

# Case line - Know Your Role!

SECOND  
AFFIRMATIVE  
SPEAKER



FIRST  
AFFIRMATIVE  
SPEAKER



FIRST  
NEGATIVE  
SPEAKER



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MODERATOR

AFFIRMATIVE

NEGATIVE

The Affirmative team always starts the debate, because they are suggesting a change or raising a concern

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE SPEAKER



- ✓ Hook judges with a great intro
- ✓ State the resolution and define **key words**
- ✓ Sign Post your team's three constructive arguments: *Label, Explain, Evidence, Tie-back*
- ✓ What is the big idea? (*case line*)
- ✓ Introduce a plan (if called for)
- ✓ End with a strong thought

FIRST NEGATIVE SPEAKER



- ✓ Hook judges with a great intro
- ✓ Signpost the Negative constructive case
- ✓ **Clash** (disagree) with the Affirmative's definitions, if they are unfair
- ✓ **Clash** (disagree) with the Affirmative team's arguments (direct, global, case line)
- ✓ **Clash** (disagree) with the plan
- ✓ End with a strong thought

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE SPEAKER



- ✓ Hook judges with a great intro
- ✓ Present the Affirmative's final arguments
- ✓ Rebuild previous arguments
- ✓ **Clash** (disagree) with the Negative's case
- ✓ Complete and Defend **plan**
- ✓ End with a strong thought

SECOND NEGATIVE SPEAKER

Remember Direct, Global and Case line  
**CLASH**



- ✓ Hook Judges with a great intro
- ✓ Present Negatives' final arguments
- ✓ **Clash** (disagree) with all the affirmatives arguments
- ✓ **Clash** (disagree) with the Affirmative's plan
- ✓ End with a strong thought

Questions are asked. Debaters answer them in speeches or during the time allotted for questions. - **WHY? WELL!**

The first speaker from each team does a **rebuttal** speech. The purpose of the **rebuttal** is to:

- ✓ remind the audience of your team's strongest points
- ✓ point out weaknesses in the other team's logic and arguments
- ✓ show that each team's **arguments and/or case are valid or irrelevant**
- ✓ show that proposed solutions will not work (Negative), or are good (Affirmative)
- ✓ clarify the crux of the what the debate was really about - who did the best job presenting the big idea?