***Problem Solution***

***Opposing a Change in Policy / Keeping the Status Quo***

***Your job in this type of speech is to defend the current system and to attack your opponent’s proposed policy.***

**Your first main point would argue that there is NOT a need for change.**

**Your second main point would show that even if there was a serious problem, the suggested new policy would NOT solve it.**

**For Example:**

**Thesis: The federal government should not limit the amount of money spent in political campaigns because it’s not necessary nor practical.**

1. **Campaign spending limits are unnecessary.**
2. **The amount of money spent by a candidate is not the decisive factor in most elections.**
3. **The cause of the rise in campaign spending since 1980 is due to inflation or to the high cost of TV advertising.**
4. **Campaign spending limits are highly impractical.**
5. **National campaign spending limits cannot adjust to the diverse needs of candidates in different parts of the country.**
6. **Campaign spending limits hurt a challenger’s odds of unseating an incumbent office holder.**