Outline of a Leader of Opposition Speech

Introduction

Motion for debate:

Statement of Advocacy: (Explicit support of status quo, support of status quo with minor adjustments, or support of a counter-proposal)

Speech Preview:

Refutation:

Present Arguments against the Government’s Interpretation of the motion.

Argument 1:

Argument 2:

Conclusion:

Exercise for Creating a Leader of Opposition Speech

Present a sample Prime Minister speech to a group of debaters who are divided into teams of two persons each. After they listen to the Prime Minister’s speech, give them 10 minutes to discuss the speech and to create at least one argument showing how the Government proposal will not solve the problem.

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