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Be sure to check out our new Free Trade File by Chris Burk here!

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Cross Examination

Topic: Sub-Saharan Africa

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its public health assistance to Sub-Saharan Africa.

Topic Analysis
- Summary of Popular Cases
  Follow the link to read summaries of the most popular affirmative cases at Greenshill.
- Topic News
  Check out the latest world news on public health assistance to Africa.
- What's Wrong with Health Aid?
  Follow the link to find a list of 10 things wrong with current health aid to Africa.
- Glossary of Key Terms
  Check out our glossary of key terms to gain a better understanding of the 2007-2008 topic!
- Message to Debaters
  Read a message to you from NCPA President John Goodman on the Africa topic!
- Overview of the 2007-2008 CX Topic
  Read Debate Central's thoughts on the Africa topic! We outline the key issues you will debate this year.
- Affirmative Case Areas
  Follow the link for a discussion of possible affirmative cases on the Africa topic!
- CX Questions
  A list of general CX questions for negatives to ask affirmatives!
- Public Health Assistance Websites
  The following websites will help you research the 2007-2008 topic!
- Fighting HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa
  Follow the link to find a discussion of HIV/AIDS cases on this year’s topic.

Helpful Resources
- Biotechnology
- Child Health
- Colonialism
- Countries
- Definitions
- Infectious Diseases
- Economic Growth
- Education
- Energy & Health
- Famine
- Foreign Aid
- Global Security
- Health Infrastructure
- Health Status
- Landmines
- Malathus
- Medical Drugs
- Other Actors
- Political Development
- Political Instability
- Poverty
- Reproductive Health
- Sustainable Development
- U.S. Policy
- Water
- Women
Lincoln-Douglas

Topic: (UIL) Sanctuary Cities
Resolved: Sanctuary cities are morally justified.

Topic: (NFL) Hate Crime Enhancements
Resolved: Hate crime enhancements are unjust in the United States.

Topic Analysis

- March/April NFL Topic Background Paper
  Follow the link to gain a deeper understanding of the March/April NFL topic.

- Card of the Week
  Follow this link to read explanation of the topic and strategies for a round.

- UIL: Key Word Definitions
  Follow the link to find definitions of key words in the Spring 2008 UIL topic.

- Spring UIL LD Topic Background
  Read our topic background paper to gain a deeper understanding of the Spring UIL LD topic.

- Guide to Popular Philosophers
  This guide will help you understand popular philosophers used in LD debate!

- Common LD Values
  Debate Central has summarized common LD values to help you understand basic LD debate!
Africa

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Trade Bad by Chris Burk
This file is useful in two major ways. First, it provides direct answers to many arguments found in the Trade Counterplan available from debate-central during the Fall 2007 semester. Second, it provides impact arguments against ‘free trade’ and the World Trade Organization (WTO).

Elections by Chris Burk
Merida Politics Answers by Chris Burk
This file will help you answer a Merida politics disadvantage.

Aid Trade-Off Disadvantage by Chris Burk
Debaters can argue that aid to Africa will trade-off with aid to Pakistan with this file.

Economy Updates (November) by Chris Burk
This file will help you debate economy and spending disadvantages.

Soft Power by Chris Burk
This is a useful argument for affirmative teams debating agent counterplans. Only U.S. action can boost U.S. soft power.

Spending and Economy Updates (Mid-September) by Chris Burk
This file will help you debate economy and spending disadvantages.

Free Trade Counterplan 1.0 by Chris Burk
This counterplan will help negative teams argue that the United States should enact policies to facilitate more trade with Sub-Saharan Africa.

Politics Updates

These files give you the most recent evidence on current issues that are being discussed in congress. Download the complete documents here:

February 1st
January 11th
November 9th
November 2nd
October 26th
October 19th
October 5th
September 28th
September 21st
September 14th
Learn About Debate

2008 Summer Debate Camps
As you are preparing for the 2008-2009 debate season, Debate Central provides the following list of debate camps around the country.

Tournament Calendar
Click to view a list of tournaments for the 2007-2008 season!

Round Reports
Follow the link to view reports of CX and LD rounds from high school debate tournaments around the country. Recently we added a report from the Comet Challenge (UT-Dallas).

Debate Central CX Workshop
If you could not attend one of our free workshops you can still listen to topic lectures by Chris Burk and Scott Herndon, debate coaches at UT-Dallas.

Tournament Casebooks
Follow the link to view casebooks from St Marks and Greenhill.

Debate in the News
Follow this link to view newspaper articles discussing high school and college debate.

Debate Expert: Chris Burk
This fall Debate Central will partner with Chris Burk, Director of Debate at the University of Texas at Dallas to provide you with evidence on the Africa topic.

Understand Cross-Examination Debate
The following PDFs are great resources for understanding Cross-Examination Debate.

Understand Lincoln-Douglas Debate
The following PDFs are great resources for understanding Lincoln-Douglas style debate.
Ask the Experts

The "Ask the Expert" feature of Debate-Central is intended to provide you access to leading experts on debate and this year's topic.

Topic - Debate Expert

Chris Burk
Ask Chris Burk a question.
Read Chris' answers to your questions here!

Chris is the Director of Debate at the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD), one of the fastest rising programs in college debate. Chris has coached over a dozen teams to the National Debate Tournament, including multiple First Round teams.

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Topic - 2007: Sub-Saharan Africa

Laurie Garrett
Ask Laurie Garrett a question.

Since 2004, Laurie Garrett has been a senior fellow for global health at the Council on Foreign Relations. Her expertise includes global health systems, chronic and infectious diseases, and bioterrorism.

Ms. Garrett is the best-selling author of several books that will help you understand the new CX topic such as The Coming Plague: Newly Emerging Diseases in a World Out of Balance and Betrayal of Trust: The Collapse of Global Public Health. Her article "The Challenge of Global Public Health" published in Foreign Affairs will also help you on the new topic.
Maria Coello
Read Maria Coello’s answers to your questions.

Maria Coello is an Associate with Hunt-Mexico, Inc., a middle-market private equity firm in Dallas, Texas. Mrs. Coello’s passion is economic development through private equity investments. To this end, she invests in private equity opportunities in Mexico and Latin America to bring capital to capital constrained markets. She holds a Bachelor’s degree with honors in Economics and Mathematics from the University of Houston and a Master’s in Business Administration from Yale University.
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Roger Bate
Ask Roger Bate a question.

Economist Roger Bate is a Resident Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute. He researches U.S. and international aid policy in Africa and the developing world, evaluating the performance and effectiveness of USAID, the World Bank, the Millennium Challenge Corporation, NGOs, as well as other aid organizations and development policy initiatives.
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Ruth Levine
Read Ruth Levine’s answers to your questions.

Ruth Levine is a health economist with 15 years of experience working on health and family planning financing issues in Latin America, Eastern Africa, the Middle East, and South Asia. Her book Millions Saved: Proven Successes in Global Health offers a great perspective on this year’s debate topic.
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Emily Oster
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Emily Oster is a Becker Fellow at the University of Chicago. She earned a PhD in economics from Harvard University and has written articles on HIV/AIDS, STIs, and sexual behavior in Africa.
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Arnold Kling
Read Arnold Kling’s answers to your questions.

Dr. Arnold Kling is an independent scholar who writes about a wide variety of economic issues. Dr. Kling is the author of several books, including Crisis of Abundance: Re-thinking How We Pay for Health Care, published by the Cato Institute.
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