

# DEBATE GUIDE

## SMOKE FREE PARKS

In order to effectively advocate for a policy, it is important to be able to clearly communicate why you support it and the reasons that others should as well. It is equally important, however, to understand the concerns and opposing viewpoints that others may have about the issue. In order to have an effective dialogue

<b>Supporters</b>	<b>Opponents</b>
<p><i>Defining the Issue:</i>  <i>Is there a problem? Does action need to be taken?</i></p>	
<p>Supporters will need to prove that the proposed policy is necessary by showing that there is a problem that needs to be addressed.</p> <p>You may want to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The negative effects of secondhand smoke</li> <li>- Statistics on smoking in outdoor settings</li> <li>- Pollution and cigarette butts</li> </ul>	<p>Opponents will argue that this policy is not necessary by denying the presence of a problem in our community or disproving evidence of it.</p> <p>You may want to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If the negative effects are potent in outdoor settings</li> <li>- If national or state data should apply to our community</li> </ul>
<p><i>Defining the Solution:</i>  <i>Will the policy effectively address the problem?</i></p>	
<p>Supporters will advocate for the smoke free parks training policy by showing that it will effectively help to solve the problem at hand.</p> <p>You may want to consider:</p>	<p>Opponents will argue that the sever-seller training policy is not a legitimate solution by showing that it will not effectively solve the problem of underage drinking.</p> <p>You may want to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Why restricting smoking will not</li> </ul>

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<p><i>Evaluating the Costs and Benefits:</i>  <i>What impact would this policy have on the rest of the community?</i></p>	
<p>Supporters will argue that the policy should be passed because it will benefit the community as a whole by showing that any associated costs are outweighed by the benefits.</p> <p>You may want to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Why this policy is important for the community</li> <li>- How allowing smoking prevents more people from safely enjoying parks than preventing it</li> </ul>	<p>Opponents will argue that passing this policy would negatively impact the community because it is unfair or will pose negative consequences or significant costs to the community.</p> <p>You may want to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If it is the role and responsibility of the government to regulate smoking in outdoor areas</li> <li>- If it is unfair to prevent individuals from smoking in the park</li> </ul>