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Topic: Sub-Saharan Africa

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its public health assistance to Sub-Saharan Africa.

Topic Analysis

[Summary of Popular Cases](#)

Follow the link to read summaries of the most popular affirmative cases at Greenhill.

[Topic News](#)

Check out the latest world news on public health assistance to Africa.

[What's Wrong with Health Aid?](#)

Follow the link to find a list of 10 things wrong with current health aid to Africa!

[Glossary of Key Terms](#)

Check out our glossary of key terms to gain a better understanding of the 2007-2008 topic!

[Message to Debaters](#)

Read a message to you from NCPA President John Goodman on the Africa topic!

[Overview of the 2007-2008 CX Topic](#)

Read Debate Central's thoughts on the Africa topic! We outline the key issues you will debate this year.

[Affirmative Case Areas](#)

Follow the link for a discussion of possible affirmative cases on the Africa topic!

[CX Questions](#)

A list of general CX questions for negatives to ask affirmatives!

[Public Health Assistance Websites](#)

The following websites will help you research the 2007-2008 topic!

[Fighting HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa](#)

Follow the link to find a discussion of HIV/AIDS cases on this year's topic.

Helpful Resources

- [Biotechnology](#)
- [Child Health](#)
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Lincoln-Douglas

Topic: (UIL) Sanctuary Cities

Resolved: Sanctuary cities are morally justified.







Topic: (NFL) Hate Crime Enhancements

Resolved: Hate crime enhancements are unjust in the United States.

Helpful Resources

- [NFL Links](#)
- [UIL Links](#)

Topic Analysis

-  [March/April NFL Topic Background Paper](#)
Follow the link to gain a deeper understanding of the March/April NFL topic.
-  [Card of the Week](#)
Follow this link to read explanation of the topic and strategies for a round.
-  [UIL: Key Word Definitions](#)
Follow the link to find definitions of key words in the Spring 2008 UIL topic.
-  [Spring UIL LD Topic Background](#)
Read our topic background paper to gain a deeper understanding of the Spring UIL LD topic.
-  [Guide to Popular Philosophers](#)
This guide will help you understand popular philosophers used in LD debate!
-  [Common LD Values](#)
Debate Central has summarized common LD values to help you understand basic LD debate!

Africa

Debate Central does not necessarily endorse the views or authors presented in these cards. You can debate the merits of these cards! For Debate Central's view on the topic read our [Topic Overview](#) and [Message to Debaters](#).

[Trade Bad](#) by Chris Burk

This file is useful in two major ways. First, it provides direct answers to many arguments found in the Trade Counterplan available from debate-central during the Fall 2007 semester. Second, it provides impact arguments against 'free trade' and the World Trade Organization (WTO).

[Elections](#) by Chris Burk

[Merida Politics Answers](#) by Chris Burk

This file will help you answer a Merida politics disadvantage.

[Aid Trade-Off Disadvantage](#) by Chris Burk

Debaters can argue that aid to Africa will trade-off with aid to Pakistan with this file.

[Economy Updates \(November\)](#) by Chris Burk

This file will help you debate economy and spending disadvantages.

[Soft Power](#) by Chris Burk

This is a useful argument for affirmative teams debating agent counterplans. Only U.S. action can boost U.S. soft power.

[Spending and Economy Updates \(Mid-September\)](#) by Chris Burk

This file will help you debate economy and spending disadvantages.

[Free Trade Counterplan 1.0](#) by Chris Burk

This counterplan will help negative teams argue that the United States should enact policies to facilitate more trade with Sub-Saharan Africa.

Politics Updates

These files give you the most recent evidence on current issues that are being discussed in congress. Download the complete documents here:

[February 1st](#)

[January 11th](#)

[November 9th](#)

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Learn About Debate

2008 Summer Debate Camps

As you are preparing for the 2008-2009 debate season, Debate Central provides the following list of debate camps around the country.

Tournament Calendar

Click to view a list of tournaments for the 2007-2008 season!

Round Reports

Follow the link to view reports of CX and LD rounds from high school debate tournaments around the country. Recently we added a report from the Comet Challenge (UT-Dallas).

Debate Central CX Workshop

If you could not attend one of our free workshops you can still listen to topic lectures by Chris Burk and Scott Herndon, debate coaches at UT-Dallas.

Tournament Casebooks

Follow the link to view casebooks from St Marks and Greenhill.

Debate in the News

Follow this link to view newspaper articles discussing high school and college debate.

Debate Expert: Chris Burk

This fall Debate Central will partner with Chris Burk, Director of Debate at the University of Texas at Dallas to provide you with evidence on the Africa topic!

Understand Cross-Examination Debate

The following PDFs are great resources for understanding Cross-Examination Debate.

Understand Lincoln-Douglas Debate

The following PDFs are great resources for understanding Lincoln-Douglas style debate.

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Ask the Experts

The "Ask the Expert" feature of [Debate-Central](#) is intended to provide you access to leading experts on debate and this year's topic.

Topic - Debate Expert



Chris Burk

[Ask Chris Burk a question.](#)

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Chris is the Director of Debate at the [University of Texas at Dallas](#) (UTD), one of the fastest rising programs in college debate. Chris has coached over a dozen teams to the National Debate Tournament, including multiple First Round teams.

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Laurie Garrett

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Since 2004, Laurie Garrett has been a senior fellow for global health at the Council on Foreign Relations. Her expertise includes global health systems, chronic and infectious diseases, and bioterrorism.

Ms. Garrett is the best-selling author of several books that will help you understand the new CX topic such as [The Coming Plague: Newly](#)

[Emerging Diseases in a World Out of Balance](#) and [Betrayal of Trust: The Collapse of Global Public Health](#). Her article "[The Challenge of Global Public Health](#)" published in Foreign Affairs will also help you on the new topic!

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Maria Coello

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Maria Coello is an Associate with Hunt-Mexico, Inc., a middle-market private equity firm in Dallas, Texas. Mrs. Coello's passion is economic development through private equity investments. To this end, she invests in private equity opportunities in Mexico and Latin America to bring capital to capital constrained markets. She holds a Bachelor's degree with honors in Economics and Mathematics from the University of Houston and a Master's in Business Administration from Yale University.

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Roger Bate

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Economist Roger Bate is a Resident Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute. He researches U.S. and international aid policy in Africa and the developing world, evaluating the performance and effectiveness of USAID, the World Bank, the Millennium Challenge

Corporation, NGOs, as well as other aid organizations and development policy initiatives.

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Ruth Levine

[Read Ruth Levine's answers to your questions.](#)

Ruth Levine is a health economist with 15 years of experience working on health and family planning financing issues in Latin America, Eastern Africa, the Middle East, and South Asia. Her book *Millions Saved: Proven Successes in Global Health* offers a great perspective on this year's debate topic.

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Emily Oster

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Emily Oster is a Becker Fellow at the University of Chicago. She earned a PhD in economics from Harvard University and has written articles on HIV/AIDS, STIs, and sexual behavior in Africa.

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Arnold Kling

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Dr. Arnold Kling is an independent scholar who writes about a wide variety of economic issues. Dr. Kling is the author of several books, including *Crisis of Abundance: Re-thinking How We Pay for Health Care*, published by the Cato Institute.

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