



# Oregon's Muslim Youth (OMY) Debate

## Debate Format

- Round 1: 1<sup>st</sup> Affirmative Constructive (4 min.)** Affirmative
1. Define key terms
  2. Present justification for change
  3. Present plan
  4. Show how plan solves need or harm
  5. Present advantages
  6. Summarize affirmative case
- Round 2: Negative cross-examination of 1<sup>st</sup> affirm (2 min.)** Negative
1. Analyze case & prepare questions that contribute to attack
  2. Develop simple questions to get answers, not confuse opponent
  3. Develop limited questions that don't "seem" dangerous
  4. Ask worthwhile questions
  5. Use opponent's answers in later speeches to show relevance of questions
  6. Ask questions fairly & honestly
- Round 3: 1st negative constructive (4 min.)** Negative
1. Explain negative point of view
  2. Show how negative will organize its analysis of affirmative argument
  3. Challenge affirmative definition of terms & present alternative
  4. Defend present system by showing how it's meeting harms
  5. Summarize arguments presented
- Round 4: Affirmative cross-examination of 1<sup>st</sup> negative (2 min.)** Affirmative  
(see #2)
- Round 5: 2<sup>nd</sup> affirmative constructive (4 min.)** Affirmative
1. Reestablish affirmative position
  2. Refute arguments presented by 1<sup>st</sup> negative speaker
  3. Extend affirmative arguments & present additional advantages to affirmative case
- Round 6: Negative cross-examination of 2<sup>nd</sup> affirmative (2 min.)** Negative  
(see # 2)
- Round 7: 2<sup>nd</sup> negative constructive (4 min.)** Negative
1. Outline what speaker intends to do in speech (new arguments)
  2. Show why affirmative plan is unworkable
  3. Develop disadvantages of affirmative plan
  4. Summarize arguments presented
- Round 8: Affirmative cross-examination of 2<sup>nd</sup> negative (2 min.)** Affirmative  
(see # 2)
- Round 9: 1<sup>st</sup> negative rebuttal (3 min.)** Negative
1. Extend negative position
  2. Refute affirmative arguments
  3. Develop only most important arguments
  4. Summarize arguments
- Round 10: 1<sup>st</sup> affirmative rebuttal (3 min.)** Affirmative
1. Refute negative plan objections
  2. Return to affirmative case & rebuild, focusing on only key issues
  3. Summarize
- Round 11: 2<sup>nd</sup> negative rebuttal (3 min.)** Negative
1. Outline arguments in speech
  2. Extend most damaging arguments
  3. Summarize
- Round 12: 2<sup>nd</sup> affirmative rebuttal (3 min.)** Affirmative
1. Explain order of arguments
  2. Extend answers to objections
  3. Justify reasons for change
  4. Summarize