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### First, effective deliberation requires a forum of discussion that facilitates political agonism and the capacity to substantively engage the topic at hand---in short, a forum of switch side debate where the negative can predict and respond to the aff is the most intellectually effective---this is crucial to affecting productive change in all facets of life---the process in this instance is more important than the substance of their advocacy

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OF THE CHALLENGES that American … **required to pursue our common ends**.

### Effective deliberation is crucial to personal agency and is only possible in a switch-side debate format where debaters divorce themselves from ideology---this is vital to preventing genocide

Patricia Roberts-Miller 3 is Associate Professor of Rhetoric at the University of Texas "Fighting Without Hatred:Hannah Ar endt ' s Agonistic Rhetoric" JAC 22.2 2003

Totalitarianism and the Competitive Space of Agonism

Arendt is probably most famous for her analysis of totalitarianism (…independent but not expressivist rhetoric.

### And, this process of debate enables self-reflexivity and the capacity to reform---it applies not just to public policy and the state, but to every facet of life

John S. Dryzek 8 is Head of the Social and Political Theory Programme at the Australian National University "DEMOCRATIZATION AS DELIBERATIVE CAPACITY BUILDING" July 16 2008 www.bids.unibe.ch/unibe/rechtswissenschaft/oefre/bids/content/e3409/e3822/e3824/linkliste3831/Dryzek.pdf

Communications are deliberative to the degree they can induce …nor whether the effect extends to partisan political actors, as opposed to ordinary citizens.

### Democratic agonism can only successfully operate in a limited forum---it’s not a limitation on the content of argument, but on the form in which it is presented---this is not an appeal to exclusion, but to maximizing the deliberative potential of debate

Robert W. Glover 10 Prof of Poli Sci @ UConn "Games without Frontiers?: Democratic Engagement, Agonistic Pluralism, and the Question of Exclusion" Philosophy and Social Criticism Vol. 36

Recent democratic theory has devoted …**must operate with limits and frontiers**.

### Agreement is a precondition for contestation

Ruth Lessl Shively 2k, associate professor of political science at Texas A&M, 2000 *Political Theory and Partisan Politics* p. 181-2

The requirements given thus far are primarily …are simply implicit in the act of argumentation.

### Effective deliberative discourse is the lynchpin to solving all existential problems---switch-side debate is most effective---our K turns the whole case

Christian O. Lundberg 10 Professor of Communications @ University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, “Tradition of Debate in North Carolina” in Navigating Opportunity: Policy Debate in the 21st Century By Allan D. Louden, p311

The second major problem with the critique that … **challenges** to democracy [in an] increasingly complex world.

### And, student engagement on this topic is especially important to break down the cultural dichotomy between Islam and democracy

Dr. Larbi Sadiki 9 Senior Lecturer in Middle East Politics at the University of Exeter, Rethinking Arab Democratization: Elections Without Democracy, p. 279

Arab states and societies are caught in the vortex of …**well as internal and external dynamics**.

### Policy debate about the Arab spring is key to preventing cession of the political and affecting positive US responses

Walt 11 – Stephen M. Walt, Professor of International Affairs at Harvard’s John F. Kennedy School of Government, July 21, 2011, “International Affairs and the Public Sphere,” online: http://publicsphere.ssrc.org/walt-international-affairs-and-the-public-sphere/

Academics can make at least three distinct contributions …than the scholars who produce it might wish.

### Academic deliberation is especially important with regards to the American response to the wave of democratization---it’s crucial to preventing authoritarian meddling that will undermine movements for global justice and recalibrating orientalist narratives that dichotomize democracy and Islam

Danielle Feinstein 11 is a Senior at the Elliot School of International Affairs at The George Washington University “Washington scholars debate the Arab Spring” April 26 2011 bikyamasr.com/33144/washington-scholars-debate-the-arab-spring/

In recent months the Obama administration …revolutionary states in the Arab World.

### This has to take place in the policy realm---government responses to Middle East democratization are a crucial driver of cultural attitudes towards Islam and people of the MENA region---now is a key time to engage the discussion

Brookings 11 “What Does the American Public Think of the Arab Awakening?” May 22 www.brookings.edu/events/2011/0522\_arab\_awakening.aspx

In light of the divisive rhetoric that emerged after 9/11, …to encourage support and sympathy for the uprisings.

### Academic debates can affect policy

David Bukay 7 is a lecturer in the school of political science at the University of Haifa. “Can There Be an Islamic Democracy?” Middle East QuarterlySpring 2007, pp. 71-79 www.meforum.org/1680/can-there-be-an-islamic-democracy

While time has proven Wright wrong, the persistence of Esposito exegetes remains. Every few years, a new face emerges to revive old arguments. The most recent addition is Noah Feldman, a frequent media …democracy," he explained in a September 2003 interview.[41]

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## Wrong strategy

### Debate is never the site for social change only for learning the skills to advocate for change---

Atchison and Panetta 9– \*Director of Debate at Trinity University and \*\*Director of Debate at the University of Georgia (Jarrod, and Edward, “Intercollegiate Debate and Speech Communication: Issues for the Future,” The Sage Handbook of Rhetorical Studies, Lunsford, Andrea, ed., 2009, p. 317-334)

The final problem with an individual debate …requires a tremendous effort by a great number of people.

## Limits Prereq to discussion

### Topicality/Framework is necessary to debate – we have to limit the meaning of words so we can have effective communication

Garth Kemerling, professor of philosophy at Newberry College, 1997 online: http://www.philosophypages.com/lg/e05.htm

We've seen that sloppy or misleading use of …it has offered a (possibly useful) precising definition.

## MENA offense

### student engagement with US response to movements in the Middle East is crucial to preventing Islamophobia and clash of civilizations---movements represent a turning point in American opinion, how scholars debate the response, will have consequences for demonization of Islam and the ability to transcend racial dichotomization---absent student engagement technocrats will dominate the debate and result in autocratic governments

Marion Dixon 11 Prof of Sociology @ Cornell “An Arab Spring” Review of African Political Economy Volume 38, Issue 128, 2011 EBSCO

Even worse, if the fear-provoking state-fed …with the resulting shocks.

## Agonism IL

### Democratic deliberation key to effective political engagement

Ian Sanderson 9 --- DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AT LEEDS UNIVERSITY --- Director of Research, Faculty of Business and Law, Leeds Metropolitan University, Leighton Hall, Headingley Campus, Leeds “Intelligent Policy Making for a Complex World: Pragmatism, Evidence and Learning,” Political Studies, Volume 57, Issue 4, pages 699–719, December 2009

I have argued, therefore, that ideas from pragmatism …inquiry and of dissemination of their conclusions.

## Predictability Good

Breaking down predictability is self-defeating and impossible---creativity inevitably depends upon constraints, the attempt to wish away the structure of predictability collapses the very structure their aff depends on---it’s better to retainpredictability and be creative within it

Armstrong 2K – Paul B. Armstrong, Professor of English and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, Winter 2000, “The Politics of Play: The Social Implications of Iser's Aesthetic Theory,” New Literary History, Vol. 31, No. 1, p. 211-223

Such a play-space also opposes the notion that …unpredictability, discipline and spontaneity.

### Constraints are key to creativity---challenging ourselves to innovate within the confines of rules creates far more creative responses than starting with a blank slate

Mayer 6 – Marissa Ann Mayer, vice-president for search products and user experience at Google, February 13, 2006, “Creativity Loves Constraints,” online: http://www.businessweek.com/print/magazine/content/06\_07/b3971144.htm?chan=gl

When people think about creativity, …constrained possibilities (a canvas that is marked).

### Our framework is more Nietzschean---authentic creativity requires an interplay between norms and constraints---the most life-affirming way to debate is to read a topical aff that’s just better than everyone else’s

Hatab 5 – Lawrence J. Hatab, 2005, Nietzsche's life sentence: coming to terms with eternal recurrence, p. 121-122

To close this section, there are some …, between being and becoming.

### Limited amounts of Predictability are good – they’re a key starting point

Paul Saurette, PhD Johns Hopkins, 2000 International Journal of Peace Studies 5:1

The problem of concepts -- what they are, … **for any experience and understanding**.

## AT: Epistemology/V2L/ontology

### Epistemological focus results in either passive nihilism and an ineffective search for answers

William E. **Connolly**, professor of politics at Johns Hopkins, Identity/Difference : Democratic Negotiations of Political Paradox, 200**2**. p 10, ebrary

As I "read" the combination that emerges from …populated western thought an ethic of cultivation. 7

### Defending the preservation of life allows humans the freedom to act --- it is ontologically rooted in natality

Miguel **Vatter** es profesor adjunto ordinario del Instituto de Ciencia Política de la Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, NATALITY AND BIOPOLITICS IN HANNAH ARENDT, Revista de Ciencia Política/ Volumen 26/ Nº2/ 200**6**/ 137-159, (http://www.scielo.cl/scielo.php?pid=S0718-090X2006000200008&script=sci\_arttext)

Arendt calls natality, defined as the fact that …**be thought of as the freedom of life itself.**

## SSD Good

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Star Muir, communication studies at George Mason University, 1993 (*Philosophy and Rhetoric* 26.4, p. 288-291)

Values clarification, Stewart is correct in pointing …**pluralistic, rather than relativistic.**

### Solves ideology

Star Muir, communication studies at George Mason University, 1993 (*Philosophy and Rhetoric* 26.4, p. 278)

The emphasis on method---focusing on …gamesmanship often thought of, but sober, realistic, important gamesmanship.

### We control uniqueness – our framework accesses benefits of debate that are not accessible through any other activity in the educational system – this means you should err negative on the probability of all our impacts because the benefits of their advocacy could achieved through alternative fora

Star Muir, communication studies at George Mason University, 1993 (Philosophy and Rhetoric 26.4, p. 291-2)

Firm moral commitment to a value system, …moral positions based in part on values of tolerance and fairness.

### Debate’s switch-side component builds a symbiotic relationship between mutual empowerment and disempowerment, which prevents violence and allows for the exercise of freedom

Herman W. **Siemens**, Department of Philosophy, Nijmegen University, The Netherlands, Nietzsche’s Agon With Ressentiment, Continental Philosophy Review, Volume 34, Number 1 / March, 200**1**, 69–93

My claim is that Nietzsche’s textual …will be confined to a number of points that bear directly on the question of therapy.

### There is no opposition between arguing for pragmatic change in the world and affirming life in a Nietzschean sense---their refusal of change and reform is self-delusion that withdraws from the world and denies an important aspect of life

Todd May 5, Professor of Philosophy at Clemson University, September 2005, “To change the world, to celebrate life,” Philosophy & Social Criticism, Vol. 31, No. 5-6

For those among us who seek in …one of how to choose both sides at once.