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The affirmative’s failure to advance a topical defense of federal policy undermines debate’s transformative and intellectual potential

1. “Resolved” means debate should be a legislative forum

Army Officer School ‘4

(5-12, “# 12, Punctuation – The Colon and Semicolon”, http://usawocc.army.mil/IMI/wg12.htm)

The colon introduces the following: a. A list, but only after "

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resolved:"¶ Resolved: (colon) That this council petition the mayor.

2. The United States is the country composed of the 50 states

Encarta ‘7

[The Encarta Online Dictionary. “United States” 2007 encarta.msn.com]

U·nit·ed States [ [y ntəd stáyts](http://encarta.msn.com/encnet/features/dictionary/Pronounce.aspx?search=United+States) ] country in central North America, consisting of 50 states. Languages: English. Currency: dollar. Capital: Washington, D.C.. Population: 290,342,550 (2001). Area: 9,629,047 sq km (3,717,796 sq mi.) Official name United States of America

3. The federal government is the government in Washington DC – not its individual members

AHD ‘2

[The American Heritage Dictionary. 2002, Pg 647//GBS-JV]

Of or relating to the central government of a federation as distinct from the governments of its member units.

4. “Should” means the debate is solely about a policy established by governmental means

Ericson ‘3

(Jon M., Dean Emeritus of the College of Liberal Arts – California Polytechnic U., et al., The Debater’s Guide, Third Edition, p. 4)

The Proposition of Policy: Urging Future Action In policy propositions, each topic contains

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compelling reasons for an audience to perform the future action that you propose.

#### First, a limited topic of discussion that provides for equitable ground is key to productive inculcation of decision-making and advocacy skills in every and all facets of life---even if their position is contestable that’s distinct from it being valuably debatable---this still provides room for flexibility, creativity, and innovation, but targets the discussion to avoid mere statements of fact

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Debate is a means of settling differences, so there must be a difference of

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particular point of difference, which will be outlined in the following discussion.

#### Second, constraints are key to creativity---challenging ourselves to innovate within the confines of rules creates far more creative responses than starting with a blank slate

Mayer 6 – Marissa Ann Mayer, vice-president for search products and user experience at Google, February 13, 2006, “Creativity Loves Constraints,” online: <http://www.businessweek.com/print/magazine/content/06_07/b3971144.htm?chan=gl>

When people think about creativity, they think about artistic work -- unbridled, unguided

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be a clock) or constrained possibilities (a canvas that is marked).

#### Third, discussion of specific policy-questions is crucial for skills development---we control uniqueness: university students already have preconceived notions about how the world operates---government policy discussion is vital to force engagement with and resolution of competing perspectives to improve social outcomes, however those outcomes may be defined

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These government or quasi-government think tank simulations often provide very similar lessons for

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quickly; simulations teach students how to contextualize and act on information.14

#### Fourth, switch-side is key---Effective deliberation is crucial to the activation of personal agency and is only possible in a switch-side debate format where debaters divorce themselves from ideology to engage in political contestation

Patricia Roberts-Miller 3 is Associate Professor of Rhetoric at the University of Texas "Fighting Without Hatred:Hannah Ar endt ' s Agonistic Rhetoric" JAC 22.2 2003

Totalitarianism and the Competitive Space of Agonism¶ Arendt is probably most famous for her

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not relativist, adversarial but not violent, independent but not expressivist rhetoric.

Effective decision-making outweighs---

#### Key to social improvements in every and all facets of life

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If we assume it to be possible without recourse to violence to reach agreement on

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in our intelligent self-interest to reach these decisions through reasoned debate.

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#### Language can never fully describe the world, producing a gap between the Real and our conceptions of it—we repress what can’t be symbolized because it threatens the completeness of our Fantasy

**Edkins, 03** [Jenny—Senior Lecturer of International Politics at the University of Wales-Abserystwyth, Trauma and the Memory of Politics] pg 11-14

In the psychoanalytic account the subject is formed around a lack, and in the

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will have been. And the social order too shares this retroactive constitution.

The subject and the social order in which the subject finds a place are both

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the subject and the non-existence of any complete, closed social order

#### The affirmative addresses the gap by using political action to impose a certain view of reality—a utopian world devoid of problems. Achieving this fantasmatic, new world order facilitates the existence of scapegoat, which must be violently exterminated in order to stabilize our fragile notion of reality

#### Stratavakis, 99 [Yannis—visiting fellow University of Essex, Lacan and the Political] pg 63-65

What constantly emerges from this exposition is that when harmony is not present it has

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will be excluded from its symbolization—without, however, ever disappearing.

In this regard, a vignette from the history of nature conservation can be revealing

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policy continued and expanded for years) (Worster, 1994:263).

What is this dialectic between the beatific fantasy of nature and the demonised vermin doing

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a negation of the generalised lack that crosses the field of the social.

But how is this done? If social fantasy produces the self-consistency of

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the play between the real and the symbolic/imaginary nexus producing reality.

#### Alternative text: Reject the affirmative and traverse the fantasy

#### Only identifying the impossibility of our representation avoids the exclusionary logic of the 1AC

**Stratavakis, 99** [Yannis—visiting fellow University of Essex, Lacan and the Political] pg 63-65

By saying ‘We are all Jews!’, ‘We all live in

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identify himself, his own lack, with the lack in the Other.