

Final Focus

Global Public Forum

Goals of the Final Focus

- A lot has been said by the time you reach the Final Focus
 - Your and your opponent's arguments have been attacked many times
- This is your opportunity to clear up/organize the round and tell your judge how you've won

Crystallizing the Round

- “Crystallizing the Round” is organizing the round into areas in which you’ve won
 - If your opponents haven’t responded to a response you’ve read to their argument, then their argument is an area in the round where you’ve won.
 - That will be something you bring up when you’re “Crystallizing the Round.”

Ballot-Directive Language

- Ballot-directive language essentially explains to the judge why you should win.
 - It is important for all judges, especially parent judges, it makes their job easier and makes them feel more comfortable voting for you
- Signpost - Noting where you are in your speech (i.e. on their argument/our argument)
- Implicating - What your response does (i.e. this takes out their argument because...)
- Framing the Round - Why you've won (i.e. we win this round because...)

Recipe for the Winning Final

1. Extend - Remind your judge of your collapsed argument.
2. Frontline - Defend any remaining attacks on your argument.
3. Weigh - Compare the importance of your and your opponent's round
 - a. Magnitude - How severe is your argument?
 - b. Scope - Does your argument affect more people? Does it affect one area or the whole world?
 - c. Probability - How probable is your argument?
 - d. Timeframe - Whose argument happens first? Whose lasts the longest?
 - e. Reversibility - Is your argument reversible?
 - f. Prerequisite - Does your argument cause your opponent's?
4. Extending Responses - Extend the most important responses to your opponents' arguments, responding to any responses they've made.