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So, the order will be three new offense positions and then solvency.

First off is topicality. A: the thesis: In order to be topical. In order to be topical, the affirmative must substantially increase the number of persons serving in AmeriCorps. We have definitional support. First, an increase refers to a process and not an outcome. The plan itself must increase enlistment through active recruitment; it can not simply lead to it. This is the Higher Education Funding Council from 2004, accessed online: "‘Increase’ is used in relation to considerations to be taken into account in the exercise of a function, rather than an objective in itself. An obligation on principal regulators to ‘increase’ compliance *per se* is unworkable, insofar as it does not adequately define the limits or nature of the statutory duty. The obligation could be considered to be ever-increasing."

And, "substantial" means the increase must be definite. Potential future increases are not topical. *Words and Phrases*, 1964, accessed online: "Substantial means not concealed, denoting that which not merely can be, but is supposed to be, potential, certain, absolute, real at the present time."

B. Violation. The affirmative only passes a bill and offers the option of summer service. It does not actually guarantee that more people will join after the plan.

C. Standards. First, they blow the lid off the topic. There are a huge amount of things that increase the attractiveness of a program to increase recruitment. That creates an impossible research burden for the negative and causes shallow debate.

Rieffel, visiting fellow at the Brookings Institution, 2005, accessed online:

"Eight factors appear to impact the number who perform service: the missions, demographics, employment opportunities, compensation, prior experience, technology, and safety and security. Interest in the overseas service is linked to the tougher job market. The business cycle also affects the supply of older volunteers. In periods of expansion the risks of taking time out for volunteer service are reduced for men and women who are well-established in their careers."