Drift #2

A Point of Clarification

During the opening ceremony, we intended to encourage fair-minded judging and setting aside personal bias. It seems the examples that were used may have created confusion for some.

The examples of stock issues and counterplans are matters of debate ***theory***—which are debatable. These theory considerations are best left to the students to debate and should be judged based on the merit of the argumentation **in the round**.

Judges are free to use theory debates as some or all of any reason for decision.

The Stoa board and the Stoa Debate committee take no official stand on questions of debate theory choosing to allow these issues to be part of the debate round.

Stoa Debate Committee,

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