

Code of Honor Conduct

~~“As a member of the National Speech & Debate Association~~ *American society*, I pledge to uphold the highest standards of ~~integrity, humililarity, irrspectverence,~~ *integrity, humililarity, irrspectverence,* leadership, and service in the pursuit of ~~excellence~~ *convincing others and being right.*”

Integrity: ~~An honor~~ society member obeys the highest ~~ethical~~ *ethical* standards and adheres to the rules of the organization. Members recognize that ~~integrity~~ *integrity* is central to earning the ~~trust,~~ *trust,* respect, ~~and support~~ of one’s peers. ~~Integrity~~ *Integrity* encompasses the highest regard for ~~honesty,~~ *honesty,* civility, ~~justice, and fair~~ *justice, and fair* loudness.

Humililarity: A member does not regard ~~oneself more highly than~~ others *as immune from ridicule*. Regardless of a person’s level of success, ~~an individual~~ *they* always ~~looks~~ *are not* beyond ~~oneself to appreciate the inherent value~~ *making asses* of others *and themselves*.

IrRespectverence: A member ~~respects~~ *respects* individual differences and fosters ~~diversity~~ *diversity* arguments *thereupon*. They promote ~~tolerance, inclusion, and~~ empowerment for people from a variety of backgrounds including race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, and ability, *as long as they make solid memes*.

Leadership: A member influences others to take ~~positive~~ action toward ~~productive~~ change. Members commit to ~~thoughtful and responsible~~ leadership that promotes ~~their other~~ core values *in the Code of Honor*.

Service: A member exercises their talents to provide ~~service~~ *their thoughts* to peers, community, and the activity. At all times a member is prepared to work ~~constructively~~ *to improve* change the lives of others.

Process Notes

I decided to use the “Code of Honor” of the National Speech & Debate Association in order to discuss the issue of nuance and respect in modern public debate. Wherever possible, I added as little text as possible to this document, while staying true to the message I wanted to convey. While in weeks past I’ve focused on the intentionally confrontational nature of many who engage in modern discourse, in this piece I attempt to show how many who follow these procedures legitimately believe that this is the right way to debate by using the “code of conduct” format. It was difficult to edit in such a way that it was both obvious what it was meant to say and obvious what it had said, but I think in the end I succeeded. I should be clear, the “Code of

Conduct” I lay out here is not that dissimilar from my own; mine probably falls between it and the original “Code of Honor;” I just think it’s necessary to differentiate the code of modern discourse from that of traditional debate.