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EVIDENCE (TSFC)

Key Terms: “**T**” = **Tagline** (2-3 words describing the fact). “**S**” = **Source** (Author*, Publication, & Date. *Only mention authors if they are famous or from a prestigious organization). “**F**” = **Fact** (Paraphrase! In your own words, summarize two extremely important ideas; what is happening and ‘how’ or ‘why’ it is happening?). “**C**” = **Consequence** (Opinion! In your own words, based on your opinion, summarize one main idea; why should we care that this is happening?).

[1] Tagline (T): _____

Source (S): *According to...* _____

Fact (F): _____

Consequence (C): *This means...* _____

[2] Tagline (T): _____

Source (S): *According to...* _____

Fact (F): _____

Consequence (C): *This means...* _____

[3] Tagline (T): _____

Source (S): *According to...* _____

Fact (F): _____

Consequence (C): *This means...* _____

[4] Tagline (T): _____

Source (S): *According to...* _____

Fact (F): _____

Consequence (C): *This means...* _____

[5] Tagline (T): _____

Source (S): *According to...* _____

Fact (F): _____

Consequence (C): *This means...* _____



CROSSFIRES (Asking/Answering Questions):

Opening Question:

“When you consider... [Fact:] _____

because... _____

“Don’t you think... [Opinion:] _____

_____?”

Answering Questions:

“Actually no... _____

“Our research says... [Fact:] _____

because... _____

“So, don’t you think... [Matching* Opinion:] _____

_____?”

*Matching: Be sure to directly engage their opinion/conclusion – try to avoid sounding “random”!

Changing the Subject:

“Even if that were true... _____

“Our research says... [Fact:] _____

because... _____

“So, don’t you think... [Opinion:] _____

_____?”



INTRODUCTIONS (Simple):

According to... _____

If... _____

Then... _____

Because... _____

So... _____

*This is why my partner and I ask you to (**support** / **oppose**) the following topic:*

Resolved: _____

*In this speech, I will (**present** / **refute** / **defend**) each of my (**team's** / **opponents'**) arguments.*

For clarity, we offer the following Definition, Value, and Criteria...

1. _____: _____

2. _____: _____

3. _____: _____

*The first argument I will (**present** / **refute** / **defend**) is... _____ .*



ARGUMENTS (SEE-I):

Key Terms: *Title* (create a 2-3 word label or name for this argument). “**S**” = **Statement** (Using S-V-O, write a simple sentence where S = the debate subject, O = what the evidence is discussing and V = a verb to connect everything). “**E**” = **Elaboration** (Explains how and/or why the statement is true; starting with *because...*). “**E**” = **Evidence** or **Examples** (The proof that our statement is true or valid; starting with *For Example...*). “**T**” = **Illustration** (Using imagery, create a word picture for the audience helping them to “*Imagine...*” what is happening). **Transition** (Simply repeating the Statement; using *Therefore...* and then moving on to the next argument; *our next argument is...*).

[S] Statement: _____

[E] Elaboration: *because...* _____

[E] Evidence: *For Example...*

T: *First...* _____

S: *According to...* _____

F: *It says...* _____

C: *This means...* _____

T: *Also...* _____

S: *According to...* _____

F: *It says...* _____

C: *This means...* _____

[I] Impacts: *The impacts are severe...* _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

[T] Transition: *Therefore...* _____

Our next argument is... _____ or “*So, for all of these reasons, please vote for the _____.*”



REBUTTALS (4-Step Refutation):

Key Terms: *Label* (2-3 words, which describe the other team’s argument). *Summarize* (Create a simple “Statement,” which briefly summarizes their main point; *They said...*). *Counterstatement* (Counter the other team’s statement using the word “not”; *We say...*). *Evidence* or *Reasoning* (Provide proof that our “Counter-Statement” is true or valid; *Because...*). *Conclusion* (Repeat the “Counter-Statement” from Step-2; *Therefore...*). *Transition* (*Their next argument was...*).

Label (of the argument to refute): _____

[Step-1] Summarize (Briefly!): *They said...* _____

[Step-2] Counterstatement (“Not!”): *We say...* _____

[Step-3] Evidence (and/or Reasoning): *Because...*

T: *First...* _____

S: *According to...* _____

F: *It says...* _____

C: *This means...* _____

T: *Also...* _____

S: *According to...* _____

F: *It says...* _____

C: *This means...* _____

T: *Finally...* _____

S: *According to...* _____

F: *It says...* _____

C: *This means...* _____

[Step-4] Conclusion: *Therefore...* _____

Their next argument was... _____ or “So, for all of these reasons, please vote for the ____.”



REJOINDERS (“Summary” Speech):

Key Terms: *Label* (2-3 words, which describe your team’s argument). *Repeat* (Remind the judge about your best evidence and how the other team failed to disprove it; *First...*). *New Evidence* (Provide additional proof that the other team’s rebuttal is wrong; *Also...*). *Quickly* (If time allows for it, then add another piece of evidence or reasoning, which proves they were wrong or that you were right; *Finally...*). *Conclusion* (Repeat the “Label” from above; *Therefore... & Another argument to defend...*).

[Label]

They said we were wrong about... _____, but, we were not wrong because...

[Summarize the Argument]

In the first speech, we told you... _____

This means... _____

[Provide New Evidence]

Also... _____

S: According to... _____

F: It says... _____

C: This means... _____

[Specific Comebacks: Reminders]

Earlier we told you...

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

[Conclusion]

Therefore... we were not wrong about... _____

The next argument I will defend is... _____ or “So, for all of these reasons, please vote for the _____.”



VOTING ISSUES (“Final Focus” Speech):

Step I (Choose - 10 sec): Choosing the Most Important Argument

“We think the most important argument is...

A. (Argument’s Label): _____

B. *Because...* _____

Step II (Convince - 30 sec): Convincing the judges that We are Winning This Argument!

“We think we’re winning this argument because...

A. *First, my partner told you...* _____

This means... _____

B. *My partner also told you...* _____

This means... _____

C. *Finally, we proved that...* _____

This means... _____

Step III (Compare - 20 sec): Comparing Our Argument as More Important Than Any of Theirs!

“So...

A. *If you vote for the proposition...* _____

This means... _____

B. *If you vote for the opposition...* _____

This means... _____

Transition (or Conclusion):

“Another important argument is... _____ or “So, for all these reasons, please vote for the ____.”