

# BEFORE WE GET STARTED

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**Session 314**



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# Getting Started in Cross-Examination Debate

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**They told me I have  
45 minutes to  
explain CX Debate...**



**But I'm more worried about  
you....**



So email me if you have  
questions...



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**What is**  
**policy**  
**debate?**

**A game to  
determine which  
policy option  
should be  
adopted.**

# **Always keep this in mind?**

- **What world would you rather live in?**
- **How do you make “policy debate” decisions in your current life?**



# Next Round Overview 1.0



# Round Overview

Three types of speeches:

**CONSTRUCTIVE**

**REBUTTAL**

**CROSS-EXAMINATION**

And then there's your best friend...**PREP TIME!**

**Prep time** is your time out.

**Constructive** - Build/Read -  
8 Minutes

**Rebuttal** - Explain/Collapse -  
5 Minutes

**Cross-Examination** - Ask/Answer -  
3 Minutes

**Everybody gets one of each!**

# Put it all together...

1AC

CX by 2NC

1NC

CX by 1AC

2AC

CX by 1NC

2NC

CX by 2AC

1NR

1AR

2NR

2AR

# Next Up: The Affirmative



**Remember:**  
**policy debate**  
is a **civilized**  
argument to decide  
*which policy option*  
*should be adopted.*

# About what?

The **resolution** ...

**Resolved:** Resolved: The United States federal government should significantly strengthen its protection of domestic intellectual property rights in copyrights, patents, and/or trademarks.

**Just like a game,  
there are two sides...**

**... thus, two options!**



**Affirmative:**  
**They Agree**

**Negative:**  
**They Disagree**

**Affirmative  
Position:**

**1AC Plan Text**

Negative  
default  
position:  
**Status Quo**

*Building the*  
**1AC**

**Why** change?

Why do anything?

**ADVANTAGES** of voting  
affirmative (or DISADVANTAGE of voting  
negative).

# Constructing Advantages

Advantages...

...aka **HARMS**

...tell **stories** about why the **policy option** creates **advantages**.

...aff team's best form of **OFFENSE**

Why do these problems exist  
anyway?

**INHERENCY**

What's going on in the **Status  
Quo?**

*It argues that the problem will not get fixed in the status quo, so an affirmative ballot is **NECESSARY** to solve.*



# Advantages? Check

## How do we “get” them?

# PLAN

**Be Specific**

**But K.I.S.S.**

**Advantages? Check**

**Plan? Check**

**Does it work?**

**SOLVENCY**

# Order

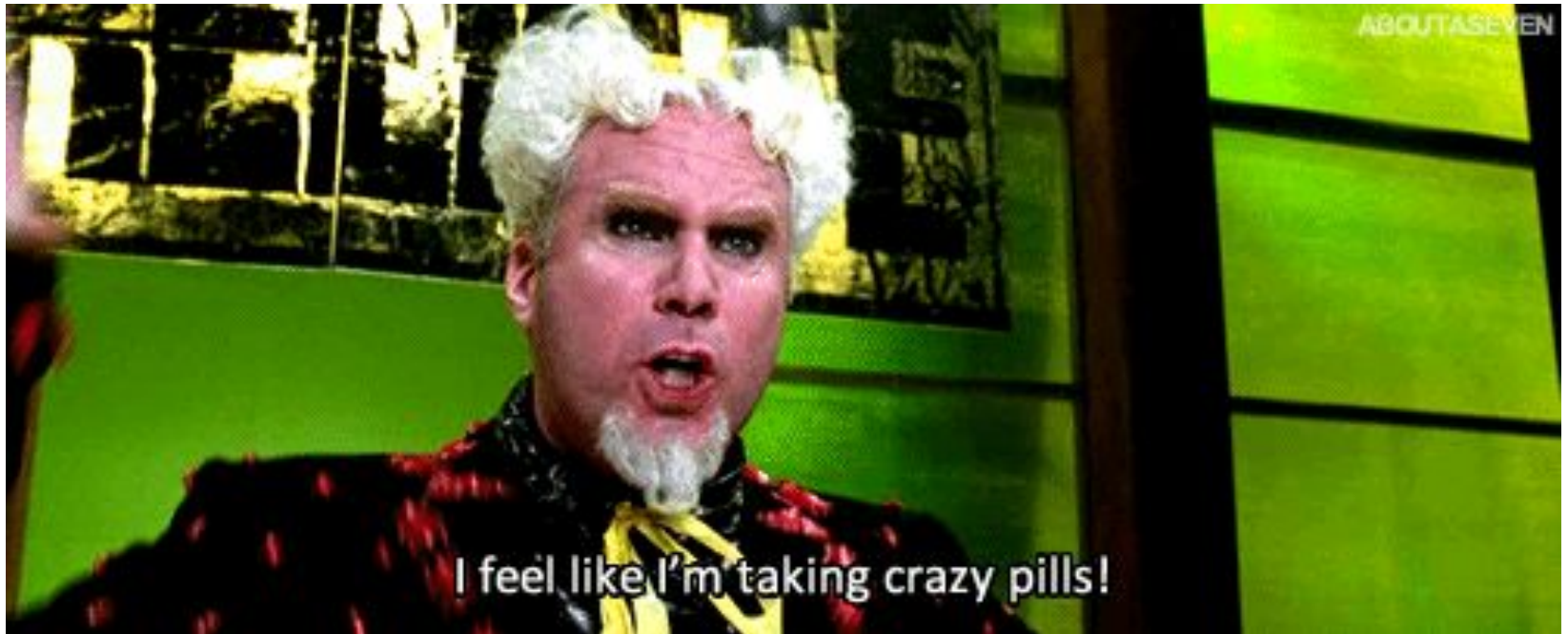
- Whichever makes most logical sense...TELL A STORY.
- One Example:
  - Contention 1 - Inherency
  - Contention 2 - Advantages (Harms)
  - PLAN TEXT (K.I.S.S.)
  - Contention 3 - Solvency

**8 Minutes**

**Advocate/Defend**

**Don't Lose It**

# Next: Disadvantages



# DA Structure - Ran in 1NC

- A. Uniqueness (w/ Brink)
- B. Link
- C. Internal Link
- D. Impact

# Impact Calculus

Recap:  
Advantage  
Disadvantage

**Magnitude** of impact  
**Probability** of impact  
**Timeframe** of impact

**Risk** = magnitude X probability.

# Next: Counterplans





**Negative  
changes their  
advocacy by  
running a  
counterplan.**

# Here's what you need...

**CP Plan Text** (just like an affirmative)

**Solvency** (just like an affirmative.)

*You already know what these things are.  
This is just another argument. Don't be  
scared.*

# New Term Incoming

## Net Benefit (basically like an advantage)

- Internal - CP avoids; so CP good
- External - Reason why Aff is bad that doesn't link to the CP

# The “Rules”

Competitive

Mutually Exclusive

# Next: Topicality



# Topicality

AFFIRMATIVE--means  
**AFFIRM** the resolution.

Each word is important.

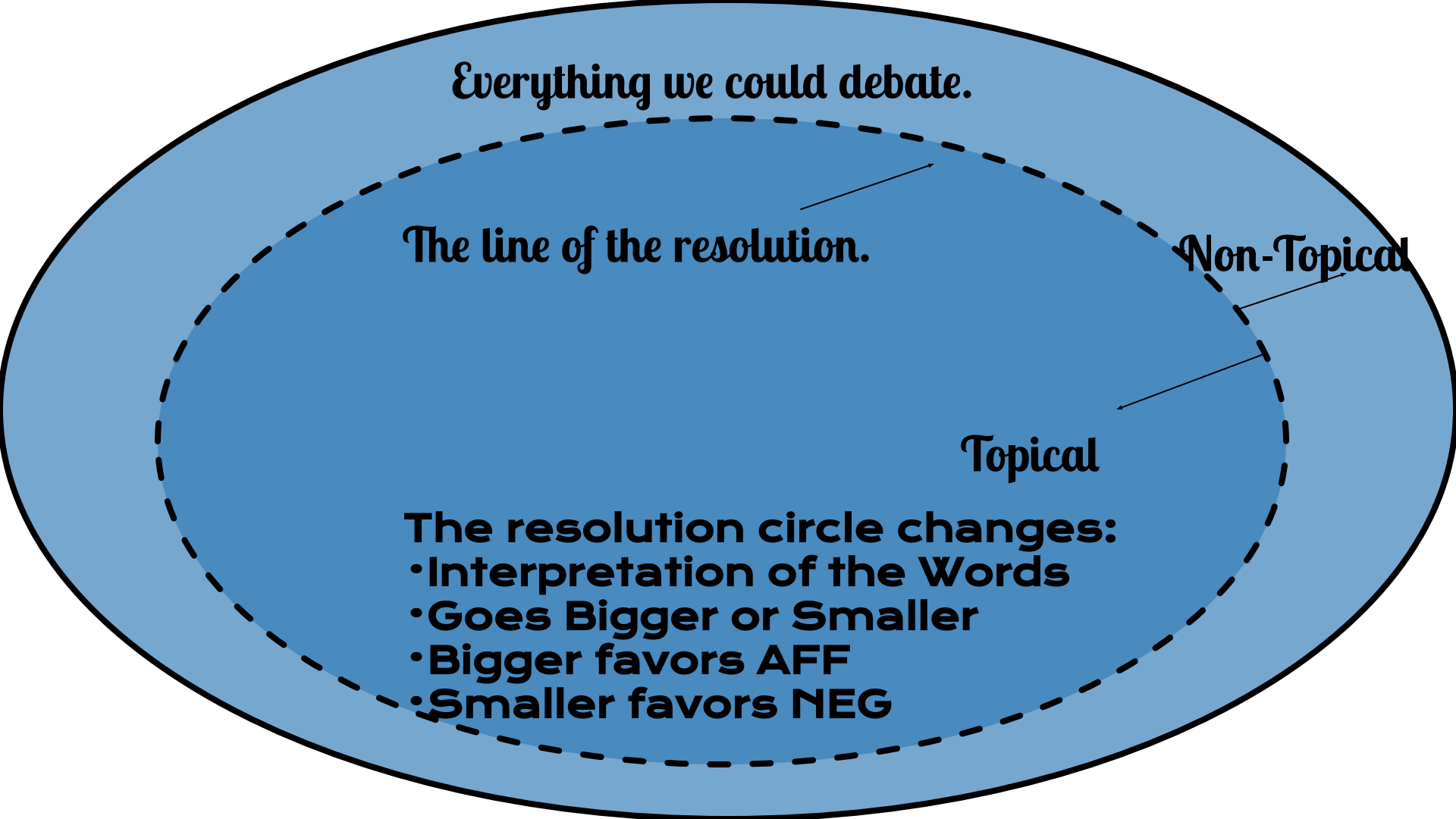
If they don't, they are  
considered **NON-TOPICAL** .

**But, it's not that simple...**  
**#sorrynotsorry**

**PROCEDURAL** debate

**Necessary, but insufficient for  
AFF**

**Sufficient for NEG (high reward,  
low-risk argument)**





# T Structure - Ran in 1NC

## A. Interpretation

(not absolute)

## B. Violation

(pretty obvi, but...)

## C. Reasons to Prefer

(remember L,G,P)

**\*\*\*You may hear C called something different and a fourth item at times. This is unnecessary.\*\*\***

# THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING



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**We value your  
feedback.**  
Please complete  
conference evaluation  
after your last session.

