

Template for Member of Opposition

Introduction:

Briefly defend the stance taken by the First Opposition Team.

Briefly refute arguments from PM and DPM:

Identify the areas of clash between the First Government and First Opposition teams and then present your refutation related to those issues.

If necessary, present more specific refutation of any additional arguments presented by DPM.

Use four-step refutation method

“They said . . .”

“But we say . . .”

“Because . . .”

“Therefore . . .”

Extend the debate: (Leave at least 4 minutes for this part of your speech.)

Present new arguments that are consistent with but different from those presented by the First Opposition Team. The new arguments should distinguish you from the First Opposition team while remaining loyal to them.

Your arguments must be different from First Opposition but must support their model. You cannot change or amend their stance. Thus, if they defended the status quo or a counter proposal, you must defend the same.

You can extend the debate in a number of ways including but not necessarily limited to:

1. A new argument
2. An extension of an argument briefly mentioned by the First Government team that uses more in-depth evidence, examples, and reasoning.
3. A focused case study