

Head-to-Head Debate

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Functionality:

After successful implementation in the House of Commons committee last year, the Head-to-Head debate will return to CNYMUN and be offered in all Advanced committees besides the Arab League (a choice to reduce heated debate over sensitive topics).

Head-to-head debate is a special type of moderated debate and can be motioned for at any time, but the dias looks favorably upon a point in committee when multiple clear differences in bloc's stances are present—such as debate on the differences in a resolution. Additionally, the debate must be motioned for with a specific topic (a time interval is unnecessary).

The debate will consist of four rounds in which two delegates will speak back and forth in 15-second intervals debating the topic proposed with the motion. After hearing a gavel, the delegate must stop speaking and refrain from finishing their sentence. The delegate who proposed the motion will be the first one to speak, whereas the second delegate will respond in each round. Note that the dias will choose who the second delegate will be after the motion is passed, but the dias will look favorably upon selecting delegates whom it knows will have differing views. Please do not raise your placard if you have similar views to the delegate who proposed the motion.

Delegates are not allowed to interrupt the other person while speaking, and all debate must remain respectful. As CNYMUN wishes to present new opportunities for delegates to present their opinions, head-to-head debate offers a new pathway to demonstrate the policy differences that may be present in the committee.

Please Note That:

Head-to-head debate offers a more active manner of debate, CNYMUN reminds its delegates to remain civil and to refrain from any hostile language—even if it may be within the purview of your delegation's policy.

As CNYMUN would like to continue utilizing primarily moderated caucuses, just like unmoderated caucuses, motions for head-to-head debate may be ruled out of order too early into committee or whenever it is more important to hear a vast array of different delegation's stances.

