### Vocabulary: Impact Calculus Handout #1

**Impact**- the implications of arguments or why arguments matter.

**Impact calculus**- strategy of comparing impacts. Typically, a debater will argue that one impact is bigger, faster or more probable than another. This process, or Impact Calculus helps the judge determine which side won the debate based on who’s impact outweighs.

**Magnitude** considers how *large* the impact is – who will be effected, who will be involved, will everyone die, etc.

**Probability** considers how *likely* the impact is – is it certain, are the other factors in play, how sure can you be, etc.

**Timeframe** considers *when* the impact will happen – is it years away, will it happen immediately, is it inevitable, etc.

**Turns the Case-** an argument made as to why your impact makes your opponents impact worse.