

Lesson 8: Weighing

Global Public Forum

What is weighing?

- A debate within a debate about which argument is more important
- If both teams win their arguments, then the one who proves their argument is more important wins the round
- Weighing is key for all types of judges
 - Especially for in-experienced/parent judges because even if they don't understand a single thing in the round, if you can convince them that your argument is more important than your opponents', then they will vote for you.

Main Types of Weighing

- Scope → your impact affects more people
 - Ex. Climate Change vs US Economic Growth
- Magnitude → your impact affects people more severely
 - Ex. War vs Poverty
- Timeframe → your impact happens before theirs
 - Ex. Climate Change vs Poverty
- Probability → your impact is more likely to happen
 - Ex. Conventional War vs Nuke War
- Prerequisite → your impact causes theirs
 - Ex. vs Recession
- Short-circuit → your impact solves for theirs
 - Ex. Economic Growth vs Climate Change