Cross Examination

Topic: Military Deployment

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially reduce its military and/or police presence in one or more of the following: South Korea, Japan, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Iraq, Turkey.
Resolved: Free trade should be valued above protectionism.

Resolved: The United States is justified in using private military firms abroad to pursue its military objectives.

**Topic Analysis**
- March/April NFL Topic Overview
  Follow this link to read our overview of the March/April NFL topic.
- January/February Topic Overview
  Follow this link for an overview of the January/February NFL LD topic.
- UIL Spring Topic Overview
  Follow this link for a discussion of the Spring UIL topic.
- November/December Topic Overview
  Follow this link for an overview of the November/December NFL topic.
- September/October NFL Topic Overview
  Follow the link to read an overview of the September/October NFL topic.
- NFL Releases Prospective Topics for 2010--2011
  The NFL has announced a list of ten potential topics for the 2010--2011 season.
- Fall UIL Topic
  Read our topic background paper to gain a deeper understanding of the Fall UIL topic.
- 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.
Public Forum

Topic: March: North Korea and Iran
Resolved: North Korea poses a more serious threat to United States national security than Iran.

Topic Analysis
- April Topic Overview
  - Read our overview of the organ donation topic here!
- March Topic Overview
  - Check out our overview of the March PF topic!
- February Topic Overview
  - Check out our overview of the February Wikileaks topic!
- January Topic Overview
  - Follow this link for a discussion of the January plea bargaining topic!
- December Topic Overview
  - Follow this link to read our overview of the December topic!
- November Topic Overview
  - Follow the link to read more about the November topic!
- October Topic Overview
  - Follow the link to read more about the October PF topic!
- September Topic Overview
  - Follow this link to learn more about the September topic!

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- Recommended Reading for Public Forum

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- Tax & Budget Policy
- Retirement Reform Policy
- Energy & Environment Policy
- Family, Women & Small Business Policy

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- Bob McTeer's Blog: Taxes and Budget Blog
- Retirement Reform Blog
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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 in the News
Follow this link to view newspaper articles discussing high school and college 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-Examination Debate.

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

Important Terms in Lincoln-Douglas Debate
Understanding debate terminology is essential to excelling in the round. These terms are not limited to debate. They are applicable more broadly to assessing ideas and arguments.
Ask the Experts

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