



Five *Secrets* to Winning Debates

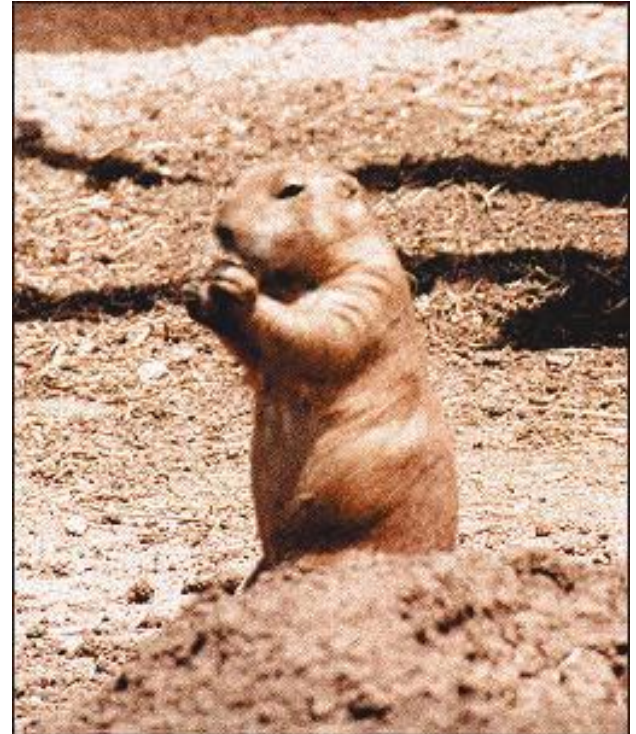
1. HOLD SERVE



- **Clearly Topical**
- **Big Stick Advantage**
- **Anticipate & Link Turn Disads**

2. PLAY ON YOUR OWN GROUND

- **Set Boundaries for the Topic**
- **Map Big Strategies**
- **Take Advantage of Format**



3. SPEAK THE JUDGE'S LANGUAGE

- **Keep Judge Cards**
- **Adjust Speed**
- **Adjust Arguments**



4. OUT-RESEARCH OPPONENTS

- **Adapt to Recent Events**
- **Know Key Sources**
- **Prepare Reasons Why Date Matters**



5. LEARN FROM LOSSES

- **Avoid Excuses**
- **Don't Be a Jerk**
- **Let Hindsight Be 20-20**

