

## PRE-WRITING YOUR REBUTTALS

It is OK to pre-write what you are going to say in rebuttals. You can have papers that say, "if they say this, I say that."

Let's make some pre-written documents for our Aff rebuttals (when we are Aff).

First, create 2 documents on your computer, 1 called 1AR and another called 2AR. Let's focus on the 1AR document first.

- Organize the 1AR doc by having 3 sections: one section of arguments against Neg case, one section defending your case against what they might say, and 30 second summary at the end.
- Let's start with section 1. Think of generic arguments you might be able to run against the Neg during rebuttals. Or think of arguments against things you think the Neg might argue. Tip: Sometimes you can have a generic argument against any value the neg might run! For example, if your value is prosperity, you could have something like this: "my opponent's value of \_\_\_\_\_ is not the highest value in the round. Look at Greece, for example. Greece had \_\_\_\_\_. But Greece went bankrupt – they lacked prosperity – so it didn't matter."
- Come up with some generic arguments against possible Neg cases and put them in section 1.
- Now let's work on Section 2. To do this, first pretend you are neg. Now, with the mindset of a Neg, try to attack your Aff case. Try to rip it to shreds best you can with arguments. Afterwards, either seal up any problems you find in your Aff case itself (this helps strengthen up your Aff case), or come up with an adequate response that you would give in a rebuttal speech and write that in section 2 of the 1AR document! Note: don't be discouraged if you find lots of holes during this process! Every case, even the ones that win, have lots of holes; as long as you can have a response to the holes (which we are creating now) you will be fine.
- Finally, write 2 briefs summaries of your case. Each should be about 30 seconds long/a short paragraph. One goes in section 3 of the 1AR document.
- The second summary goes in the 2AR document, so open that up and put it in there. Read these summaries EVERY ROUND during the last 30 seconds of your rebuttal!
- *Optional: Prepare the 2AR document just like the 1AR document by creating 3 sections and populating them with possible arguments that you could run in the 2AR.*
- You should add to these "databases" throughout the year. The list of possible arguments you can make will get longer and longer.

Now, go back to the beginning of this worksheet, and do the exact same thing for Neg (create documents for each Neg rebuttal speech with pre-written arguments in them). Create an NR doc for the NR speech in between the 1AR and 2AR (you don't need to create a separate doc for the rebuttal that you give at the end of your NC; we'll just use your normal NC doc for that).

The only differences this time are that:

1. You should put the "arguments against Aff case" section at the end of your NC (since you start attacking the Aff at the end of the NC). Put the "arguments defending my NC" in the NR document, however.
2. You only need to write one summary (for the NR doc)