Preparing CX Questions to Ask

Now it's time for you to try to come up with some CX questions for both Aff and Neg that you could ask your opponent in a round.

I highly recommend that you refer to the lecture notes to help you with this. Use the 5 goals of CX (near top of document) and the "Asking Questions" section of the document as a guide. Try to have some "chain of questioning" questions, some yes/no questions, and maybe some hypothetical scenario questions if you can think of any.

You can make some of the questions generic (ie, they can be used against any case regardless of your opponent's value/stance), but you should also make some questions that are specific to individual cases (ie, "if they run a value of prosperity, I will ask these questions. If they run a value of human rights, I will ask these questions, etc).

Also remember that the questions don't have to attack your opponent's case; they can also be designed so that they bolster your own case (maybe you could use a CX question to get your opponent to admit that your value is really important).

One last note: I have an included an example of someone's pre-prepared CX document for a previous year's resolution. Notice how there are some generic questions followed by questions that are specific to certain values. Also notice how she added words in [brackets], which was her way of making notes to herself about what arguments to make in her speech based on her opponent's answers to certain questions. The sample document is on the main class page underneath this article.