

HMDC Elementary Debate Class (Summer 2024) - Voting Issues

Topic: Switching to “Renewable Energy” would be desirable.

Voting Issues Introduction (PRO)

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

To begin, let’s discuss... Protecting the Environment

PRO-01: Protecting the Environment

We believe the most important argument is... Protecting our environment.

Because... The environment is getting damaged by pollution from fossil fuels. Renewable energy can help keep the environment clean and safe.

So...

1. Reducing Air/Water Pollution: If we switch to renewable energy, it helps millions of people breathe cleaner air because wind and solar power do not produce harmful gases.
2. Saving Animal Habitats: If we switch to renewable energy, it helps protect millions of animal habitats because renewable energy does not harm land and water like fossil fuels do.
3. Stopping Global Warming: If we switch to renewable energy, it helps reduce global warming because it cuts down harmful gases in the air, protecting the planet for many years to come.

Therefore... switching to renewable energy will protect the environment.

Our next voting issue is... Preventing Health Problems

PRO-02: Preventing Health Problems

We believe another important argument is... Preventing health problems.

Because... Burning fossil fuels causes pollution that can make people sick. Renewable energy does not create pollution, making the air and water cleaner and healthier.

So...

1. Fewer Breathing Problems: If we switch to renewable energy, it helps millions of people have fewer breathing problems because the air will be cleaner.
2. Keeping Workers Safe: If we switch to renewable energy, it helps millions of workers be safer because jobs in renewable energy are less dangerous than jobs in coal mines or oil fields.
3. Making Communities Healthier: If we switch to renewable energy, it helps millions of people improve their health over time because there will be less pollution causing diseases.

Therefore... switching to renewable energy will prevent health problems.

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

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Voting Issues Introduction (CON)

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

To begin, let's discuss... Lacking Effectiveness

CON-01: Lacking Effectiveness

We believe the most important argument is... Renewable energy lacks effectiveness.

Because... Renewable energy can be unreliable and inconsistent, which makes it hard to depend on.

So...

1. Unreliable Energy Supply: If we switch to renewable energy, it harms millions of people by causing power outages because renewable energy depends on weather, which can be unpredictable.
2. Not Enough Energy Storage: If we switch to renewable energy, it harms tens of millions of people by causing struggles in communities because we don't have good enough batteries to store energy for when the sun isn't shining, or the wind isn't blowing.
3. Problems with Power Grid: If we switch to renewable energy, it harms millions of people because the power grid can fail due to needing big changes to handle new types of power.

Therefore... switching to renewable energy will not be effective.

Our next voting issue is... Harming the Economy

CON-02: Harming the Economy

We believe another important argument is... Renewable energy harms the economy.

Because... Setting up renewable energy systems is very expensive, and it can cause job losses in fossil fuel industries.

So...

1. Families Will Suffer: If we switch to renewable energy, it harms millions of families because areas with less money won't have all the expensive equipment to make it work properly.
2. Losing Many Jobs: If we switch to renewable energy, it harms millions of people by causing job losses because there will be fewer jobs in fossil fuel industries.
3. Increasing Energy Costs: If we switch to renewable energy, it harms tens of millions of people because energy prices will go up, making it harder for people to afford their bills.

Therefore... switching to renewable energy will harm the economy.

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