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by John C. Goodman

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# Cross Examination

**Topic:** Poverty

**Resolved:** The United States federal government should substantially increase social services for persons living in poverty in the United States.

## Topic Analysis

-  [Beating the States Counterplan](#)  
Follow this link for strategies to beat the state counterplan!
-  [Affirmative Plans from Greenhill](#)  
Follow this link to find a list of all of the affirmative plan from the Greenhill tournament!
-  [Poverty Topic News](#)  
Follow the link to keep up on the latest news on poverty and social services!
-  [Poverty Topic Overview](#)  
Follow the link to read an overview of the issues that will be debated on this year's topic!
-  [Poverty Websites](#)  
The following websites will help you research the 2009-2010 CX topic!
-  [CX Questions](#)  
Follow the link to find general CX questions negatives can ask affirmatives.
-  [Glossary of Key Terms](#)  
Check out our Glossary of Terms to gain a deeper understanding of the 2009-2010 topic!

## Helpful Resources

- Definitions
- Social Services
- Target Populations
- Private Action Counterplan
- State Counterplan
- Waste and Fraud
- Spending Disadvantage
- Employment
- Economic Theories
- Dependency
- Impacts
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## Poverty Topic News

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



**Topic:** (UIL) Anthropocentrism versus Biocentrism

**Resolved:** Anthropocentrism ought to be valued above biocentrism

**Topic:** (NFL) Jury Nullification

**Resolved:** Resolved: In the United States, the principle of jury nullification is a just check on government.

## Topic Analysis

-  [Spring UIL Topic](#)  
Read our topic background paper to gain a deeper understanding of the Spril UIL topic.
-  [March/April NFL Topic Overview](#)  
Follow the link to read an overview of the March/April NFL Topic!
-  [NFL Releases Prospective Topics for 2010](#)  
The NFL has announced a list of ten potential topics for 2010.
-  [Card of the Week](#)  
Follow this link to read explanation of the topic and strategies for a round.
-  [Guide to Popular Philosophers](#)  
This guide will help you understand popular philosophers used in LD debate!
-  [Understanding the Value Criterion](#)  
This in-depth discussion of the value criterion will help you understand the function of the criterion and different ways to prove that it achieves your value premise.
-  [Common LD Values](#)  
Debate Central has summarized common LD value premises to help you understand basic LD debate.

## Helpful Resources

- NFL Links
- UIL Links

# Public Forum

**Topic:** (March) Affirmative Action

Resolved: Affirmative action to promote equal opportunity in the United States is justified.

## Helpful Resources

- [Public Forum Aff](#)
- [Public Forum Neg](#)

## Topic Analysis

### [March Topic Overview](#)

Follow the link for an overview of the March affirmative action topic!

### [February Topic Overview](#)

Follow this link for more information on the February PF topic!

### [January Topic Overview](#)

Follow the link to read more about the January topic!

### [December Topic Overview](#)

Follow this link to read our overview of the December education topic!

### [November Topic Overview](#)

Follow this link to learn more about the November topic!

### [October Topic Overview](#)

Follow this link to read out background paper on the October UN topic!

### [September Topic Overview](#)

Follow this link for affirmative and negative arguments on the immigration topic!

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# Poverty

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## Enterprise Programs

This file will give you cards to create a case or counterplan based on Enterprise Programs.

## Fiscal Discipline DA

This file includes a negative fiscal discipline disadvantage and affirmative answers.

## States Counterplan and Federalism DA

This file includes a states counterplan which has the 50 states adopt the mandates of the affirmative plan to solve the case and a federalism disadvantage which argues the plan will upset the balance of power between the states and the federal government. The file also includes affirmative answers to the counterplan and disadvantage.

## Community Health Centers

Download this file for affirmative and negative evidence on Community Health Centers.

## Medicaid

This file contains affirmative and negative evidence on Medicaid for the poverty topic.

## Taxpayer Choice

Use this file to build a taxpayer choice case.

## Oil 2.0

This 50 page file will help affirmative and negative debaters win debates on oil. Chris provides cards on the in-depth discussions on the oil market that occur at the end of the year.

## Welfare Negative

Negatives can use this file against affirmative cases that expand welfare payments.

## Oil

This file will help you in debates on the energy topic

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## Learn About Debate

### 2010 Summer Debate Camps

As you are preparing for the 2010-2011 debate season, Debate Central provides the following list of debate camps around the country.

### Judge Adaptation and Tips

Judges have various backgrounds. Some have no experience at all, while others are former TOC champions. If you want to be successful, you need to be able to debate in front of all of them and cater to what they want to hear. The following are some basic guidelines for judge adaptation.

### Debate Central FREE Workshop

If you weren't able to attend one of our free workshops this fall, watch some of the lecture videos here!

### Debate in the News

Follow this link to view newspaper articles discussing high school and college debate.

### 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 reports from the Greenhill tournament

### Research Strategies and Tips

Follow the link for advice on conducting debate research!

### Rubaie Speaks

Follow this link to read Brian Rubaie's answers to all of your debate questions.

### Debate Expert: Chris Burk

Debate Central partners with Chris Burk, Director of Debate at UT Dallas to provide you with evidence on the poverty topic and answer your questions on how to debate!

### Tournament Casebooks

Follow the link to view casebooks from Grapevine and Greenhill.

### Understand Cross-Examination Debate

The following PDFs are great resources for understanding Cross-

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## 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 - 2009: Poverty



#### Michael Tanner

[Ask Michael Tanner a question.](#)

Michael Tanner heads research into a variety of domestic policies with a particular emphasis on health care reform, social welfare policy, and Social Security. His most recent book, [Leviathan on the Right: How Big-Government Conservatism Brought Down the Republican Revolution](#) (2007), chronicles the demise of the Republican party as it has shifted away from its limited government roots and warns that reform is necessary to avoid electoral defeat in 2008.

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#### Susan B. Neuman

[Ask Susan B. Neuman a question.](#)

Susan is Director of the Michigan Research Program on Ready to Learn, which includes projects all working to change the odds for children in poverty. She received her doctorate at the University of the Pacific in

Stockton, California in 1977, her M.A. at California State University, Hayward and her B.A. at American University. Prior to coming to Michigan, she was a Professor at Temple University, the University of Massachusetts, Lowell, and Eastern Connecticut State University.

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