

All competitors were confident + poised, ~~had well~~ i had organized material. The characteristics that differentiated excellence were:

- those who connected the topic with a personal passion + story
- range of expressiveness + connection with audience
- those who had command of the material + were well-prepared

Isabella - confident, well-organized, enthusiastic, good evidence + citations

Anna - passionate + expressive, well-organized + poised - connection w/ personal life, owned the material

Sasha - had command, very clear argument, good examples + citations, ^{topic} could have had more ^{indications of} connection to her personally

Josha - good presence + engagement - light on evidence + sources

Levi - great humor - range of expressions - really owned material + made it yours - uneven at times

Noah - Attention - grabbing start, well-organized good eye contact - good begin + end

Looking for stage presence, vocal quality.

Clear speaking, enunciation, confidence, eye contact.

Always look for good use of stage and a beginning, middle and end to speech.

Pacing is important - always be careful not to Rush !!

Work on connecting with your material in a personal way.

Be Careful to fully memorize your speech so it doesn't appear you are searching for words - (which takes away from ~~connecting~~ connecting with the material personally.)

Try not to stand in one place & fix your hair or nervously shuffle your feet.

and a clear structure
key things such as body language/puns

~~Kevin~~ Kevin.

- Good, purposeful opening
- some of the sound effects/voices could be more subdued
- Hand gestures would really add some purpose to his words!
- provides clear roadmap for solution (civilians, big business, government)
- might not be completely memorized

~~Sasha~~ Sasha

- very interesting ~~topic~~ and relative topic
- use of cards takes away from the effectiveness of her speech
- Speaks very clearly

no body language

Isabella

- machine learning AI is very cool
- AI bias raises some interesting questions
- hand gestures would be a rly good addition to the speech, doesn't move around very much

good topic but lacked key things such as body language/puns

Anna Lee

- provides a great roadmap + transitional puns!
- incorporates movement / speakers triangle
- sometimes fidgets when doing nothing w/ her hands

structure movement

Joshua

- shows causes/effects of climate change
- ~~it is~~ it is really good to use hand gestures, just make sure you aren't always ~~moving~~ moving your hands

lacks a clear structure

Noah

- good personal story, goes back to story @ end of speech
- nice use of puns in roadmap + transitions
- uses speakers triangle
- causes/effects both have sources/quotes
- makes very good points ~~about~~
- solution of media regulation is good and feasible
- "tackle w/ kindness" is great

shorter than Sasha's and he did not
good structure movement script
Note: discrimination leads to violence
move or provide a roadmap.

I chose Noah 1st because he showed the ~~most~~ best use of puns, body language, and structure. He made valuable points about the topic. And was Anna because like Noah, she demonstrated a clear understanding of all requirements. She struggled w/ timing. Isabella needed more structure but chose a very interesting topic. Kevin did not seem memorized, but he was enthusiastic and had great body language which made him a great speaker. Sasha looked at cards and did not move, ~~and~~ and needed