

# Lincoln-Douglas

Lincoln-Douglas debate is a one on one debate, and is sometimes called value debate because it traditionally places a heavy emphasis on logic, ethical values, and philosophy.

**Resolution approach:** The NFL provides resolutions, which are the topics to be debated, and they change those every two months. The resolutions always propose that a specific policy or issue (the "resolitional policy/action") conforms to a certain principle (the "value"). The affirmative must uphold the resolution, and the negative must show that the action does not conform to the principle or that the affirmative has not shown how it does so.

**Example:** Resolved: It is morally permissible for victims to use deadly force as a deliberate response to repeated domestic violence.

**Length and order of speeches:**

Affirmative Constructive	6 minutes
Cross-examination	3 minutes (negative questions the affirmative)
Negative Constructive	7 minutes
Cross-examination	3 minutes (affirmative questions the negative)
1st Affirmative Rebuttal	4 minutes
Negative Rebuttal	6 minutes
2nd Affirmative Rebuttal	3 minutes

**Preparation Time before the round:** Topics are released on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Students then have two-month to prepare and debate the resolution/topic.

**Preparation Time during the round:** Each team may use up to three minutes of prep time during the debate, for each debater.

**DOUBLE FLIGHTED DEBATE:**

In early rounds of LD all rounds are double flighted which means that the judge will be responsible for two debates back to back. These are two independent debates and should be judged as such.