action: Who is going to do the work?
- × Implementation: How will this work?
Who will pay for it?
- × FIAT: 'magic wand' to make it happen



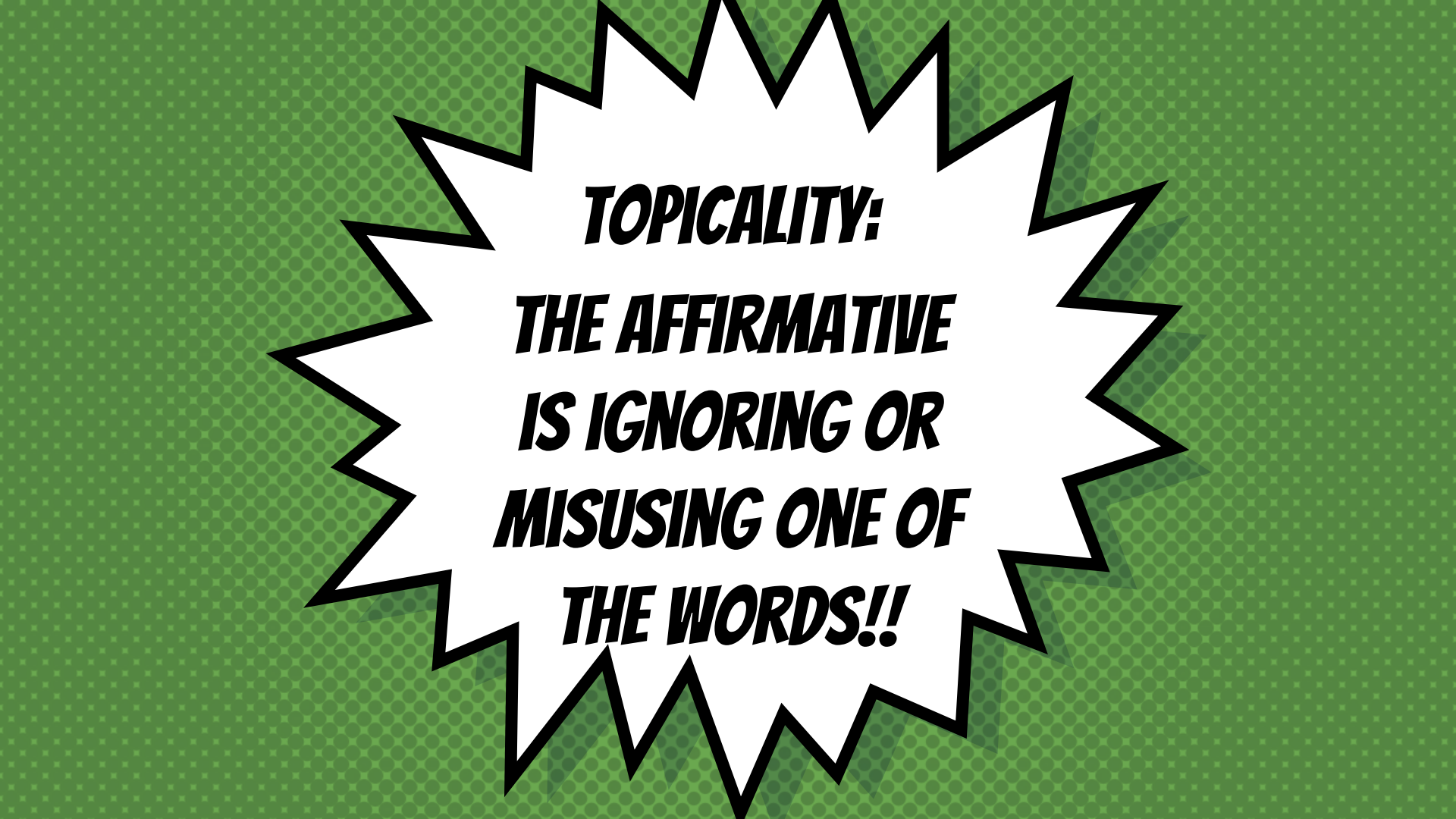
***TOPICALITY:
STICK WITH THE
TOPIC***

STAY ON TASK!

- × Each word in the resolution is important
- × Squirrel cases: a strange way to look at the topic
- × Topicality is fun!

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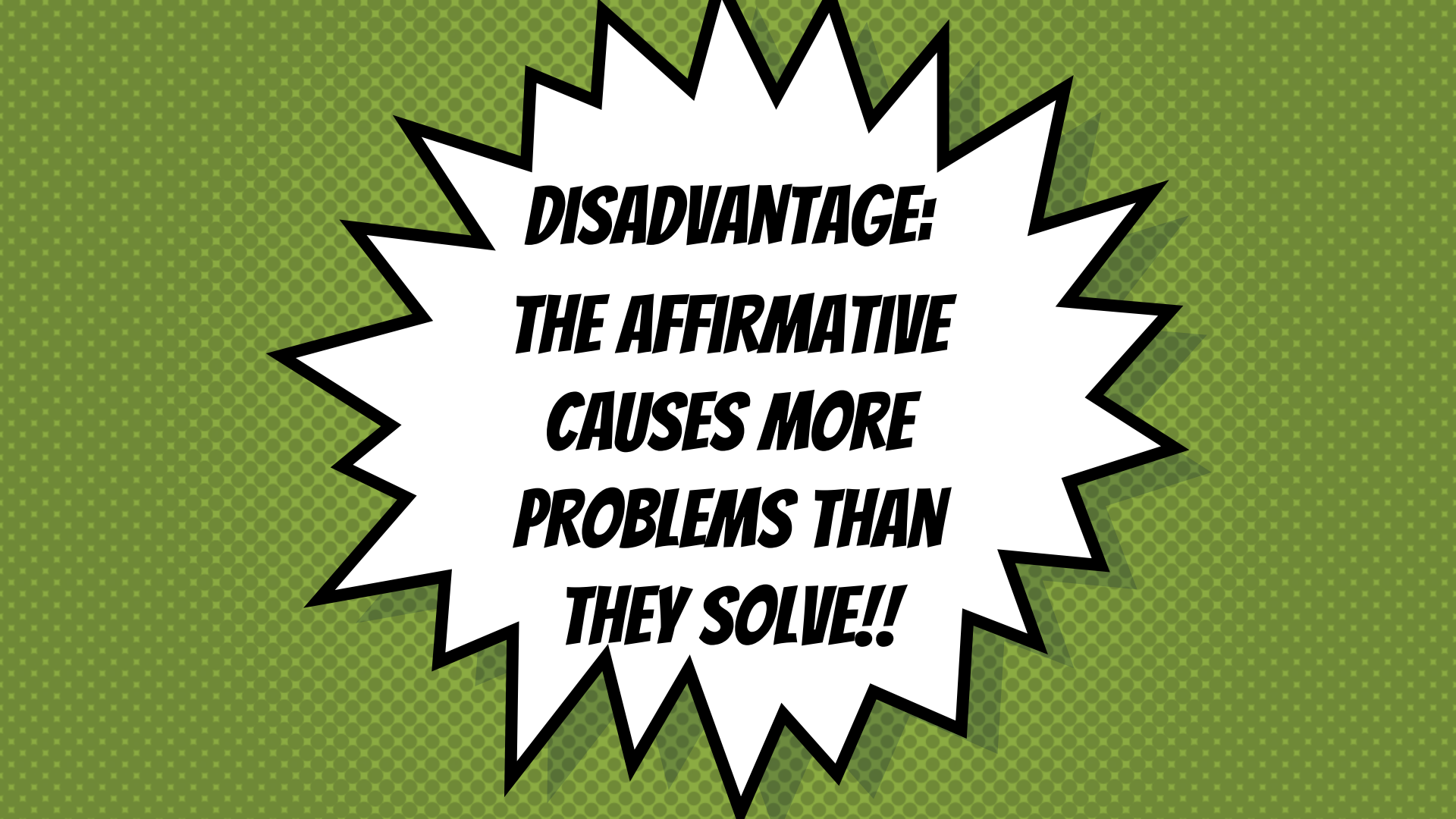
***BUT WHAT ABOUT
WHEN WE ARE
NEGATIVE?!?!***

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**TOPICALITY:
THE AFFIRMATIVE
IS IGNORING OR
MISUSING ONE OF
THE WORDS!!**

THE AFFIRMATIVE IS NOT TOPICAL--LET'S RUN "T"

- × Definition--define the word
- × Violation--how does Aff ignore
- × Standards--how to measure
- × Voter--if the Aff isn't topical, then the NEG should win!

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**DISADVANTAGE:
THE AFFIRMATIVE
CAUSES MORE
PROBLEMS THAN
THEY SOLVE!!**

THE AFFIRMATIVE IS GOING TO CAUSE NUKE WAR!

- × Link--how the Aff causes problems
- × Brink-- now is NOT the time to do the Aff Plan
- × Impact-- we are going to die

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***COUNTERPLAN:
WE CAN FIX THE
AFFIRMATIVE
PROBLEM BETTER!***

THE NEGATIVE IS A BETTER CHOICE OF ACTION!

- × Solve for the Affirmative plan
- × Must be competitive with the affirmative
- × Make the plan so Aff can't say "We will do both of our plans"

**A 'REAL
WORLD'**

EXAMPLE



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The US Federal Government should significantly reduce the mind manipulation practices in the United States.

WARNING: THIS IS A WEIRD, 'SQUIRREL' CASE

It's also just us being a little silly.

Who does 'mind manipulation' in the
United States?

We created the LARP Company.



THE LIZARD, AMPHIBIAN, REPTILIAN PRODUCTION COMPANY IS DESTROYING AMERICA.

LARP is a **significant** problem

33 million Americans consume LARP water and food products.

LARP is the largest producer of bottled water in the US

LARP Products are **harmful**

LARP water causes at least 2 deaths per week

LARP products are addictive and cause bankruptcy

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The plan to **Solve** the problem:

The United States Federal Government will reduce the mind manipulation powers by taxing LARP

The plan to **Solve** the problem:

Create the **Military Organization of Non Governmental Oppression Operating System Entity.**

M.O.N.G.O.O.S.E

The United States Federal Government is still the agent of Action

M.O.N.G.O.O.S.E will stop mind control

Pay for implementation by putting a tax on Toilet paper.

OR a really really big Bake Sale



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First Aff Constructive	8 minutes	Read the Aff Case, KNOW your plan
Cross Examination	3 minutes	Questions asked by 2nd Negative
First Neg Constructive	8 minutes	Explain how the Aff will destroy the world
Cross Examination	3 minutes	Questions asked by the 1st Affirmative
Second Aff Constructive	8 minutes	Explain why Neg is wrong and Aff is right
Cross Examination	3 minutes	Questions asked by the 1st Negative
Second Neg Constructive	8 minutes	Explain how the Aff will destroy the world
Cross Examination	3 minutes	Questions asked by the 2nd Affirmative
First Neg Rebuttal	5 minutes	Last chance to prove Neg is right
First Aff Rebuttal	5 minutes	Refute ALL the Negative Ideas
Second Neg Rebuttal	5 minutes	Last chance to prove Neg is right
Second Aff Rebuttal	5 minutes	Wrap up the major points: Aff is cool!

THANK

YOU!



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