

### Criteria for Evaluating Debate Presentations –2009

Aspects of Presentation	1 Unacceptable	2 Marginal	3 Proficient	4 Good	5 Excellent/Outstanding	Group Score
<p><b>Content</b></p> <p>Ideas (novelty, clarity, depth), accuracy, value of content, use of examples</p>	Demonstrates lack of understanding of the scholarship to date on the subject. Content has little or no value to the discipline and examples are absent or seem not to support the thesis. Group has not located relevant supporting materials, evaluated these materials, nor incorporated them into the presentation. Arguments are made based on opinions or popular websites rather than on empirical evidence from research literature.				The presentation offers important information that extends beyond content from the text. There is a fair balance of ideas presented on each side of the controversy. Highly appropriate content, effectively evaluated and incorporated into the presentation. Clear examples connect with content. Statements/statistics presented in debate are cited according to source where they were obtained. Applications of theory are included to illuminate issues.	(Out of 15)
<p><b>Organization</b></p> <p>Opening and concluding remarks, flow of ideas, reasoning</p>	Opening is absent or difficult to grasp. Topics seem disjointed or rambling, with no clear direction. Reasoning is faulty or unclear.				Opening is concise and informative. Sections flow together well. Connections between topics are easy to follow. Reasoning is sound. Closing wraps up topic well and states conclusions clearly.	(Out of 5)
<p><b>Interactivity &amp; engagement with audience</b></p>	Speaker reads main points directly from Power point. Presenter appears slovenly or uninterested, has little or no energy, does not have eye contact with the audience, and is difficult to hear/understand.				Presenter appears professional and lively, articulates and projects well, is interested in the topic, engages in frequent eye contact with the audience, holds both attention and interest. Delivery is confident, authoritative, and serves the content and situation well. Speaker presents cogent ideas concisely, accurately, and in a way that facilitates understanding for the listener.	(Out of 10)
<p><b>Handouts/Resources/Media</b></p>	No handouts are prepared for audience members. Media are illegible or poorly laid-out and distract attention from the topic. Media used are not properly integrated with presentation.				Media used are well-integrated into presentation. Materials displayed are legible, concise, and clear. A 1-2 page outline of major points (pros/cons with research citations) is provided with references included at end in APA format.	(Out of 5)
Total	Group score (out of 35)					
	+ Individual Contribution Score = (out of 5)					Individual

Comments/Questions: