

Article: Dropped Arguments and 2AR Abuse

There's one more important thing we must go over before moving on: dropped arguments and 2AR abuse.

I found a couple articles online that explain these concepts much better than me:

[Dropped Argument](#) - read the whole thing (it's short), and

[2AR](#) - just read the section labeled "2AR abuse."

These articles are both from a website called HomeSchoolDebate.

A couple things to note after you read these:

1. Dropped arguments matter most in the 2AR (because of 2AR abuse); they aren't that big of a deal for the 1AR and NR. (In fact, some debaters believe that bringing up dropped arguments in the 1AR and NR are absolutely fine. However, everyone agrees that dropped arguments should not be brought up in the 2AR).
2. If someone in a round drops an argument, the general consensus in NCFCA is that said person has implicitly agreed with the argument. Silence Is Concession - meaning, if they don't say anything to refute it, they agree with it. You could even point this out in a round - if your opponent drops your value, for instance, you could make a valid argument that they agree with your value!

However,

3. ONLY POINT OUT DROPPED ARGUMENTS IF THEY ACTUALLY MATTER AND ARE CENTRAL TO THE DEBATE! You can't point out a really minor, insignificant dropped argument that really doesn't have much impact on the main issues of the debate, and then try to use the fact that they dropped it to argue that you should win the round.