

## A debating Speech

Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen.



The motion for today's debate is, "When in conflict we should prioritize global poverty reduction over environmental protection". I'm speaking on behalf of the opposition team.

A few minutes ago, our dear opponent pointed out some points to support the resolution, but their points are indeed ridiculous. I'm going to make some rebuttals to let you guys know how ignorant they are.

The first speaker of the proposition team has claimed that with the global poverty being reduced, all people would not suffer from starvation, which was important since every single human life was priceless. Besides, he also alleged that being part of the humankind didn't allow us to stand by and do nothing while our fellow creatures were struggling in misery. To be honest, I really admire our dear opponents' kindness. However, does lifting them out of poverty really mean they can gain real high-quality life? The answer is obviously no! Even if we give our priority to reducing poverty to save the impoverished people, setting aside environmental protection will only worsen the living environment and thus take them into another pit of misery. As a result, reducing poverty is not a fundamental solution to relieving the suffering of our fellow creatures.

To save the mankind, it is essential to protect our environment from now on. If we don't set limits on human activities, issues like global warming, air pollution and such like will become increasingly serious. There will be days when we can't breathe fresh air or enjoy different climates or seasons anymore. As we can see, reducing poverty may only help people in the short term, but protecting our environment is to save our earth for our decedents in future years.

Besides, as the lord of creation, humankind has the obligation to ease other animals' pain. It has been suggested that tens of thousands of animals are afflicted with disasters induced by human activities currently. Protecting environment is not only for humankind, but also for all living creatures living on earth. Eventually, I'm convinced that we should build a pleasant and harmonious living environment for all.

In short, protecting environment is the ultimate way to maintaining a peaceful world. It is more effective and far-ready than reducing poverty. Therefore, today's motion is definitely false. Thank you for your attention.