

Think Up! Defending your arguments.

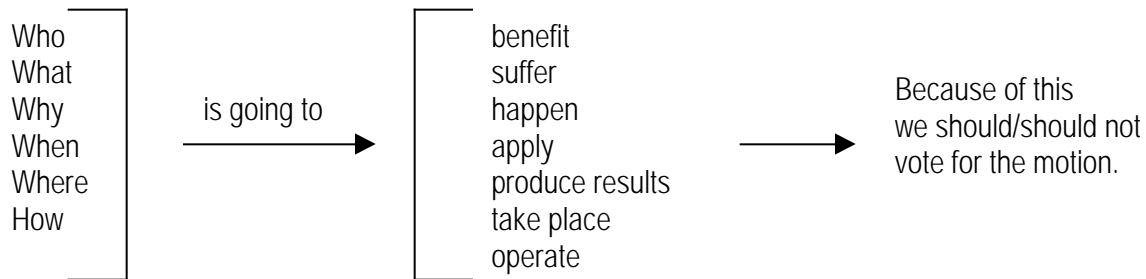
You assume that your side is right and has the good, positive ideas while the other side has on the whole, flawed ideas.

Place your arguments on the balanced, reasonable and moderate side of the issue. Seldom say "all," "every," "none," or "nobody." Say "many," "most," "few," or "less." Question opponents' statements when they use "all," "every," or "nobody."

Thinking strategies that are useful in debates

Select the idea that fits your side of the issue.

1. Long run vs. short run effects of the motion. (Say the long run favours you because...).
2. Question your opponents' statements and say that they have not explained the advantages/disadvantages arising from:



3. Explain the **advantages** of **your** views and the **disadvantages** of your **opponents'** views on:

- 1- Individual → Family → Community → Province → Country → World
- 2- Micro (Small scale situation) → Macro (Large scale situation)

4. Compare and contrast your side to the other side by saying:

We want / Advocate	They bring / advocate
A community	Mere association of individuals
Freedom/ Democracy	Oppression / Tyranny / Slavery
Family / National unity	Divorce / Disunity
Fine motives / High moral tone	Suspect motives / Poor moral climate
Improvements/ Benefits	Decay / Decline
Advantages for most	Disadvantages to many
Harmony / Success	Conflict / Failure
Sound investment / Saving	Risky spending / Extravangant spending
Facts	Opinions

5. The opponents' have failed to explain/justify this motion's:

