**GOVERNMENT DEBATE OUTLINE**

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| **Question** |
| **Should the senate be abolished?** |

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| **Position – Pro or Con:** |

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| **Introduction** |
| **Background - provide information about the topic** |
| **Introduction: Senates are the ones that represent the people in each province and provide us with the help that we need. If you are fine with everything that you currently have then sure you won’t need a senate, but what kind of person lives a “perfect life” where nothing is a problem to them? Each province is different and we all ask for different needs, and we need someone who is part of the legislative branch of the government to make the needs of the people to be heard. Everyone has their own standards of being a senate** |
| **Thesis Statement - state the position and identify the three main points/arguments** |
| **there are going to be bad and good senate, followed with the ability of the prime minister to appoint someone to represent a minority, and the power that the senate has that the house of commons don’t have.** |

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| **First Point/Argument** |
| **Point: there are going to be good and bad senates** |
| **Evidence/Reasons** |
| **First Argument: There are always going to be people who do their job well and some people do don’t even do their job at all. But if you’re only focusing on the removal of senates just because you have heard some senators are committing crimes or are not doing their work. Hearing the word Assault and Senate in the same sentence doesn’t give you a excuse to say that they are useless and irrelevant. If you haven’t heard anything about a good senate then let me tell you about some. Lynn Beyak is a senate for Ontario, and she joined in January of 2015. And while she was a senate for 2 years, she has improved the relations between indigenous people and Canadians, by making us learn about residential schools and making students learn about the first nations a lot more in the school curriculum. Another well accomplished senate is Raynell Andreychuck, a Saskatchewan who was able to receive a order of yYroslav for acknowledging a the Ukraine famine and the Ukraine internment which heavily improved relations with the Ukranies. With Canada being a multicultural country and with relations still trying to improve, senates are a ones that are able to make all their needs fulfilled.** |
| **Second Point/Argument** |
| **Point:**  **It gives the Prime Minister the power to appoint someone to represent a minority in the gouvernement.** |
| **Evidence/Reasons** |
| * **most members of House of Commons represent their town, our their party. While senators are appointed for a certain topic, like immigration, and social policies.** * **The senate: 53 independent senators, the House of Commons: 2 independent** * **It allows the prime minister the ability to represent minorities in the government** * **compensates for the increasing marginalization of the House of Commons in the legislative and policy process** * **Smaller party, and less known ones, are less likely to get a seat in the House of Commons.** |
| **Third Point/Argument** |
| **Point:**  **Senates have done work that the House of Commons could not do** |
| **Evidence/Reasons** |
| **•The Senate Committees have helped improve legislation over the years in a way few House of Commons committee have**  **•Committee on banking**  **•Committee of trade and commerce**  **•Committee on the national finance**  **•Committee on social affairs**  **•Committee of science and technology**  **•More committees that have helped improve legislation**  **•The Senate do the work that the House of Commons does**  **•House of Commons can’t do job due to:**  **•Bitter partisanship**  **•Permanent campaign mindset**  **•Attendant unwillingness to do substantive policy work that characterizes the orientation of MP’s**  **•Members of Parliament are complicit of the gradual debasement of the House of Commons**  **•Senate committee reports are more regarded as they are more objective and substantive than the House’s committees**  **•MP’s aren’t very interested while the Senate are dedicated to it**  **•Senates have more freedom and independence than the House of Commons**  **•House of Commons should be abolished instead of the Senate** |

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| **Conclusion** |
| **Reference to Thesis - restate the position indicated in the thesis** |
| **As proven by the above, the Senate should not be abolished as it had good senates, followed the ability of the prime minister to appoint someone to minority, and it is more useful than the House of Commons.** |
| **Clincher - final statement** |
| **The Senate have done lots for Canada and the idea to abolish it is just blasphemy, rather than abolish the Senate, what if it improved even further.** |

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| **Rebuttal/Counter Argument** |
| **•It's not out of date, its use to represent the unrepresented is still used till this day**  **•Without the senate, less voices would be heard.**  **•Important senators**  **•https://sencanada.ca/en/senators/bellemare-diane/**  **•Diane Bellemare: specialization included macroeconomics, labour economics and public policy.**  **•Ratna Omidvar is an internationally recognized voice on migration**  **•https://sencanada.ca/en/senators/omidvar-ratna/**  **•Dr. Wanda Thomas Bernard is a highly regarded social worker, educator, researcher, community activist and advocate of social change.**  **•https://sencanada.ca/en/senators/bernard-wanda-thomas/** |