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2009 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 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 (all of which have been recommended as "Novice Case Areas" by the NFHS) will be designated as "Oregon Novice Debate Case Areas" on the 2009-2010 National Policy Debate Topic.

1. Expand Medicaid to cover all persons living in poverty.
2. Expand Food Stamps to cover all persons living in poverty.
3. Expand housing services for homeless veterans.
4. Expand higher education assistance for persons living in poverty.