



# PERSUASIVE BALLOT

SPEAKER:	
ROOM:	
JUDGE:	
ROUND:	TIME:

**Judges:** *Your independent ballot is very important to us. Please do not discuss this ballot with anyone. Please rate the speaker for each of the following criteria.*

The speaker...	Poor					Superior
<b>Content:</b> ...uses topic significantly; demonstrates style, originality, and creativity. ...meets time requirement. ...appropriately uses outside evidence, source references, and examples to support assertions.	P	*	*	*	*	S
<b>Organization and Analysis:</b> ...relates a clear thesis statement. ...discusses the topic using appropriate analysis and reasoning. ...incorporates a strong introduction and conclusion. ...demonstrates a logical, well reasoned flow of ideas. ...balances the development of each point and incorporates fluid transitions.	P	*	*	*	*	S
<b>Vocal Delivery:</b> ...communicates directly and sincerely; holds audience's attention; speaks clearly and conversationally. ...incorporates proper vocal techniques including: projection, articulation, tone/pitch, rate/fluency, and inflection. ...demonstrates accurate pronunciation.	P	*	*	*	*	S
<b>Physical Delivery:</b> ...displays appropriate eye contact, gestures and facial expressions. ...exhibits good energy level, passion, movement, and posture.	P	*	*	*	*	S
<b>Overall Effective Communication:</b> ...demonstrates proficiency of delivery including poise and appropriate personal appearance. ...develops emotional and intellectual intent of topic. ...establishes rapport with audience; creates positive impression on audience. ...delivers speech in a compelling and persuasive way.	P	*	*	*	*	S
<b>VIOLATIONS REQUIRING A PENALTY IF NECESSARY:</b> Use of script (2 ranks) + _____						
<b>FINAL RANK WITHIN ROUND INCLUDING PENALTIES:</b> (Circle one)						
#1 First	#2 Second	#3 Third	#4 Fourth	#5 Fifth & Below		

**Reason for Ranking and other Comments:** (Use back of sheet for additional comments.)