

# Deputy Speeches

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  - But there are some general guidelines...

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- Think about who you need to beat
  - Win top half first (Rebuttal/Commentary)
  - Then try to lock out back half (Substantive/Commentary)

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**Efficiency**

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  - Things that were well rebutted in the last speech

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# What to do in other speeches

- Generate responses
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- Don't forget meta-commentary!

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**How to Practice?**

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