

# HMDC Elementary Debate Class (Summer 2024) - Rejoinders

Topic: Switching to "Renewable Energy" would be desirable.

## Rejoinder Introduction (PRO)

Hello, my name is... [Full Name].

In this speech, I will defend each of my team's arguments.

To begin, let's discuss: Protecting the Environment

### PRO-01: Protecting the Environment

They said... we were wrong about: Protecting the Environment

However, we were not wrong, because...

#### 1.) First... Renewable Energy Hurts Less

Our research says... Renewable energy like solar and wind is much safer for animals because fossil fuels hurt many more animals through pollution and oil spills.

This means... switching to renewable energy will help millions of animals because it reduces pollution and protects their homes.

#### 2.) Also... Needing Less Space

Our research says... Renewable energy can be placed in many spots without taking up too much space because solar panels can go on roofs and wind turbines can be placed in fields.

This means... switching to renewable energy will help many animals because we can use land better and still protect nature.

#### 3.) Finally... Cleaner Production Methods

Our research says... Making renewable energy equipment can be done in cleaner ways because new methods use less harmful materials.

This means... switching to renewable energy will help keep the environment safe because it reduces harmful production practices.

Therefore... we were NOT wrong about: Protecting the Environment!

The next argument I will defend is... Preventing Health Problems

### PRO-02: Preventing Health Problems

They said... we were wrong about: Preventing Health Problems

However, we were not wrong, because...

#### 1.) First... Making Less Pollution

Our research says... Renewable energy like solar and wind makes the air cleaner because fossil fuels make the air dirty, causing breathing problems for many people.

This means... switching to renewable energy will help millions of people because it reduces air pollution and improves health.

#### 2.) Also... Safer Jobs for Workers

Our research says... Workers in renewable energy jobs are safer because working in coal mines or oil fields is more dangerous with accidents and harmful chemicals.

This means... switching to renewable energy will help many workers because it provides safer jobs and fewer health risks.

#### 3.) Finally... Better Long-Term Health

Our research says... Using renewable energy reduces pollution-related diseases because clean energy cuts down harmful emissions.

This means... switching to renewable energy will help millions of people because it improves health over time and reduces sickness.

Therefore... we were NOT wrong about: Preventing Health Problems!

So, for all these reasons, please vote for the PRO. Thank you.

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## Rejoinder Introduction (CON)

Hello, my name is... [Full Name].

In this speech, I will defend each of my team's arguments.

To begin, let's discuss: Lacking Effectiveness

### CON-01: Lacking Effectiveness

They said... we were wrong about: Lacking Effectiveness

However, we were not wrong, because...

#### 1.) First... Current Grid Problems

Our research says... Renewable energy can cause problems because the current power grid needs upgrades to handle new power sources.

This means... switching to renewable energy will not work well because the grid cannot support it yet, affecting millions of people who need reliable energy.

#### 2.) Also... Energy Storage Issues

Our research says... Renewable energy like solar and wind power depends on the weather, and storing energy is still expensive and hard to do well.

This means... switching to renewable energy will not be reliable because we can't store enough energy for when the sun isn't shining or the wind isn't blowing, impacting many communities.

#### 3.) Finally... Inconsistent Energy Supply

Our research says... Renewable energy sources can be inconsistent because the sun doesn't always shine, and the wind doesn't always blow.

This means... switching to renewable energy will cause problems because it won't always provide enough power, affecting businesses and homes.

Therefore... we were NOT wrong about: Lacking Effectiveness!

The next argument I will defend is... Harming the Economy

### CON-02: Harming the Economy

They said... we were wrong about: Harming the Economy

However, we were not wrong, because...

#### 1.) First... High Initial Costs

Our research says... Setting up renewable energy systems like solar panels and wind turbines costs a lot of money because the technology and installation are expensive.

This means... switching to renewable energy will hurt the economy because it will require a lot of money upfront, which many countries and communities cannot afford.

#### 2.) Also... Job Losses in Fossil Fuel Industries

Our research says... Many people work in fossil fuel industries, and switching to renewable energy will cause job losses in these sectors because those jobs will be reduced or eliminated.

This means... switching to renewable energy will harm the economy because many people will lose their jobs, affecting their families and communities.

#### 3.) Finally... Energy Prices and Inflation

Our research says... Renewable energy can make energy prices go up because it is expensive to produce and maintain these systems.

This means... switching to renewable energy will harm the economy because higher energy prices can cause inflation, making the cost of living higher for everyone.

Therefore... we were NOT wrong about: Harming the Economy!

So, for all these reasons, please vote for the CON. Thank you.