# Forensics Team (Fall 2024) - Voting Issues

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**IMPORTANT:** You only have two minutes. Sometimes the simple methods work best. However, it is ideal for the second speaker to spend their time doing three things; 1. Defending the Framework, 2. Refuting the Opposing Team's Rejoinders (point out the rebuttals that were missed), and Presenting Your Voting Issues. 30 seconds! Try spending around 20-30 seconds for each of the first two things and 30 sec per voting issue.

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#### **VOTING ISSUES FOR INCREASING US BORDER SURVEILLANCE**

## **VOTING ISSUES INTRODUCTION (PRO) - SIMPLE**

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

To begin, let's discuss... Strengthening Security

# **VOTING ISSUES INTRODUCTION (PRO) - ADVANCED**

In this speech, I will present... each of my teams "Voting Issues".

But first, let's discuss the framework...

Our framework is preferable, because... it is reasonable and fair-minded, and it doesn't try to overly limit the resolution. From the beginning, we have asked you to vote against the teams who try to disqualify relevant arguments through manipulative definitions.

Now, our first voting issue is... Strengthening Security

#### PRO-01: STRENGTHENING SECURITY

We believe the most important argument is... Strengthening National Security.

Because... Increased border surveillance helps border patrol find and stop people from entering without permission. It makes it much easier for us to spot possible threats and respond quickly.

So...

- 1. First... Preventing Terrorist Attacks: It keeps millions of people safer by making it harder for dangerous individuals to enter our country.
- 2. Also... Stopping Smugglers & Traffickers: It helps protect tens of thousands of potential victims by enabling border agents to catch more criminals and stop illegal activities more effectively.
- 3. Finally... Enhancing Overall National Security: It provides a stronger defense that benefits hundreds of millions of citizens by guarding our nation against various threats.

Therefore... increasing US border surveillance will strengthen security.

Our next voting issue is... Protecting Communities

#### **PRO-02: PROTECTING COMMUNITIES**

We believe another important argument is... Protecting Communities.

Because... Better border control reduces the number of people entering the country without permission, keeping local job markets stable. It also lessens the burden on community resources by making sure public services are used by people who are here legally.

So...

- 1. First... Preventing Job Loss and Wage Deflation: It helps millions of American workers keep their jobs and earn fair wages by reducing unfair job competition.
- 2. Also... Preserving Community Resources: It saves tens of billions of dollars annually by reducing the costs of providing services to unauthorized immigrants.
- 3. Finally... Maintaining Community Stability: It ensures a more stable life for millions of residents in border communities by reducing strain on local infrastructure and services.

Therefore... increasing US border surveillance will protect communities.

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

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# **VOTING ISSUES INTRODUCTION (CON) - SIMPLE**

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

To begin, let's discuss... Wasting Resources

### **VOTING ISSUES INTRODUCTION (CON) - ADVANCED**

In this speech, I will present... each of my teams "Voting Issues".

But first, let's discuss the framework...

Our framework is preferable, because... it is reasonable and fair-minded, and it doesn't try to overly limit the resolution. From the beginning, we have asked you to vote against the teams who try to disqualify relevant arguments through manipulative definitions.

To begin, let's discuss... Wasting Resources

#### **CON-01: WASTING RESOURCES**

We believe the most important argument is... Wasting Resources.

Because... Using advanced surveillance technology at the border costs a tremendous amount of money, but doesn't guarantee the effectiveness. Many people will still cross the border without permission, because these expensive tools don't address the root causes of why people immigrate to the US.

So...

- 1. First... Surveillance Lacks Effectiveness: It wastes billions of taxpayer dollars on systems that don't effectively stop unauthorized border crossings.
- 2. Also... Tremendously Expensive Technology: It diverts tens of billions of dollars from crucial services that could benefit millions of people, like education, healthcare, and infrastructure improvements.
- 3. Finally... Ongoing Maintenance Costs: It creates a long-term financial burden of billions of dollars due to constant updates, repairs, and training requirements.

Therefore... increasing US border surveillance will waste resources.

Our next voting issue is... Harming Innocent People

#### **CON-02: HARMING INNOCENT PEOPLE**

We believe another important argument is... Harming Innocent People.

Because... Widespread surveillance systems invade the privacy of both citizens and non-citizens who live near the border. Also, making it harder to cross the border leads desperate migrants to try more dangerous routes, putting their lives in danger.

So...

- 1. First... Violating People's Privacy Rights: It infringes on the privacy of millions of people by monitoring them without their consent, causing widespread discomfort and fear.
- 2. Also... Increasing False Accusations: It can lead to unfair treatment of thousands of innocent individuals due to technology errors causing misidentification.
- 3. Finally... Threatening Migrant Safety: It forces tens of thousands of migrants to take more dangerous paths, resulting in more accidents and fatalities.

Therefore... increasing US border surveillance will harm innocent people.

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