**Unit 3 Handout 6: Debate: Does a woman has the sole decision in requesting an abortion? (Toulmin)**

**A. Toulmin Debate Graphic Organizer**

Claim: Value or judgement

Grounds: Evidence/ Data

Warrant: Cause and effect

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| **Position:** | | |
| **Claim:** | **Claim:** | **Claim:** |
| **Grounds:** | **Grounds:** | **Grounds:** |
| **Warrant:** | **Warrant:** | **Warrant:** |

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| **Rebuttal Position:** | | |
| **Claim:** | **Claim:** | **Claim:** |
| **Grounds:** | **Grounds:** | **Grounds:** |
| **Warrant:** | **Warrant:** | **Warrant:** |

Debate Format:

1. Opening Statement Affirmative (For – businesses should be allowed to refuse customers)

2. Opening Statement (Against - businesses should not be allowed to refuse customers)

3. First Affirmative Makes a strong argument for their side

Provides proof

Provides 2-3 main points supporting their side

Sample Vocabulary: first of all, I would like to state/say…, To begin with…., Our position…

4. First Negative Makes a strong argument for their side (against affirmative)

Provides proof

Provides 2-3 main points supporting their side

Sample Vocabulary: Let me respond by stating…, we disagree because…, the point I want to raise …

5. Second Affirmative (For)

Refutes Negatives major points with reasoning

Provides new information support their side

Sample Vocabulary: I’d like to point out that…, have to disagree with you because..., In contrast to what you said.... A point I’d like to raise is...

6. Second Negative (Against)

Solidify argument with new information

Final refuting of affirmatives points with reasoning

Sample Vocabulary: Here’s a point I want to raise...That’s interesting but..., I have to disagree because..., In contrast to what you said...

PREPARE FOR REBUTTAL

7. Negative Rebuttal (Against)

Make a strong summary, finalize refuting the points from the negative side and explain why they should win the debate.

Sample Vocabulary: In summary, we want to point out..., Issues that our opponent failed to address are…, Our opponents claim that...but..., To recap the main points...

8. Affirmative Rebuttal (For)

Make a strong summary, finalize refuting the points from the affirmative side and explain why they should win the debate.

Sample Vocabulary: In summary, we want to point out..., Our opponents claim that...but..., Issues that our opponent failed to address are..., To recap the main points...

9. Closing Statement Affirmative (For – businesses should be allowed to refuse customers)

10. Closing Statement (Against - businesses should not be allowed to refuse customers)

Basic Rules:

* Everyone speaks once before anyone speaks twice
* Everyone must speak
* You must stand when you speak and look at the opposing side
* You cannot work on the computer while the debate is happening. You can (and should!) take notes.