

JANUARY DEBATE TOPICS TO SELECT FROM:

January LD **-Resolved: The possession of nuclear weapons is immoral.**

January PF **-Resolved: The People's Republic of China should substantially reduce its international extraction of natural resources.**

Pro Con Challenge (PCC) is a 10-minute speech event (with a 30-second grace period) in which students present both an affirmative and a negative case on a single debate topic. Each side must be between three and five minutes in length and is delivered consecutively from memory. Students may select from the National Tournament topics in Lincoln-Douglas or Public Forum.

Pro Con is well-suited for students who are curious, open-minded, and passionate about seeing multiple perspectives. This event allows students to explore both sides of a complex issue, showcasing their writing, research, and public speaking skills. Topics range from philosophical and policy-oriented to timely current events. The best topics allow for balanced, engaging arguments and offer clear opportunities for persuasive and analytical thinking.

Success in this event comes from strong organization, compelling evidence, and effective delivery. Since Pro Con Challenge isn't a formal debate event, students should avoid technical jargon and aim for clarity and impact in both speeches. A strong Pro Con performance presents a complete, thoughtful examination of an issue from both sides.