

Speaker Roles

Sample Motion:

This House Regrets (THR) the decline of religious faith in the west

First Prop — 8 mins	First Opp — 8 mins
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Strong Intro and link to motion <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) A strong statement that reveals your stance on the motion. b) <i>"It is a tragedy that individual living in the twenty first century study medicine because they want to be rich, not because they love the profession."</i> 2) Greet the judges, audience, and other debaters. State speaker role, side, and motion. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>"Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen, I am proudly standing as the first speaker of the proposition in the motion this house regrets the decline of religious faith in the west."</i> 3) Give a roadmap of your speech <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>"Throughout my speech I will first give my team's definition, criteria, and mechanism, and then present our first two arguments."</i> 4) Definitions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) What are the key terms in the motion? How do you want to frame (limit) the motion? b) <i>"Moving on to our definitions, we would like to define regrets as ..."</i> 5) Criteria <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) What is the motion asking you to do? Who is affected and in what way are they affected? What is at stake here? b) <i>"For this debate, it is proposition's burden to prove that the decline of religious faith in the west has brought about</i> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Strong Intro and link to motion <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>"It is because proposition disregarded the crimes that have been done in the name of religion, that they've already lost this debate."</i> 2) Greet the judges, audience, and other debaters. State speaker role, side, and motion. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>"Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen, I am proudly standing as the first speaker of the opposition for this debate."</i> 3) Give a roadmap of your speech <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>"Throughout my speech I will first address the definitions, criteria, and mechanism for this debate, then refute all that prop has said so far, and finally present my team's first and second arguments."</i> 4) Definitions, criteria, mechanism <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) You can agree with prop if you find these fair. If not, explain why they're not fair and propose new ones. 5) Rebuttal <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Briefly but clearly refute prop's first and second argument. b) Also try to link your case to their case and refute it while you present your arguments. 6) Develop Argument 1 and Argument 2 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Point, Link, Brink, Impact, Conclusion 7) Finish with a strong outro. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>Note:</i> never cut your speech in the middle of a sentence, even if you've ran out of time.

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>more harms than benefits.</i></p> <p>6) Mechanism (if necessary)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>Note:</i> you only need a mechanism in motions that use the phrase “should” or “would”. b) A mechanism is a step by step plan of how you will achieve what you’re proposing. You should have an agent of action, and be as detailed as possible. <p>7) Develop Argument 1 and Argument 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) <u>Point</u> — what is the main idea of your argument? b) <u>Link</u> — what problem in the status quo are you trying to fix? c) <u>Brink</u> — why is your policy the best way to solve the problem that you recognized in the status quo? d) <u>Impact</u> — how are the people involved affected? why does it matter in the larger scope of things? essentially, why should we care? e) <u>Conclusion</u> — brief summary of what you’ve said and how you’ve proved your criteria so far <p>8) Finish with a strong outro.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>Note:</i> never cut your speech in the middle of a sentence, even if you’ve ran out of time. b) <i>“That is why we have the upper hand in this debate.”</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) <i>“That is why we have won this debate so far.”</i>
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Second Prop — 8 mins	Second Opp — 8 mins
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Strong Intro and link to motion 2) Greet the judges, audience, and other debaters. State speaker role, side, and motion. a) <i>“Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen, I am proudly standing as the second</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Strong Intro and link to motion 2) Greet the judges, audience, and other debaters. State speaker role, side, and motion. a) <i>“Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen, I am proudly standing as the second</i>

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>proposition speaker for this debate.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3) Give a roadmap of your speech <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>“Throughout my speech I will first refute everything that team opposition has said so far, then I will present prop’s third argument, and finally go back to strengthen my case”</i> 4) Point by Point Rebuttal <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Go through their framework if it’s still necessary (definitions, criteria, mechanism), then address their first and second substantive arguments. 5) Develop Argument 3 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Point, Link, Brink, Impact, Conclusion 6) Restrengthening <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Address (invalidate) all of opp’s attacks on your case. b) Link it back to the criteria, state why you still stand strong. 7) Finish with a strong outro <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>Note</i>: never cut your speech in the middle of a sentence, even if you’ve ran out of time. b) <i>“That is why we have the upper hand in this debate.”</i> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>opposition speaker for this debate.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3) Give a roadmap of your speech <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>“Throughout my speech I will first refute everything that team proposition has said so far, then I will present opp’s third argument, and finally go back to strengthen my case”</i> 4) Point by Point Rebuttal <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Go through their framework if it’s still necessary (definitions, criteria, mechanism), then address their first, second, and third substantive arguments. 5) Develop Argument 3 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Point, Link, Brink, Impact, Conclusion 6) Restrengthening <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Address (invalidate) all of prop’s attacks on your case. b) Link it back to the criteria, state why you still stand strong. 7) Finish with a strong outro <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>Note</i>: never cut your speech in the middle of a sentence, even if you’ve ran out of time. b) <i>“That is why we have the upper hand in this debate.”</i>
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Third Prop — 8 mins	Third Opp — 8 mins
<p>To give the third speech, you can choose one of two strategies: point by point rebuttal, or three points of clash. Ultimately your goal is to crystallize the debate and prove how and why you won.</p> <p><u>Important Note</u>: you can bring new analysis but you cannot bring more examples/evidence.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Strong Intro and link to motion 2) Greet the judges, audience, and other debaters. State speaker role, side, and motion. 	<p>To give the third speech, you can choose one of two strategies: point by point rebuttal, or three points of clash. Ultimately your goal is to crystallize the debate and prove how and why you won.</p> <p><u>Important Note</u>: you can bring new analysis but you cannot bring more examples/evidence.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Strong Intro and link to motion 2) Greet the judges, audience, and other debaters. State speaker role, side, and motion.

<p>a) <i>“Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen, I am proudly standing as the third proposition speaker for this debate.”</i></p> <p>3) Give a roadmap of your speech</p> <p>a) <i>“My job as the third speaker is to crystallize this debate. To do so I will</i></p> <p>i) <i>first give a point by point rebuttal of everything team opposition has said so fair, and then I’ll move on to strengthen my case.”</i></p> <p>ii) <i>present three points of clash which are (1), (2), (3).”</i></p> <p>4) Point by Point Rebuttal / Restrengthening</p> <p>a) Go through their framework if it’s still necessary (definitions, criteria, mechanism), then address their first, second, and third substantive arguments.</p> <p>b) Sometimes their arguments won’t be invalid, so you should weigh them against yours and claim that even if what they are saying is true, you have a bigger impact.</p> <p>c) Address (invalidate) all of opp’s attacks on your case. Go through all of your arguments and provide further analysis.</p> <p>d) Link it back to the criteria, state why you still stand strong.</p> <p>5) Three Points of Clash</p> <p>a) Identify the points where both teams clash; usually the points you talk about the most.</p> <p>b) Link those points of clash to each team’s arguments</p> <p>i) <i>“In this point I will be addressing proposition’s 2 argument and opposition’s 3 argument.”</i></p>	<p>a) <i>“Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen, I am proudly standing as the third opposition speaker for this debate.”</i></p> <p>3) Give a roadmap of your speech</p> <p>a) <i>“My job as the third speaker is to crystallize this debate. To do so I will</i></p> <p>i) <i>first give a point by point rebuttal of everything team proposition has said so fair, and then I’ll move on to strengthen my case.”</i></p> <p>ii) <i>present three points of clash which are (1), (2), (3).”</i></p> <p>4) Point by Point Rebuttal / Restrengthening</p> <p>a) Go through their framework if it’s still necessary (definitions, criteria, mechanism), then address their first, second, and third substantive arguments.</p> <p>b) Sometimes their arguments won’t be invalid, so you should weigh them against yours and claim that even if what they are saying is true, you have a bigger impact.</p> <p>c) Address (invalidate) all of opp’s attacks on your case. Go through all of your arguments and provide further analysis.</p> <p>d) Link it back to the criteria, state why you still stand strong.</p> <p>5) Three Points of Clash</p> <p>a) Identify the points where both teams clash; usually the points you talk about the most.</p> <p>b) Link those points of clash to each team’s arguments</p> <p>i) <i>“In this point I will be addressing proposition’s 2 argument and opposition’s 3 argument.”</i></p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) Follow a they said, we said, we won because type structure. d) Link it all back to the criteria, state why you still stand strong. <p>6) Finish with a strong outro</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>Note: never cut your speech in the middle of a sentence, even if you've ran out of time.</i> b) <i>"That is why we have clearly won this debate."</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) Follow a they said, we said, we won because type structure. d) Link it all back to the criteria, state why you still stand strong. <p>6) Finish with a strong outro</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) <i>Note: never cut your speech in the middle of a sentence, even if you've ran out of time.</i> d) <i>"That is why we have clearly won this debate."</i>
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NOTE: Opposition reply speech goes before proposition reply speech. In this manner, proposition starts and ends the debate.

Opp Reply — 4 mins	Prop Reply — 4 mins
<p>To give the reply, you can choose one of two strategies: two worlds, or two questions. Ultimately your goal is to summarize the debate in a way that proves how and why you won.</p> <p><u>Important Note:</u> the reply is given in past tense. DO NOT refute what the other team has said, or bring ANY new evidence, analysis, or arguments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Strong intro and link to your team's overall stance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>"If a single individual grows up in a community that tells him his sexual orientation is a product of evil, we have reason to regret the strength of religious institutions, and therefore, support their decline."</i> 2) Greet the judges, audience, and other debaters. State speaker role, side, and motion. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>"Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen, I am proudly standing as the reply speaker for the opposition team in this debate."</i> 3) Give a roadmap of your speech <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>"Throughout my speech I will</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) <i>show the two worlds</i> 	<p>To give the reply, you can choose one of two strategies: two worlds, or two questions. Ultimately your goal is to summarize the debate in a way that proves how and why you won.</p> <p><u>Important Note:</u> the reply is given in past tense. DO NOT refute what the other team has said, or bring ANY new evidence, analysis, or arguments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Strong intro and link to your team's overall stance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>"If we continue as we are, our children will be worth no more than a number in a bank account. Judges, if you stand against the rise of consumerism and the destruction of humanity's core, you will vote for team proposition."</i> 2) Greet the judges, audience, and other debaters. State speaker role, side, and motion. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>"Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen, I am proudly standing as the reply speaker for the proposition team in this debate."</i> 3) Give a roadmap of your speech <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>"Throughout my speech I will</i>

- ii) *present two questions to summarize the debate*

- b) *and ultimately prove why team opposition has clearly won this debate."*

4) **TWO WORLDS:**

Establish a **comparative**. Narrate what the world would look like if both team's models were to be implemented. Your world should be presented as better than the other team's world.

- a) *"In team proposition's world, homosexuals face prosecution on a daily basis."*
- b) *"In team opposition's world, people are no longer manipulated into submitting to a certain kind of degrading behavior."*

5) **TWO QUESTIONS:**

Identify the **points of clash** in the debate and link them to each team's three arguments. State them as questions.

- a) *"What's the purpose of the church?"*
 - i) *"Prop said .. Opp said ... we won because ..."*
- b) *"How does faith actually impact people's lives?"*
 - i) *"Prop said ... Opp said ... we won because ..."*

6) State how you proved your **criteria**

- a) *"We have proven how a decline in religious faith brings about more harms than benefits because of (1) an increase in consumerism (2) a decline in morality and (3) a decrease in self-reflective activities."*

7) Finish with a strong **outro**

- a) *Note: never cut your speech in the middle of a sentence, even if you've ran out of time.*
- b) *"That is why we have clearly won this debate."*

- i) *show the two worlds presented in this debate*
- ii) *present two questions to summarize the debate*

- b) *and ultimately prove why team proposition has clearly won this debate."*

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Establish a **comparative**. Narrate what the world would look like if both team's models were to be implemented. Your world should be presented as better than the other team's world.

- a) *"In team opposition's world people's life is a means to an end, not an end of itself. Hence, people can never be happy."*
- b) *"On the other hand, in team proposition's world, you regulate the inevitable spur of capitalism with faith."*

5) **TWO QUESTIONS:**

Identify the **points of clash** in the debate and link them to each team's three arguments. State them as questions.

- a) *"How does discrimination actually play out?"*
 - i) *"Opp said ... Prop said ... we won because ..."*
- b) *"What is so unique about religious individuals?"*
 - i) *"Opp said ... Prop said ... we won because ..."*

6) State how you proved your **criteria**

- a) *"We have proven how a decline in religious faith brings about more benefits than harms because of (1) a decrease in attacks against minority groups (2) a rise in accountability and (3) a decrease in dogmas."*

7) Finish with a strong **outro**

- a) *Note: never cut your speech in the middle of a sentence, even if you've ran out of time.*
- b) *"That is why we have clearly*

	<i>won this debate.”</i>
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IN SUMMARY:

First speeches:

- Establish the **framework** for the debate: definitions, criteria, mechanism
- Present your team’s **substantive** case: argument 1 and argument 2

Second speeches:

- Address issues with the **framework** if necessary
- **Rebuttal**: address everything that the other team has said so far (explain why what they said is wrong, or why it matters less than what you’ve said)
- Present your team’s **substantive** case: argument 3

Third speeches:

- Address the major **points of clash**
- Establish a **comparative** between either team’s arguments
- Bring new **analysis**
- Prove your **criteria**

Reply speeches:

- Reestablish your team’s **stance**
- **Summarize** the debate in past tense
- **Prove why you won** by either proving the criteria, showing you have the most positive impact, or showing you’ve won most points

Wall analogy—what is your job as a debater?

- Your team has a WALL. Your job is to ensure that your wall remains standing throughout the debate.
 - Your substantive case are the building blocks of your wall.
 - When the other team refutes your substantive case, it is tearing down your wall. Hence, you always need to rebuild your wall.
 - You should tear the other team’s wall and make sure yours is well built.
- The team with the best-built wall at the end of the debate is the team that ultimately wins.



ARGUMENTATION

Abstract

- Your arguments should directly address the motion
- You must present 3 arguments: 2 in the first speech and 1 in the second speech
- To win the debate your arguments must still be relevant and standing by the end

Structure (**Para Lograr Brincar, Intenta Correr**)

- Point:
 - What is the main idea or “core” of your argument?
- Link:
 - What problem in the status quo are you trying to fix?
- Brink:
 - Why is your policy the best way to solve the problem you recognized in the status quo?
- Impact:
 - How are the people involved affected? Why does it matter in the larger scope of things? Why should we care?
- Conclusion:
 - What did you prove? How does it link to your criteria?

POINTS OF INFORMATION

Abstract

- What is a POI?
 - POI: point of information.
 - Purpose: throw-off the person that is speaking.
 - Your POI should refute something that the speaker is saying at the time.
 - Phrasing: question.

Giving a POI

- How should I ask the POI?
 - Stand up from your seat. Stay standing until they (1) reject your POI or (2) give you a chance to speak and you state your question.
 - While you stand up you can say the following phrases:
 - *"On that point sir/mam"*
 - *"But sir/mam"*
 - *"However sir/mam"*
 - *"Point of information"*
 - *"Sir/mam"*
 - If and ONLY IF the speaker takes your POI, you state it; otherwise, sit down and try again later.
 - Your POI should be stated in the following way:
 - *"Are you aware that ... ?"*
 - *"What about ... ?"*
 - *"Do you recognize that ... ?"*
 - Look at the judges when you're saying the POI.
- How long should the POI last?
 - You can only ask 1 question. You have 15 seconds to ask it.
- When can I ask a POI?
 - Anytime between the 1 minute mark and the 7 minute mark.
- To who can I ask a POI?

- You can ask POI to the first, second, and third speakers of the other team.
 - You cannot make POI's in the reply speech.
- NEVER ask a POI to your own team.
- How frequently can I ask a POI?
 - The official rule is that you must wait 11 seconds before asking a POI.
 - Be careful not to *barricade*— asking so many POI's that the speaker cannot continue delivering his/her speech.

Accepting a POI

- How many POI's should I accept?
 - You should accept between 1 and 2 POIs.
- When should I accept a POI?
 - Only accept a POI when you feel confident about what you're saying.
- How should I accept a POI?
 - Finish your sentence/point first, then accept the POI.
 - Don't let them interrupt you!
 - You can leave them standing for about 10-15 seconds.
 - You can say the following phrases:
 - *"In a second sir/mam"*
 - *"Yes"*
 - *"But yet you disagree sir/mam"*
 - *"Before I move on, yes"*
- For how long should I let him/her speak?
 - Make sure you listen and understand the entirety of the question, but don't let him/her waste your time.
- How should I reject a POI?
 - Wait until you finish your phrase / idea.
 - Be nice!
 - *"No thank you sir"*
 - **just reject him/her with your hand**

Example

Prop speaker on the podium: *red*

Opp speaker listening: *blue*

- *This debate is not about whether or not Saudi Arabia carries out*
- *On that point sir*
- *In a second mam. This debate is not about whether or not Saudi Arabia carries out human rights violations. This debate is about who supplies Saudi Arabia the weaponry to intervene in Yemen. We strongly believe that the United States*

provides the best weapons that limit civilian casualties the most. We also believe that Saudi Arabia has a strong incentive to find weapons elsewhere if the US decides to stop. However, we believe that the west, being predominantly democratic, prioritizes human rights more than Russia or China, who could also sell weapons to Saudi Arabia. Yes mam ...

- How would you explain the Saudi-US relations to a Yemeni child?
- Thank you mam. I would tell them that the US is trying their best to ensure that less people die.