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Lincoln Douglas Debate

In each round, one debater is assigned to defend the affirmative, and the other debater is assigned to defend the negative. During the course of the tournament, you will be forced to defend both the affirmative side and the negative side many times. In each round, you will be assigned an opponent and a judge. In the debate, you will present a case that you have prepared before the tournament defending your side of the resolution, make arguments against the case your opponent presents, and answer the arguments that your opponent makes against your case. Based on the strength of your arguments, how persuasive you are, and other factors, you will be awarded with either a win or a loss. Judges will also give you speaker points (on a scale of 1-30) based on how well you debated and spoke.

Round Timing

Each round will take about 6 minutes total, which means that conducting all 10 rounds should then take 60 minutes, or 1 hour. One hour will be used prior to prepare the students on the topic and familiarize them with the cases they have to read in addition to teaching them how to judge the rounds using LD debate judge instructions from the National Speech and debate association:

(6 minute video -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?list=PLbRmCbS7bdKJn2GAhHcWe6xIRj2NWPpgk&time_continue=8&v=lxSuPddmQFc).

Expect about a 20 minute grace period that increases the time of conducting data to allow judges about 2 extra minutes to fill in their results sheets.

The topic will be presented to the students a week before hand so they can prepare and research it a bit.

- 2 judges needed per round (1 male and 1 female)

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- This means that the study will result in 34 ballots because 17 rounds will be done (there is potential to use more than 4 judges to have even more ballots because the class size consists of 20 students)
- In all the study should then take about 3 hours
- The class is 4 hours so there is 1 hour room in leeway for potential problems that may arise

Training and Debate Topic

Resolution: Should Medical Marijuana be Legalized?

Aff will argue it should be legal (Affirmative)

Neg will argue it should not be legal (Negative)

Sources for evidence:

<https://drugabuse.com/voices-from-both-sides-of-the-medical-marijuana-debate/>

<https://www.verywellhealth.com/what-are-the-pros-and-cons-of-medical-marijuana-1132484>

<https://www.debate.org/opinions/should-medical-marijuana-be-legalized>

<https://www.elitecme.com/resource-center/nursing/the-ongoing-medical-marijuana-debate/>

<http://www.ccu.edu/centennial/2010/02/thoughtful-questions-enliven-marijuana-debate/>

<https://medicalmarijuana.procon.org/view.answers.php?questionID=001325>

<https://learn.genetics.utah.edu/content/addiction/cannabis/>

<https://www.thinkthevote.com/join-the-debate/24982/>

https://www.conservapedia.com/Debate:Should_marijuana_be_legalized%3F

<https://medicalmarijuana.procon.org/>

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Each side of the argument will constitute points similar to these:

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Aff	Neg
<p>-Marijuana is effective in relieving nausea and vomiting. Studies have shown that pharmaceutical cannabis can decrease nausea caused by chemotherapy used to treat cancer and almost completely eliminate vomiting.</p>	<p>-Frequent marijuana use can seriously affect your short-term memory.</p>
<p>-Marijuana can relieve the spasticity of the muscles that is sometimes associated with multiple sclerosis and paralysis.</p>	<p>-Frequent use can impair your cognitive ability.</p>
<p>-Marijuana can help treat appetite loss associated with conditions such as HIV/AIDS and certain types of cancers.</p>	<p>-Smoking anything, whether it's tobacco or marijuana, can seriously damage your lung tissue.</p>
<p>-Marijuana can relieve certain types of chronic pain, including neuropathic pain.</p>	<p>-Smoked marijuana contains cancer-causing compounds.</p>
<p>-Marijuana is safer than some other medications prescribed to treat the same symptoms. For example, it may be used instead of opioids for pain management. Opioids are highly addictive and are typically not recommended for long-term use in treating chronic pain.</p>	<p>-Marijuana carries a risk of abuse and addiction.</p>
<p>-Studies show that smoking marijuana alone (without the concurrent use of tobacco) does</p>	<p>-Marijuana has been implicated in a high percentage of automobile crashes and workplace accidents.</p>
	<p>-Marijuana is illegal under federal law. It is classified as Schedule I drug in the Controlled Substances Act (CSA), alongside heroin. This classification says that the substances have no currently accepted medicinal value.</p>

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<p>not increase the risk of lung diseases.</p> <p>-Cannabis does not need to be smoked to be medically beneficial. Products such as cannabidiol (CBD) oils, topical pain relief treatments, edibles, and other non-smoking applications are now available.</p> <p>-As research continues, more of the individual compounds in cannabis are being found to be beneficial. When isolated—such as CBD has been—these may lead to further advancements in medical treatment options without the "high" produced by the compound commonly known as THC.</p>	
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Speech Times:

Affirmative Case = 1 min	Cross Examination = 45 sec	Neg Case and Response = 1.5 min	Cross Examination = 45 sec	Affirmative Rebuttal = 1 min	Negative Rebuttal = 1 min
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**HALF HOLLOW HILLS HIGH SCHOOL EAST
CONSENT FORM FOR RESEARCH PARTICIPATION**

Principal Investigator: Megan Gole

I am a student researcher at Half Hollow Hills High School East. I am planning to conduct a research study, which I invite you to take part in. This form has important information about what we will ask you to do if you decide to be in this study, and the way we would like to use information about you if you choose to be in the study.

Why are you doing this study?

You are being asked to participate in a research study about rhetoric used in competitive debating, however because of potential bias in revealing the motive of the study beforehand, at the end of the study, we will explain in greater detail what we hope to learn from this research.

What will I do if I choose to be in this study?

Study time: Study participation will take approximately 3 hours.

Study location: All study procedures will take place at Hunter Business School.

What are the possible risks or discomforts?

To the best of our knowledge, the things you will be doing have no more risk of harm than you would experience in everyday life. Your participation in this study does not involve any physical or emotional risk to you beyond that of everyday life. As with all research, there is a chance that confidentiality of the information we collect from you could be breached – we will take steps to minimize this risk, as discussed in more detail below in this form.

What are the possible benefits for me or others?

You are not likely to have any direct benefit from being in this research study. This study is designed to learn more about rhetoric in competitive academic spaces like debating and workforce stereotypes. Taking part in this research study may not benefit you personally, but we may learn new things that will help others.

How will you protect the information you collect about me, and how will that information be shared?

Results of this study may be used in publications and presentations. Your study data will be handled as confidential, no names will be collected. If the results of this study are published or presented, individual names and other personally identifiable information will not be used. We may share the data we collect from you for use in future research studies or with other researchers – if we share the data that we collect about you, we will remove any information that could identify you before we share it.

Financial Information

Participation in this study will involve no cost to you. You will not be paid for participating in this study.

What are my rights as a research participant?

Participation in this study is voluntary. You do not have to answer any questions you do not want to answer. If at any time and for any reason, you would prefer not to participate in this study, please feel free not to. If at any time you would like to stop participating, please tell me. We can take a break, stop and continue at a later date, or stop altogether. You may withdraw from this study at any time, and you will not be penalized in any way for deciding to stop participation. If you decide to withdraw from this study, the researchers will ask you if the information already collected from you can be used.

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Who can I contact if I have questions or concerns about this research study?

If you have questions, you are free to ask them now. If you have questions later or about your rights as a participant in this research, you can contact the Principal Researcher:

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Consent

I have read this form and the research study has been explained to me. I have been given the opportunity to ask questions and my questions have been answered. If I have additional questions, I have been told whom to contact. I agree to participate in the research study described above and will receive a copy of this consent form.

Initial one of the following to indicate your choice:

_____ (initial) I agree to allow the researchers to use my contact information collected during this study to contact me about participating in future research studies.

Participant's Name (printed)

Participant's Signature

Date