Debate Topic:

Opening

The Affirmative	The Negative
□Has engaging intro □Provides general overview of topic □Mic drop □Persuades instead of argues □Creatively expresses their position	□Has engaging intro □Provides general overview of topic □Mic drop □Persuades instead of argues □Creatively expresses their position

Round 1

The Affirmative	The Negative
Argument □Clearly states argument □Uses strong evidence □Connects with audience / pathos	Counterargument
□Powerful diction and tone	□Responds to the specific argument □Uses strong evidence □Connects with audience / pathos
Rebuttal ☐ Addresses what the other team said	□Powerful diction and tone
Flaws ☐ Irrelevant points ☐ Reads directly off notes ☐ Not enough energy	Flaws ☐ Irrelevant points ☐ Reads directly off notes ☐ Not enough energy

Round 2

The Affirmative	The Negative
Counterargument □Responds to the specific argument □Uses strong evidence □Connects with audience / pathos □Powerful diction and tone	Argument □Clearly states argument □Uses strong evidence □Connects with audience / pathos □Powerful diction and tone Rebuttal □ Addresses what the other team said
Flaws ☐ Irrelevant points ☐ Reads directly off notes ☐ Not enough energy	Flaws ☐ Irrelevant points ☐ Reads directly off notes ☐ Not enough energy

Round 3

The Affirmative	The Negative
Argument □Clearly states argument □Uses strong evidence □Connects with audience / pathos	Counterargument
□Powerful diction and tone	□Responds to the specific argument □Uses strong evidence □Connects with audience / pathos
Rebuttal ☐ Addresses what the other team said	□Powerful diction and tone
Flaws ☐ Irrelevant points ☐ Reads directly off notes ☐ Not enough energy	Flaws ☐ Irrelevant points ☐ Reads directly off notes ☐ Not enough energy

Round 4

The Affirmative	The Negative
	Argument □Clearly states argument
	□Uses strong evidence
Counterargument	□Connects with audience / pathos
□Responds to the specific argument	□Powerful diction and tone
□Uses strong evidence	
□Connects with audience / pathos	
□Powerful diction and tone	Rebuttal
	☐ Addresses what the other team said
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Flaws	Flaws
☐ Irrelevant points	☐ Irrelevant points
☐ Reads directly off notes	☐ Reads directly off notes
☐ Not enough energy	☐ Not enough energy

Closing

The Affirmative	Team 2
□Has engaging intro □Provides general overview of topic □Mic drop □Persuades instead of argues □Creatively expresses their position	□Has engaging intro □Provides general overview of topic □Mic drop □Persuades instead of argues □Creatively expresses their position

Winner:

Team 1	Team 2
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Teamwork

Team 1	Team 2
□Both presenters speak and provide an equal amount of thoughtful insight	□Both presenters speak and provide an equal amount of thoughtful insight

Presentation skills

Team 1	Team 2
□Sufficient eye contact with the audience □Little to no hesitation or stuttering □Both presenters speak and provide an equal amount of thoughtful insight □Confident □Good voice projection □Stays within time limit	□Sufficient eye contact with the audience □Little to no stuttering or hesitation □Both presenters speak and provide an equal amount of thoughtful insight □Confident □Good voice projection □Stays within time limit