

HMDC Elementary Debate Class (Summer 2024) - Voting Issues

Topic: The use of “Geoengineering” technology to cool the planet would be desirable.

INTRODUCTION

In this speech I will present each of my team’s voting issues.

To begin, let’s discuss... Preventing Natural Disasters

PRO-01: Preventing Natural Disasters

We believe the most important argument is... Preventing severe and deadly natural disasters.

Because... Natural disasters like floods, storms, and wildfires cause a lot of damage and can harm many people. By using geoengineering to cool the Earth, we can reduce the risk of these disasters happening.

So...

1.) First... Protecting Many Lives: Millions of lives can be saved by preventing extreme weather events. Fewer people will be hurt or killed in storms, floods, and other disasters if we can reduce their severity.

2.) Also... Saving People’s Homes: Many homes and buildings can be protected from damage. When natural disasters are less severe, fewer homes will be destroyed, and people will not have to spend as much money on repairs.

3.) Finally... Preserving Important Resources: Reducing natural disasters helps save important resources like water, food, and energy. When there are fewer disasters, we do not have to use as many resources to rebuild and recover, leaving more for everyone to use.

Therefore... geoengineering will prevent natural disasters.

Our next voting issue is... Protecting Endangered Species

PRO-02: Protecting Endangered Species

We believe another important argument is... Protecting endangered animals and their habitats.

Because... Many animals are losing their homes due to rising temperatures and changing climates. Geoengineering can help keep the Earth cooler, which will protect these animals and their environments.

So...

1.) First... Saving Animal Habitats: By cooling the Earth, we can protect the natural homes of many endangered species. This helps keep animals safe and prevents them from losing their habitats.

2.) Also... Reducing Climate Stress: Cooler temperatures can make it easier for endangered animals to live. Our research shows that extreme weather and high temperatures make it hard for these animals to survive. Geoengineering can create a safer and more stable environment for them.

3.) Finally... Maintaining Ecosystem Balance: Geoengineering can help keep nature balanced. Our research shows that when it gets too hot, it can disturb the balance of nature. By cooling the Earth, we help keep a healthy environment for all species.

Therefore... geoengineering will protect endangered species.

So, for all these reasons, we strongly encourage you to vote for the PRO. Thank you.

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CON-01: Lacking Effectiveness

We believe the most important argument is... Geoengineering is not effective.

Because... The technology used for geoengineering is still untested on a large scale, and there is a high chance it might not work as planned, causing more problems instead of solving them.

So...

1.) First... Technology Still Untested: The technology is still not tested on a large scale. Our research shows that geoengineering has only been tried in small areas, like in labs or tiny experiments. We do not know if it will work well for the whole planet, which is much bigger and more complex.

2.) Also... Possible Failures Exist: There is a chance that geoengineering might not work as planned. Our research shows that if the technology fails, it could make things even worse. For example, trying to cool the Earth might change weather patterns in bad ways, like causing unexpected storms or droughts.

3.) Finally... Unproven Methods Risky: The methods used in geoengineering are not fully proven. Our research shows that we are not sure if these methods will work without causing other problems. Scientists need more time to study and understand all the possible side effects before using geoengineering widely.

Therefore... geoengineering will not be effective.

Our next voting issue is...

CON-02: Wasting Money

We believe another important argument is... Geoengineering is a waste of money.

Because... Geoengineering is very expensive and requires a lot of resources that could be better spent on more effective and long-lasting solutions like renewable energy.

So...

1.) First... Geoengineering Very Expensive: Geoengineering is very expensive. Our research shows that it uses a lot of materials and advanced technology, which costs a lot of money. Many countries might not be able to afford these high costs, making it an unfair solution.

2.) Also... Better Use of Funds: The money could be spent on better things. Our research shows that we could use the money for electric cars and renewable energy, which are more effective and long-lasting solutions. These alternatives can help fight climate change without the high risks of geoengineering.

3.) Finally... Limited Resources Available: Many countries cannot afford geoengineering. Our research shows that it is unfair to poorer countries because they cannot pay for such expensive technology. Using geoengineering could cause bigger problems between the rich and poor countries in their ability to deal with the harmful effects of climate change.

Therefore... geoengineering will waste money.

So, for all these reasons, we strongly encourage you to vote for the CON. Thank you.