**DEBATE FORMAT**

* Opening statement (affirmative: 1 minute)
* Opening statement (negative: 1 minute)
* Rebuttal (negative: 1 minute)
* Rebuttal (affirmative: 1 minute)
* Cross examination (affirmative: 2-3 minutes)
* Cross examination (negative: 2-3 minutes)
* Second rebuttal, or second statement (negative: 1 minute)
* Second rebuttal, or second statement (affirmative: 1 minute)
* Closing statement (negative: 1 minute)
* Closing statement (affirmative: 1 minute)
* Audience questions (optional: 2-5 minutes. Can be moved before closing statements.)