



Motion Analysis

- **Framework behind debating**
- **Types of motions**
- **3 Steps to ace any motion**
- **Mistakes to avoid**
- **Categories of motions**





Framework behind debating

- **Functioning democracy**

Motions mainly take place in a functioning democracy

- **Burdens of proof**

Implies the need to give very good reasons for supporting/allowing/cancelling/legalizing...

- **Trade-offs**

No need to prove you solve the entire problem, but why is it more important than backlash/side effects?



Policy motion

(TH will legalize/ban/allow/require...)

-Whether we should implement of a concrete course action

✓ This House will **legalize** euthanasia

✓ This house would **ban** beauty contests



Belief motion

(TH believes/regrets/ supports/prefers)

- Required to debate the truth of a statement
- ✓ This House **believes** that religion does more harm than good
 - ✓ This house **regrets** the rise of social media



Perspective motion

(TH, as X, will...)

-Whether we, as X, should implement a concrete course action or support the truth of a statement

✓ This House, **as a beautiful educated woman**, would marry a rich man rather than start a career

✓ This house, **as Kazakhstan**, would leave the Eurasian Economic Union



3 Steps to ace any motion

1. Read the motion very carefully word by word
2. Identify the type of motion
 - THW
 - THBT/THS/THR
 - TH, as X,



3 Steps to ace any motion

3. Ask yourself and your partner these questions:

- Why is the motion set?
- What problem is it trying to solve?
- What actors are affected?
- What is the impact of the motion?
- What are the short, medium, and long-term consequences?
- What would you say on side opposition?
- What do we need to prove to win this debate?



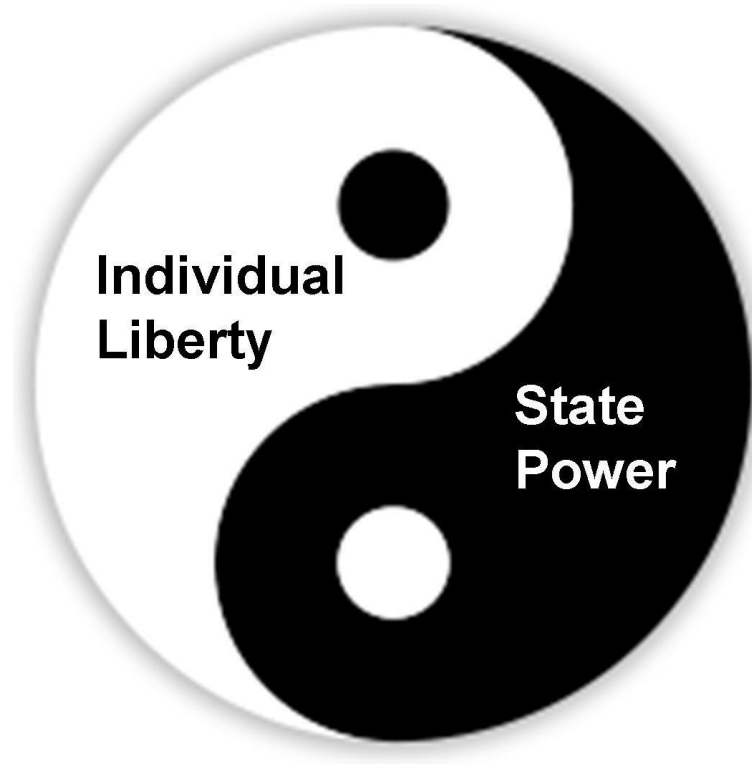
Mistakes to avoid

- **Get into the habit of using the earlier questions**
- **Do not give unfair models/mechanisms**
- **Use them to frame the debate and comparisons**



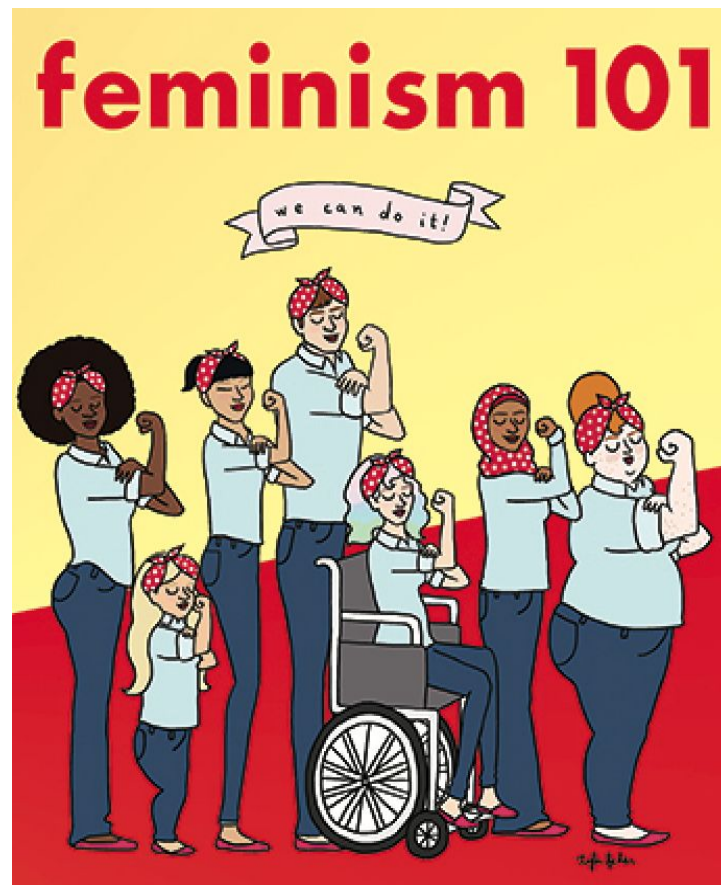


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