

Debate 3: Resolution and Format

Resolution

In the last two centuries, increasing demographic growth, new modes of faster transportation, and the rise of mass communications have brought the world's population into more frequent contact. The results have been disastrous: economic exploitation, epidemics on a massive scale, and global warfare have seriously eroded the quality of life around the world since 1815.

Format

Round 1

- Pro side presents its argument (5-7 minutes)
- Con side presents its argument (5-7 minutes)

5-minute break to prepare questions

Round 2

- Questions from debaters and audience (15-20 minutes)

5-minute break to prepare closing statements

Round 3

- Closing statements by con and pro sides, in that order (3 minutes each)
- Vote by instructors to determine winner

Please come to class with a typed page of arguments, half for the pro side, and half for the con side. Your arguments should rely primarily on material we have discussed in class from session 18 onward. Bring an extra copy to hand in to the instructors. At the start of class, we will randomly divide you into two teams. Each team will have ten minutes to prepare arguments, and to decide which team member will prepare opening and closing arguments. Everyone will participate equally in the q&a segment.

Each student will be graded individually on the quality of their written preparation and their in-class debate performance.

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