MEANINGFUL DIALOG V.S. GREAT DEBATE

DIALOGUE DEBATE

Two sides trying to prove each other wrong

Listens to find flaws

Reaffirms a pre-held point of view

One searches for weaknesses in others views

Demands a conclusion

Multiple sides working to a shared understanding

Listens to find common understanding

Enlarges and potentially changes a participants point of view

Remains open ended

One searches for strengths in all views

 