



# Texas Forensic Association

## Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking Ballot

Contestant's Name: Jane Doe School Code: 12  
 Round: 1 Section: 2 Speaker Number: 4  
 Topic: Is the low savings rate an indicator of a slumping economy? Time: 5:28

### Judge's Instructions:

Evaluate the speaker using the following *Criteria*. Please offer justification for the ranking in the round and provide constructive suggestions to improve the student's skills.

### Criteria for Evaluation

**Analysis and Content:** Did the speaker analyze the topic adequately? Did the content show that the speaker has adequate knowledge of the subject? Was the content relevant to the topic?

**Introduction:** Did the speaker get your attention and introduce the subject in an interesting manner? Did it relate to the rest of the speech?

**Organization:** Were the ideas carefully selected and set forth in the speech?

**Supporting Materials:** Did the speaker have adequate support for his/her assertions? Was the evidence pertinent and logically set forth?

**Style:** Did the speaker exhibit command of informal conversational style, rather than stilted or formal usage? Was the language communicative rather than "memorized?"

**Oral Presentation:** Was the speaker's speech devoid of dialectical errors, mannerisms, etc. that call attention to themselves rather than communicate the ideas presented? Did the speaker's bodily action contribute to his/her skill of communication?

### Judge's Remarks

*Pretty good analysis, but I felt that the 3rd point could have had more development.*

*You have a good grasp of the U.S. economic policy.*

*Clever introduction - I appreciate your humor!*

*Speech had distinct points, but I would like for you to give me a preview before going into your first point. Also, review before your conclusion - you have plenty of time.*

*Good sources, try to incorporate a few more... maybe 2 sources for each point.*

*Relax! You had several vocal pauses (uh's, um's etc.) Take your time and just talk to me. You have a great vocabulary.*

*Watch your posture and don't pace. Move purposefully with each point only. Relax your hands. Very professional dress - thanks!!*

*Keep working and good luck!*

Rank the speaker. Circle one (1<sup>st</sup> being best, etc.)

1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> **3<sup>rd</sup>** 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup>

Judge's Signature Judy Judge

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