

# Belief & Values Limited Prep Ballot



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Topic :

Speech Length :

Judge :

Round :

Room :

## Speaker Rank

For tournament placement, please rank the competitors in the room based on which speech you preferred with 1st as your favorite.

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## Competitor Feedback

### **Main Idea**

*Compared to others in the room:*

*Unacceptable*

*Fair*

*Good*

*Excellent*

*Superior*

What is interesting or important about the main idea? You might comment on:

- Importance or interest level of response to the prompt
- Reference to main idea or thesis throughout speech
- Thesis supported by appeals to authority or other research
- Understanding of topic as indicated through speech development

### **Language**

*Compared to others in the room:*

*Unacceptable*

*Fair*

*Good*

*Excellent*

*Superior*

How did the use of language enhance the speech? You might comment on:

- Speech organization, intro and conclusion
- Integration of quotes, citations or paraphrasing from sources
- Use of transitions and literary devices
- Use of time to balance assertions

### **Voice**

*Compared to others in the room:*

*Unacceptable*

*Fair*

*Good*

*Excellent*

*Superior*

In what ways did the speaker's voice capture your attention? You might comment on:

- Ability to hear and understand speaker
- Accuracy of pronunciation
- Use of volume, rate, pitch, etc.
- Ability to be sincere and conversational

### **Action**

*Compared to others in the room:*

*Unacceptable*

*Fair*

*Good*

*Excellent*

*Superior*

What made the speech interesting to watch? You might comment on:

- Posture, use of hands and body language
- Eye contact, facial expressions, gestures
- Use of stage

### **Impact**

*Compared to others in the room:*

*Unacceptable*

*Fair*

*Good*

*Excellent*

*Superior*

Does the speech develop rapport and align with ASDA mission? You might comment on:

- Ability to use tact with opinion topics if applicable
- Use of humor, sympathy or other feelings
- Development of rapport with audience
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# Digital Presentation Ballot

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Speech Length :

Script Use? **Yes** **No**

Judge :

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## Competitor Feedback

### **Main Idea**

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*Unacceptable*

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What is interesting or important about the main idea? You might comment on:

- Importance or interest level of topic
- Reference to main idea or thesis throughout speech
- Thesis supported by logic, research or stories

### **Language and Visual**

*Compared to others in the room:*

*Unacceptable*

*Fair*

*Good*

*Excellent*

*Superior*

How did the use of language and visual aids enhance the speech? You might comment on:

- Speech organization, intro and conclusion
- Use of transitions and literary devices
- Effectiveness and appeal of slides
- Use of time to balance assertions

### **Voice**

*Compared to others in the room:*

*Unacceptable*

*Fair*

*Good*

*Excellent*

*Superior*

In what ways did the speaker's voice capture your attention? You might comment on:

- Ability to hear and understand speaker
- Accuracy of pronunciation
- Use of volume, rate, pitch, etc.
- Ability to be sincere and conversational

### **Action**

*Compared to others in the room:*

*Unacceptable*

*Fair*

*Good*

*Excellent*

*Superior*

What made the speech interesting to watch? You might comment on:

- Posture, use of hands and body language
- Eye contact, facial expressions, gestures
- Interaction with slides
- Use of stage and management of equipment

### **Impact**

*Compared to others in the room:*

*Unacceptable*

*Fair*

*Good*

*Excellent*

*Superior*

Does the speech develop rapport and align with ASDA mission? You might comment on:

- Ability to use tact with opinion topics if applicable
- Use of humor, sympathy or other feelings
- Development of rapport with audience
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# Duo Interpretation Ballot

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Speech Length :

Script Use? **Yes** **No**

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## Speaker Rank

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## Competitor Feedback

### **Main Idea**

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*Unacceptable*

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What is interesting or important about the main idea? You might comment on:

- Theme appeals to wide audience and relevant over time
- Theme developed through humor or other emotion
- Interest level of literature selection

### **Script**

*Compared to others in the room:*

*Unacceptable*

*Fair*

*Good*

*Excellent*

*Superior*

How did the script enhance the speech? You might comment on:

- Artful elements such as symbols, foreshadowing, imagery, etc.
- Rising action, conflict and resolution
- Choice of characters
- Ease of following the story line

### **Character Acting**

*Compared to others in the room:*

*Unacceptable*

*Fair*

*Good*

*Excellent*

*Superior*

In what ways did the characters capture your attention? You might comment on:

- Differentiation of characters through accent, volume, rate or pitch, etc.
- Believability of character bearing, mannerisms or facial expressions, etc.
- Transitions between characters
- Consistency of the portrayal of characters throughout

### **Scene Development**

*Compared to others in the room:*

*Unacceptable*

*Fair*

*Good*

*Excellent*

*Superior*

What made the speech interesting to watch? You might comment on:

- Balance of competitors' participation
- Interaction between the two competitors
- Staging and creation of scenes
- Transition between scenes

### **Impact**

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*Unacceptable*

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Does the speech develop rapport and align with ASDA mission? You might comment on:

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# Extemporaneous Ballot

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Speech Length :

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## Speaker Rank

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## Competitor Feedback

### **Main Idea**

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*Unacceptable*

*Fair*

*Good*

*Excellent*

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What is interesting or important about the main idea? You might comment on:

- Importance or interest level of stance
- Reference to main idea or thesis throughout speech
- Thesis supported by logic, research or stories
- Depth of understanding as indicated through source use

### **Language**

*Compared to others in the room:*

*Unacceptable*

*Fair*

*Good*

*Excellent*

*Superior*

How did the use of language enhance the speech? You might comment on:

- Speech organization, intro and conclusion
- Integration of quotes, citations or paraphrasing from sources
- Use of transitions and literary devices
- Use of time to balance assertions

### **Voice**

*Compared to others in the room:*

*Unacceptable*

*Fair*

*Good*

*Excellent*

*Superior*

In what ways did the speaker's voice capture your attention? You might comment on:

- Ability to hear and understand speaker
- Accuracy of pronunciation
- Use of volume, rate, pitch, etc.
- Ability to be sincere and conversational

### **Action**

*Compared to others in the room:*

*Unacceptable*

*Fair*

*Good*

*Excellent*

*Superior*

What made the speech interesting to watch? You might comment on:

- Posture, use of hands and body language
- Eye contact, facial expressions, gestures
- Use of stage

### **Impact**

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*Unacceptable*

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# Impromptu Ballot

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Speech Length :

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What is interesting or important about the main idea? You might comment on:

- Importance or interest level of response to the prompt
- Reference to main idea or thesis throughout speech
- Stories from personal experience, history, literature, etc.
- Understanding of topic as indicated through speech development

### **Language**

*Compared to others in the room:*

*Unacceptable*

*Fair*

*Good*

*Excellent*

*Superior*

How did the use of language enhance the speech? You might comment on:

- Speech organization, intro and conclusion
- Integration of stories
- Use of transitions and literary devices
- Use of time to balance assertions

### **Voice**

*Compared to others in the room:*

*Unacceptable*

*Fair*

*Good*

*Excellent*

*Superior*

In what ways did the speaker's voice capture your attention? You might comment on:

- Ability to hear and understand speaker
- Accuracy of pronunciation
- Use of volume, rate, pitch, etc.
- Ability to be sincere and conversational

### **Action**

*Compared to others in the room:*

*Unacceptable*

*Fair*

*Good*

*Excellent*

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What made the speech interesting to watch? You might comment on:

- Posture, use of hands and body language
- Eye contact, facial expressions, gestures
- Use of stage

### **Impact**

*Compared to others in the room:*

*Unacceptable*

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Does the speech develop rapport and align with ASDA mission? You might comment on:

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# Open Interpretation Ballot

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Script Use? **Yes** **No**

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- Believability of character bearing, mannerisms or facial expressions, etc.
- Transitions between characters
- Consistency of the portrayal of characters throughout

### **Scene Development**

*Compared to others in the room:*

*Unacceptable*

*Fair*

*Good*

*Excellent*

*Superior*

What made the speech interesting to watch? You might comment on:

- Believability of scene development
- Staging
- Creation of imaginary props
- Transition between scenes

### **Impact**

*Compared to others in the room:*

*Unacceptable*

*Fair*

*Good*

*Excellent*

*Superior*

Does the speech develop rapport and align with ASDA mission? You might comment on:

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# Original Oratory Ballot

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Speaker :

Topic :

Speech Length :

Script Use? **Yes** **No**

Judge :

Round :

Room :

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## Competitor Feedback

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*Fair*

*Good*

*Excellent*

*Superior*

What is interesting or important about the main idea? You might comment on:

- Importance or interest level of topic
- Reference to main idea or thesis throughout speech
- Thesis supported by logic, research or stories
- Demonstration of depth of understanding

### **Language**

*Compared to others in the room:*

*Unacceptable*

*Fair*

*Good*

*Excellent*

*Superior*

How did the use of language enhance the speech? You might comment on:

- Speech organization, intro and conclusion
- Use of transitions and literary devices
- Integration or stories, statistics or quotes
- Use of time to balance assertions

### **Voice**

*Compared to others in the room:*

*Unacceptable*

*Fair*

*Good*

*Excellent*

*Superior*

In what ways did the speaker's voice capture your attention? You might comment on:

- Ability to hear and understand speaker
- Accuracy of pronunciation
- Use of volume, rate, pitch, etc.
- Ability to be sincere and conversational

### **Action**

*Compared to others in the room:*

*Unacceptable*

*Fair*

*Good*

*Excellent*

*Superior*

What made the speech interesting to watch? You might comment on:

- Posture, use of hands and body language
- Eye contact, facial expressions, gestures
- Use of stage
- Memorization of the speech

### **Impact**

*Compared to others in the room:*

*Unacceptable*

*Fair*

*Good*

*Excellent*

*Superior*

Does the speech develop rapport and align with ASDA mission? You might comment on:

- Ability to use tact with opinion topics if applicable
- Use of humor, sympathy or other feelings
- Development of rapport with audience
- Alignment with ASDA mission