# Oral Argument From Both Sides

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## Sometimes, oral argument sounds like this



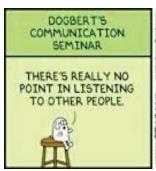
## Sometimes, not so much

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=452XjnaHr1A



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## Why are some oral arguments more useful?







### The conventional wisdom

• The advocate's skill at answering questions dictates success at argument; how well can you return serve?



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## Yes, but . . .

- Argument is a two-way street
  - Better answers from the podium
  - Better questions from the bench





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