

US Politics
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Debate Guidelines

Please follow the guidelines below in preparing for your debate.

1. Be sure to *include a thesis statement* separate from simply restating which side of the question you are defending; that is, provide a reason underlying the position you are defending.
2. In your oral presentation, *do not simply read from a webpage* or other source unless you begin by stating that you are quoting from a webpage.
3. Provide an annotated bibliography of the sources you consulted (collectively). I am not particular about which bibliographic style you are using, just be consistent across the group. The “annotated” part would refer to a brief (sentence or two) description of how you used that particular source in your presentation.
4. Failure to attend the debate without prior consultation with me will result in a “F” for that debate, regardless of the preparation that may have been completed for the debate.