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2016 OREGON NOVICE DEBATE CASE AREAS

Each year, the OSAA designates a set of “Oregon Novice Debate Case Areas” in order to limit debate through December at Oregon debate tournaments offering a Novice division. Oregon debate coaches have requested that the OSAA limit the topic area in order to encourage Novice participation by selecting topics that offer a balance between the affirmative and the negative positions, provide relatively easy research for everyone and provide the opportunity for meaningful case debate, rather than generic argumentation.

The presentation of an affirmative case approach included within one of the case areas listed below does not preclude the legitimate option of the negative to challenge the topicality of any plan presented. The issue of topicality is still to be decided within the round.

In addition to restricting Novice teams to the following cases, it is Oregon policy that neither Kritiks nor counterplans may be presented in Novice divisions during the period of restriction.

The following four topics will be designated as “Oregon Novice Debate Case Areas” on the 2016-17 National Policy Debate Topic.

1. Cooperation with China in Outer Space
2. Signing a Bilateral Investment Treaty with China
3. A grand bargain on Taiwan: Repealing the Taiwan Relations Act in exchange for Chinese concessions in the South China Sea.
4. Eliminating the U.S. Ballistic Missile Defense Installations in East Asia in exchange for China’s assistance in stopping North Korean nuclearization.