“Tues Oct 17th Debate” Workshop

The Debate Issue…

Should the US government liberalize “national land use” regulations to reduce our domestic energy problems?

★ Team 1… Cheryl Marrone & Luis Gotsens

The “Proponent Team” created & articulated the reasons for liberalization & their plans to accomplish developing more energy resources.

The Needs for Liberalization

1) US products & services are now more expensive because of our oil & gas costs!
2) US energy prices are unstable & having a negative impacting business.
3) The US is too dependent on other countries, for oil, we should be self-sustaining.

The Liberalization Plan Includes

a) Make US “Land Resources” not currently in use for energy exploration… available.
b) Use R&D funding to develop alternate resources.
c) Use our technology superiority to optimize the use of resources.
d) Make more use of Public Transportation

Liberalization Benefits
- More Stable Economy

★★ Team 2… Karen Peters & Russ Kruger

The “Opponent Team” created & articulated the opposing arguments. Both teams took turns cross examining their opponents.

There is “No Need” for Liberalization

1) US costs are still among the lowest in the global world we compete in & risks outweigh any benefits.
2) Price fluctuation is natural in a Democracy. Some government management could avoid the extremes.
3) We need a balanced approach… more: renewable resources, better resource management etc.

The Liberalization Plan Itself… Shows Alternatives!

Our Opponents plan itself shows many alternatives i.e. b), c), d). Add to this list the #1 correctable alternative, which is “Resource Management” & the need for Land Liberalization is really minimized.

Management Problem Example: President Clinton released 30 million barrels of home heating oil for New England States… & it will be sold to Europe! (Sentinel Enterprise Oct 12th)

★★ Team 2 won the debate…
due in large part to

Steve Rudnick… Debate Moderator & Leader.
Ruth Levitsky… Proponent Team Judge
Daniel Wallace… Opponent Team Judge

Thank you very much… Steve, Ruth & Dan!

Visitors Invited… Tuesday 7-8:30 pm
October 19, 2000
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- More Stable Government