**Debate Topic:** Should sociology should be based on the methods and procedures of the natural sciences?

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| **Key Arguments/Reasons for:** | **Evidence to support:** |
| Topic Introduction (2 minutes) |  |
| Disagree with opponent’s position/Counter (2 minutes) |  |
| Rebuttal Speaker: Conclude, including thesis (2 minutes) |  |

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| **Key Arguments/Reasons against:** | **Evidence to support:** |
| Address the opponent's viewpoint/Counter (2 minutes) |  |
| Explain position, using evidence (2 minutes) |  |
| Rebuttal Speaker: Conclude, including thesis (2 minutes) |  |

* First Affirmative Speaker: Two minutes to introduce the topic
* First Negative Speaker: Two minutes to restate the opponent's viewpoint
  + Example:"It is often said" or "Many people assume that my opponent believes that"
* Second Affirmative Speaker: Two minutes to disagree
  + Example: "On the contrary" or "On the other hand"
* Second Negative Speaker: Two minutes to explain position (using evidence)
  + Example: "For example" or "This is why"
* Break for Rebuttal Speech Preparation: Two minutes to transition
* Negative Summary/Rebuttal Speaker: Two minutes to conclude (including thesis)
  + Example: "Therefore" or "As a result" or "Thus it can be seen"
* Affirmative Summary/Rebuttal Speaker: Two minutes to conclude (including thesis)
  + Example: "Therefore" or "As a result" or "Thus it can be seen"