

In the debate the speakers for the proposition agree with the proposition and those against it do not agree with it.

The debate structure will work like this:

Phase 1	5 mins	1 st speaker for the proposition	Introduces position (for) and presents arguments May include definitions
	5 mins	1 st speaker against the proposition	Introduces position (against) and presents arguments May include definitions
Phase 2	10 mins	All members of teams	Open discussion where members present arguments, and challenge and respond to each other
	5 mins	Audience & teams	Questions and answers
Phase 3	5 mins	2 nd speaker for the proposition	Summarises arguments (for) and why opposite team is wrong Presents conclusions
	5 mins	2 nd speaker against the proposition	Summarises arguments (against) and why opposite team is wrong Presents conclusions

Remember that arguments against the proposition do not have to prove the exact opposite. For example in Debate 1 you could argue that renewable energy can replace fossil fuels **in certain circumstances but not necessarily in all**. In Debate 2 the position against could argue that we don't need to ban plastic bags, but we do need to limit them. In Debate 6 the position against could argue that social media does not simply encourage consumption; it connects people, and in Debate 7 the position against could argue that the sharing economy is an alternative but it is not a good one.

The people concluding their side's arguments should finish with a strong statement, and not just say something like, "And, um..., that's all."

Links to the Financial Times can be obtained in the library. Ask for access in the library if necessary.

On videos, check for the CC (subtitles, closed captions) option to help follow what the speaker is saying.

Debate 1 Proposition: Renewable energy cannot replace fossil fuels

1. Arguments both for and against the proposition

<http://developmenteducation.ie/feature/the-energy-debate-renewable-energy-cannot-replace-fossil-fuels/>

2. Pros and cons of renewable energy

<https://www.conserve-energy-future.com/pros-and-cons-of-renewable-energy.php>

3. Vocabulary related to energy sources

<https://quizlet.com/35844273/energy-debate-topics-flash-cards/>

Debate 2 Proposition: Plastic bags should be banned.

1. Arguments for and against

<https://debatewise.org/debates/1011-should-plastic-bags-be-banned/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6xINyWpPB8> (actually about plastic bottles)

2. Arguments against the proposition

<https://www.plasticbagsource.com/blog/6-reasons-why-plastic-bags-should-not-banned/>

3. Arguments for the proposition

<https://www.conserve-energy-future.com/reasons-why-plastic-bags-should-be-banned.php>

Debate 3 Proposition: Credit cards should not be issued to young people.

1. Essay on the danger of credit cards

<https://www.123helpme.com/assets/14842.html>

2. Arguments mostly against the proposition

<https://cashmoneylife.com/10-reasons-credit-cards-are-good/>

3. Arguments for and against the proposition

<https://www.debate.org/opinions/do-credit-cards-do-more-harm-than-good>

4. Arguments that can be adapted to for and against the proposition)

<https://www.360financialliteracy.org/Topics/Credit-and-Debt/Credit-Cards-and-Reports/Credit-Cards-The-Pros-and-Cons>

Debate 4 Proposition: Fast food advertising should be banned.

1. Arguments for and against the proposition

<https://debatewise.org/debates/3569-we-should-ban-fast-food-advertising/>

2. Arguments for and against related mainly to advertising to children

http://debatepedia.idebate.org/en/index.php/Debate:Junk_food_advertising_ban

Debate 5 Proposition: Minimalism is good for us.

1. Arguments for minimalism

<http://edition.cnn.com/2009/HEALTH/02/10/happiness.possessions/>

<http://business.time.com/2012/07/19/got-stuff-typical-american-home-cluttered-with-possessions-and-stressing-us-out/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lqXD2CPB2f8>

Environmental impact/sustainability of fast fashion

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iq0--DfC2Xk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eIU32XNj8PM>

Environmental impact of lifestyle

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/02/160224132923.htm>

2. Arguments against minimalism

<https://www.petershallard.com/why-minimalism-is-toxic-for-you-and-your-business/>

<https://www.artofmanliness.com/articles/the-problem-with-minimalism/>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/04/29/style/when-the-gospel-of-minimalism-collides-with-daily-life.html>

<https://internationalhotdish.com/the-problem-with-minimalism/>

Debate 6 Proposition: Social media simply encourages consumption.

1. Arguments for the proposition

<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/commentary/sharing-shopping-on-social-media-unhealthy-anxiety-10576258>

<https://www.bizjournals.com/bizjournals/how-to/marketing/2015/05/how-social-media-influences-consumer-buying.html>

<https://www.postconsumers.com/2015/10/13/social-media-consumerism/>

<https://www.adweek.com/digital/oliver-tan-visenze-guest-pot-fast-fashion/>

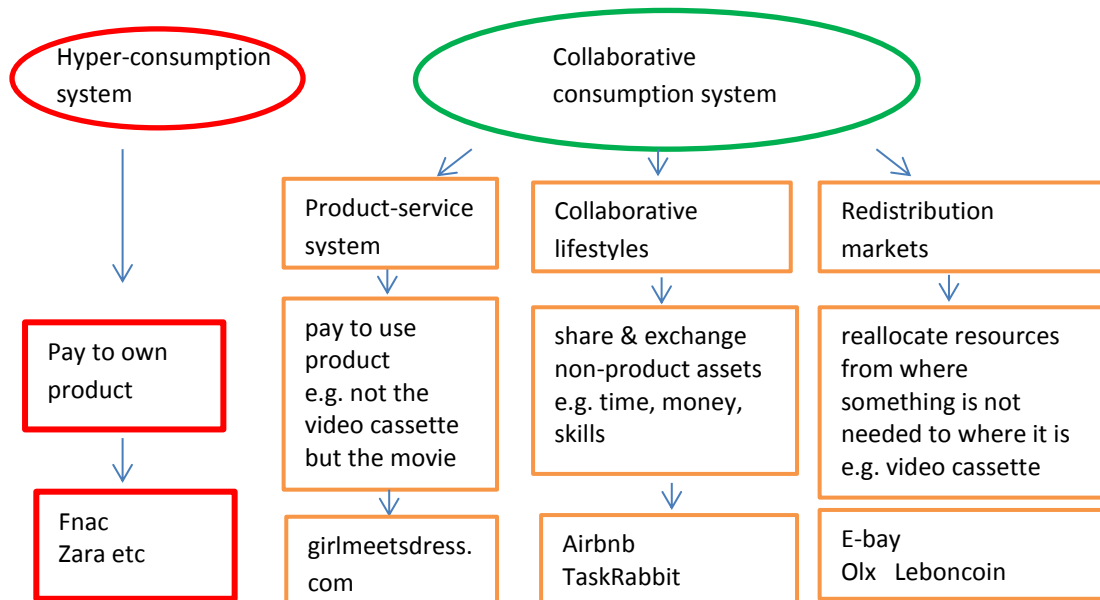
2. Arguments against the proposition

<http://blogs.unsw.edu.au/thedigitalage/blog/2018/07/the-effects-of-social-media-on-consumerism/>

<https://list25.com/25-advantages-of-social-media-that-are-good-to-keep-in-mind/>

Debate 7 Proposition: The sharing economy is a good alternative to the hyperconsumerism of the 20th century

1. Explanations of collaborative consumption



2. Examples of businesses

<http://www.theguardian.com/media-network/media-network-blog/2014/jun/11/girl-meets-dress-anna-bance>

3. Arguments for the proposition

<http://popsop.com/2014/06/the-sharability-of-almost-everything/>

Rachel Botsman Ted talk

https://www.ted.com/talks/rachel_botsman_the_case_for_collaborative_consumption

Reports evolution and points out some of the hiccups/issues

<https://online.pointpark.edu/business/collaborative-consumption-rise-of-the-sharing-economy/>

<http://edition.cnn.com/2009/HEALTH/02/10/happiness.possessions/>

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/02/160224132923.htm>

Environmental impact of hyper-consumption lifestyle

4. Arguments against the proposition

<https://ftalphaville.ft.com/2015/10/20/2142450/do-the-economics-of-self-driving-taxis-actually-make-sense/>

<https://www.economist.com/technology-quarterly/2013/03/09/all-eyes-on-the-sharing-economy>

<https://www.ft.com/content/749cb87e-6ca8-11e7-b9c7-15af748b60d0>

Date		Number	Name
	Debate 1: Proposition: Renewable energy cannot replace fossil fuels		
	For		
	Against		
	Debate 2: Proposition: Plastic bags should be banned.		
	For		
	Against		
	Debate 3: Proposition: Credit cards should not be issued to young people.		
	For		
	Against		
	Debate 4: Proposition: Fast food advertising should be banned.		
	For		
	Against		
	Debate 5: Proposition: Minimalism is good for us.		
	For		
	Against		
	Debate 6: Proposition: Social media simply encourages consumption.		
	For		
	Against		
	Debate 7: Proposition: The sharing economy is a good alternative to the hyperconsumerism of the 20th century		
	For		
	Against		

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<p>Debate 3 FOR</p> <p>Proposition: Credit cards should not be issued to young people.</p>	<p>Debate 3 AGAINST</p> <p>Proposition: Credit cards should not be issued to young people.</p>
<p>Debate 4 FOR</p> <p>Proposition: Fast food advertising should be banned.</p>	<p>Debate 4 AGAINST</p> <p>Proposition: Fast food advertising should be banned.</p>
<p>Debate 5 FOR</p> <p>Proposition: Minimalism is good for us.</p>	<p>Debate 5 AGAINST</p> <p>Proposition: Minimalism is good for us.</p>
<p>Debate 6 FOR</p> <p>Proposition: Social media simply encourages consumption.</p>	<p>Debate 6 AGAINST</p> <p>Proposition: Social media simply encourages consumption.</p>
<p>Debate 7 FOR</p> <p>Proposition: The sharing economy is a good alternative to the hyperconsumerism of the 20th century</p>	<p>Debate 7 AGAINST</p> <p>Proposition: The sharing economy is a good alternative to the hyperconsumerism of the 20th century</p>