

Big Questions Debate Ballot

Tournament Date:			Tournament Location:	
Round/ Flight:	Room:	Division:	Judge Name:	Affiliation/ Occupation:

Debaters may compete as individuals or with a partner. Rounds may be two vs. one, one vs. one, or two vs. two. If one or both sides only has an individual debater, leave the space for the second speaker's name and points blank.

Affirmative		Negative	
Code:	Points	Code:	Points
Speaker 1 Name:		Speaker 1 Name:	
Speaker 2 Name:		Speaker 2 Name:	
Points for each speaker:		<24 Unethical Behavior	25-26 Below Average
		27-28 Above Average	29-30 Outstanding

Winning Side: <input type="checkbox"/> Aff <input type="checkbox"/> Neg	Team/Code:
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Resolved: Humans are fundamentally different from other animals.

1. Because debaters cannot choose which side of the resolution to advocate, judges must be objective evaluators of both sides of the resolution. Evaluate the round based only on the arguments that the debaters made and not on personal opinions or arguments you would have made.
2. Debaters may only make arguments directly related to the topic. When you sign your ballot, you are confirming that the winning debater ran a position about the topic. Debaters that run non-topical positions will be automatically forfeited.
3. Please fill out reasons why both sides may have won the debate in the space below. This technique is designed to force you to make the best case for both sides and help to eliminate bias in your decision. Your final decision for the winning debater should be filled in the boxes at the top of the ballot.

Reasons why the **affirmative** may have won the round, positive feedback, and constructive criticism:

Reasons why the **negative** may have won the round positive feedback, and constructive criticism:

Reasons for decision (provide a detailed justification, referring to central issues debaters presented in round):

**Order/Time Limits
of Speeches**

Affirmative Constructive.....5 min
 Negative Constructive.....5 min
 Question Segment.....3 min
 Affirmative Rebuttal.....4 min
 Negative Rebuttal.....4 min
 Question Segment.....3 min
 Affirmative Consolidation.....3 min
 Negative Consolidation.....3 min
 Affirmative Rationale.....3 min
 Negative Rationale.....3 min

3 min prep per side to be used at debaters' discretion