A Comparison of Dialogue and Debate

Dialogue is collaborative: two or more sides working together toward common understanding. In dialogue, finding common ground is the goal. In dialogue, one listens to the other side(s) in order to understand, find meaning, and find agreement. Dialogue enlarges and possibly changes a participant's point of view. Dialogue reveals assumptions for reevaluation. Dialogue causes introspection on one's own position. Dialogue opens the possibility of reaching a better solution than any of the original solutions. Dialogue creates an open-minded attitude; an openness to being wrong and an openness to change. In debate one listens to the other side in order to find flaws and to counter its arguments. Debate affirms a participant's own point of view. Debate causes critique of the other position. Debate causes critique of the other position. Debate defends assumptions as truth. Debate defends one's own positions as the best solution and excludes other solutions. Dialogue creates an open-minded attitude; an openness to being wrong and an openness to change. In dialogue, one submits one's best thinking, knowing that other peoples' reflections will help improve it rather than destroy it. Dialogue calls for temporarily suspending one's beliefs. In dialogue, one searches for basic agreements. In debate, one submits one's best thinking and defends it against challenge to show that it is right defends it against challenge to show that it is right effends it against challenge to show that it is right defends it against challenge to show that it is right defends one searches for glaving differences. In debate, one searches for glaving differences. In debate, one searches for glaving differences in the other positions. Dialogue calls for temporarily suspending one's beliefs. In debate, one submits one's best thinking and defends it against challenge to show that it is right defends it against challenge to show that it is right defends it against challenge to show that it is right defends on the province of the o	Dialogue is collaborative two or more sides	Debate is ennesitional, two sides ennesing and
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