| **Student Name:** Ethan Gao |
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| **Motion:** This house believes that criminal justice policy should be decided by technocrats rather than elected representatives |
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| Student spoke for the duration of the specified time frame. | N/A | 1 | 2 | **3** | 4 | 5 |
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| Student offered and/or accepted a point of information relevant to the topic. | N/A | 1 | 2 | **3** | 4 | 5 |
| Student spoke in a stylistic and persuasive manner (e.g. volume, speed, tone, diction, and flow). | N/A | 1 | 2 | **3** | 4 | 5 |
| Student’s argument is complete in that it has relevant Claims, supported by sufficient Evidence/Warrants, Impacts, and Synthesis. | N/A | 1 | 2 | **3** | 4 | 5 |
| Student argument reflects application of theory taught during class time. | N/A | 1 | 2 | **3** | 4 | 5 |
| Student’s rebuttal is effective, and directly responds to an opponent’s arguments. | N/A | 1 | **2** | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Student ably supported teammate’s case and arguments. | N/A | 1 | 2 | **3** | 4 | 5 |
| Student applied feedback from previous debate(s). | N/A | 1 | 2 | **3** | 4 | 5 |
| Competition Score: | 69 | | | | | |
| Rubric  1 - Unobserved.  2 - Student attempt noted. Needs extended teacher support to properly execute skill.  3 - Student effort noted. Can execute skill with minimal teacher input and guidance.  4 - Student can execute skill with little to no prompting.  5 - Student can execute skill without prompting; exceeds expectations for child of that level. | | | | | | |
| **Teacher comments:**  [NOTE: Today’s speeches are 7 minutes’ long.]  Good hook and signposting!  On the incentives of politicians, I appreciate the clear counter-premise that the incentive to be popular outweighs the incentive to pass effective policies.   * But Opp is arguing that effective policies ARE the popular policies, so contend with this. Explain that rehabilitative policies are actually more effective, but they are incredibly unpopular. * Weigh why the average voter will prioritise their prejudices against criminals, instead of engaging in this deep research on what policies will actively work. * You can counter-characterise the political arena here. It’s a lot EASIER to shift the blame on the criminals and propose tough on crime laws, rather than spend a lot of resources to protect the well-being of criminals in order to rehabilitate them.   + Effective rehabilitative policies are resource-intensive policies which require a high amount of political capital! So this requires politicians to advocate for a voter group that has no political power at all. There’s no political returns for these policies.   We needed to rebut the essence of the Opposition’s case on democratic representation.   * This is where case framing comes in! Weigh for us as to why you believe effectiveness is the most important thing in the debate vs representation.   + E.g. The goal that represents all voters is actually better law and order and less crimes, so the team that fulfills effectiveness is actually doing a better job at fulfilling the public mandate.   On voter prejudices, explain precisely why the stigma on criminals exists, and why it is so prevalent (and difficult to resolve).   * Rather than state that politicians are just not experts, explain why politicians refuse to listen to the technocrats that Opp pointed out does exist in the status quo.   + Give grounding for when politicians actively ignore the advice of technocrats! E.g. Trump ignored Dr Fauci’s recommendation on public health and covid-19 policies because it doesn’t fit the Republican’s pro-autonomy political agenda. * We need grounding on the failure of tough on crime laws!   + Illustrate a FEW examples of tough on crime laws, then mechanise specifically why those exact policies don’t work in the context of criminal justice.     - E.g. Poor funding of prisons actively dehumanise criminals which forces them to embrace their criminal identity, rather than view themselves as someone who can reintegrate.   On why technocrats are better off, engage with Opp stating that it’s a very broad analysis on data and research-oriented.   * Provide a mechanistic analysis as well that their positions are decided based off of key performance index.   + Give technocrats specific goals they have to meet, such as reducing recidivism rate, and if they fail, they would be removed from office.   Please offer more POIs today!  5.53 - We are heavily under-timed today! We need to at least reach the first bell. | | | | | | |