

**LD and why you'll
love it!**



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What is LD Debate?



2 national leaders
One hot topic

The Current Resolution

RESOLVED: In matters of immigration, freedom of movement ought to be valued over national sovereignty.

Breakdown the main terms

Moral - Duty which is valid and binding in conscience and according to natural justice; rests upon ethical

considerations alone” Garner, Bryan A., and Henry Campbell Black. “Black’s Law Dictionary.” *Black’s Law Dictionary*, Thomson Reuters West, 2016.

Breakdown the main terms

Ought -

1. Used to indicate duty or correctness, typically when criticizing someone's actions. (Oxford English Dictionary, 2018)

Valued -

1. useful and important
2. considered important or good

The Basics



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DEBATE**

The “Aff” Constructive

- Supports the topic
- Creates *framework for the argument
- Burden of Proving the resolution to be true

*boundaries in which the judge will view the round to decide who wins.

The “Neg” Constructive

- Negates the topic
- Main job ---> CLASH!

LD is NOT just arguing!

Affirmative Constructive (AC)	6 minutes
Cross Examination by the Negative (NCX)	3 minutes
Negative Constructive (NC)	7 minutes
Cross Examination by the Affirmative (ACX)	3 minutes
First Affirmative Rebuttal (1AR)	4 minutes
Negative Rebuttal (NR)	6 minutes
Second Affirmative Rebuttal (2AR)	3 minutes

“Prep” time of 4 minutes is given to each side.

What is the AFF case made of?

The Value:

The value represents the most important goal for the round.

The resolution will guide you in your value selection.

Example:

RESOLVED: The United States federal government has a moral obligation to provide universal health care for its citizens.

Possible Values:

- * **Equal Opportunity**
- * **Quality of Life**



Most Common Values

→ Justice

→ Freedom/Liberty

→ Democracy

→ Equality

→ Human Rights

→ Legitimate Government

→ Safety

→ Privacy

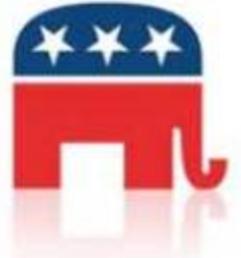
The Criterion

A measurement of the value
How do we know the value is met?

- Links the value and case together
(they have to match or your case makes no sense)
 - Sets limits on the value
(providing means in which value may be achieved)

How to find a criterion

I value _____, so I
want _____.



I value Individual
rights, so I want to
support democracy.

The Criterion

Must include an action verb

Ex: Reducing Poverty

(I value Economic Stability so I want to reduce poverty)

Traditionally based on philosophy

Ex: action in accordance Utilitarianism

(Any action taken on the foundation of the greatest good for
the greatest number)

Common Criteria



- Social Contract Theory
- Pragmatism
- Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs
- Harm Principle

Contentions

“The Meat”

- Contentions are the main arguments, or points, of your case.
- These points explain how the affirmative/negative action achieves your criterion.

Contentions

“The Meat”

- Claims: Title of the argument
- Warrants: Reasons that the claims are true
- Impacts : Why they matter
- Credible Sources: Wikipedia is NOT credible

LD is civilized

AC	Read your case. Should take full 6 minutes.
NCX	Ask questions that clarify and/or “poke holes” in Aff case
NC	Read your case (3 ½ minutes) <u>REBUTTAL</u> the Aff!!
ACX	Again, ask questions to clarify, deconstruct, weaken Neg case
1AR	Rebuttal Neg case AND Counter attacks on Aff case
NR	Rebuttal Aff, Counter attacks on Neg case, AND voters! No new arguments
2AR	Voters only! No new arguments

Cross-Examination

1. How does your value link to the resolution?
2. How does your criterion link?
3. Why should we accept that your value of _____ is the supreme value?
4. Can you explain your warrant and impacts on contention 1 (then 2, 3)?
5. Clarify any point you are uncertain of in your opponent's case.

Prep Time!!

4 Amazing minutes

1. Prepare your rebuttal
2. Half your time between rebuttals
3. USE IT ALL!



The Rebuttal

Attack everything!

Value

Criterion

Contention #1

Contention #2

Contention #3

For AFF

FLOW is EVERYTHING!

Notes in a debate round are called a “flow” and should contain the round’s:

Values

Criteria

Contentions

Arguments

Etiquette in Debate



ACX/NCX



- Do NOT face each other
- DO face the judge

ACX/NCX



- Do NOT become personal/aggressive
- DO be respectful but firm

Professional Attire



→ Do NOT

◆ wear jeans

◆ low-cut anything

◆ over accessorize,
etc.

→ DO be professionally
dressed

Manners



- Road Map: Tell the judge what to expect BEFORE you speak
- Sign Post: Tell the judge what is happening in while speaking in round

Manners

- Be respectful to your judge AND opponent
- Greetings!
- THANK YOU



Thank you!

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