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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.

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Lincoln-Douglas

Topic: (UIL) Free Trade versus Protectionism

Resolved: Free trade should be valued above protectionism.

Topic: (NFL--March/April) Private Military Firms

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

Helpful Resources

- [NFL Links](#)
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Topic Analysis

- [March/April NFL Topic Overview](#)
Follow this link to read our overview of the March/April NFL topic!
- [January/February Topic Overview](#)
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- [UIL Spring Topic Overview](#)
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- [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.

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Public Forum

Topic: March: North Korea and Iran

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

Helpful Resources

- [Public Forum Aff](#)
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Topic Analysis

- [April Topic Overview](#)
Read our overview of the organ donation topic here!
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Debate Central FREE Workshops

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Research Strategies and Tips

Follow the link for advice on conducting debate research!

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.

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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.



Ask Brian Rubaie a question

Brian Rubaie is one of the top debaters in the country. In March 2010, Brian was named Debater of the Year for the 2009-2010 season. He and his partner reached quarterfinals at both CEDA and the NDT.

[Read Brian Rubaie's answers to your questions »](#)



Ask Chris Burk a question

Chris has over 20 years of experience in competitive debate. He is the director of the debate program at UT Dallas, one of the fastest rising programs in college debate.

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