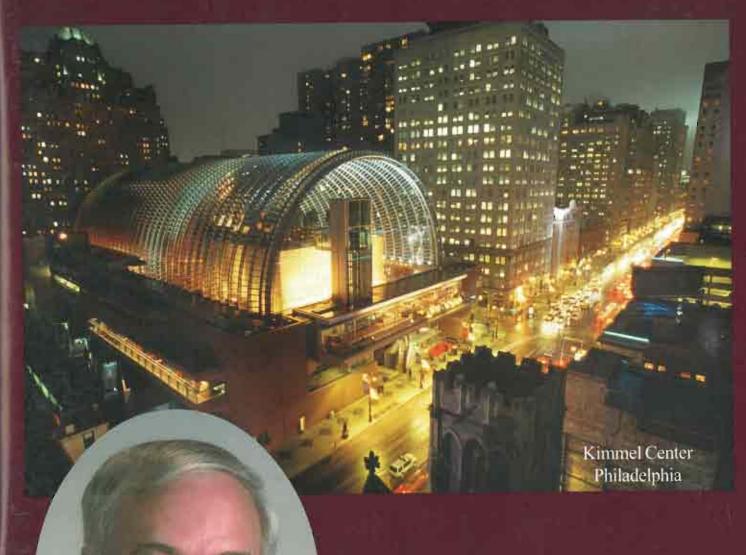
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From the Editor

J. Scott Wunn

Dear NFL,

I just wanted to take a moment this month to express the excitement we share in the NFL national office for the over 130 new affiliate schools and over 400 new coaches that have joined the League in 2004-2005. The strength of the 105 districts that make up the League is dependent on the continued creation and growth of new programs. In addition, our new coaches that are experiencing the activity for the first time bring a rejuvenation and excitement to the activity that keeps it fresh and energized. As I travel around the country visiting various districts, I am constantly impressed with the potential of the new programs and the new coaches of our League.

Why did I write potential? I write "potential" because new coaches and new forensic programs are fragile. They need the assistance and guidance of the veteran coaches in our League. Through the sharing of experiences, lessons, and resources, the NFL coaching family can create an environment that nurtures young coaches and programs into 4 and 5 diamond coaches of 20+ year programs.

How can we assure this outcome? It is crncial that the leaders of the NFL and all veteran coaches reach out and offer assistance and guidance through mentoring, coach workshops, the sharing of educational resources, and most importantly, an attitude of inclusion. There is no doubt that forensic education and co-curricular forensic activities are constantly "under the microscope" when schools are forced to cut budgets and staff. It is through our own mentoring and support that we can assist young programs to become more established and respected within their schools and communities.

Thank you again to the young coaches of the NFL for beginning your journey as a forensic educator. You are now part of an organization that respects and supports your efforts and the benefits you bring to our youth.

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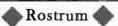
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April Public Forum Debate Topic:

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NFL Storytelling Topic for Nationals:

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2004-2005 Policy Debate Topic

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February 1	•••	March-April Topic
April 1		National Tournament Topic

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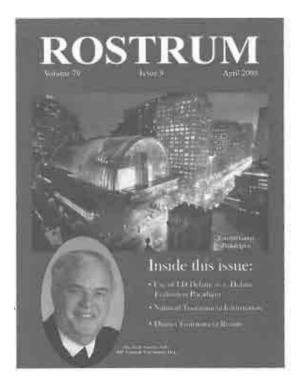
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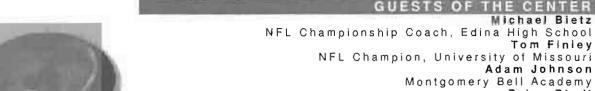
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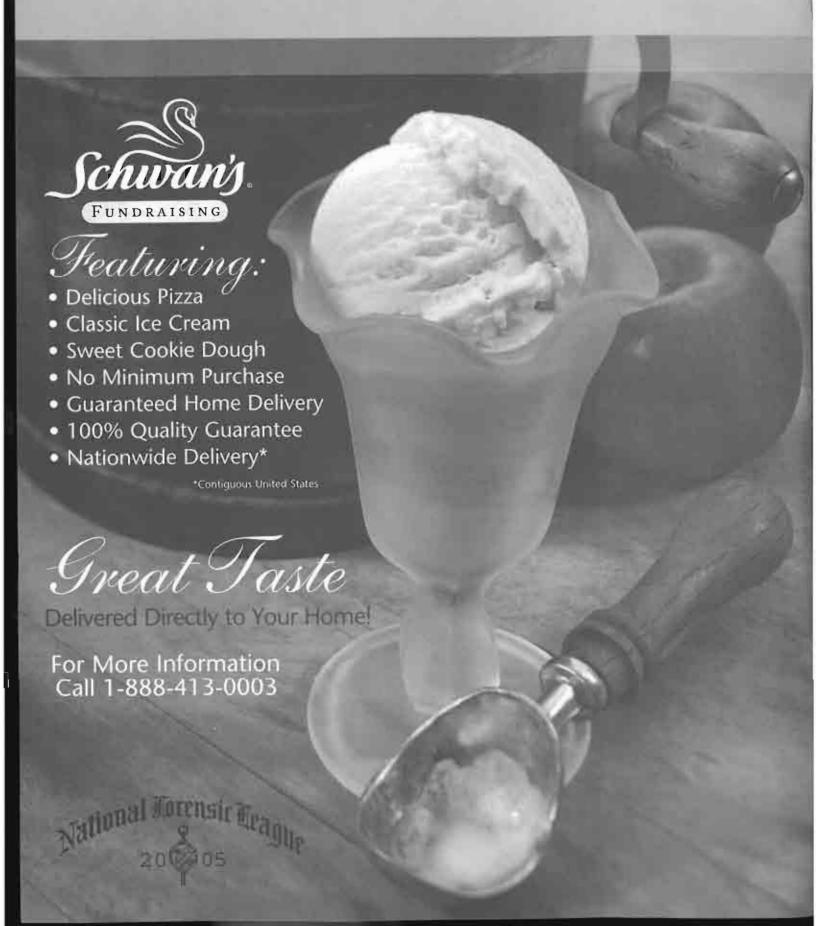
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FREYA FROM Ohio

In a boys bathroom -- for foreign extemp in my freshman year.

ANNE FROM Nebraska

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AMBER FROM TEXAS

Princeton High School: The AG barn, with an actual cow mooing at my opponent.

MICHAEL FROM Missouri

The strangest room I've ever competed in was an unoperating elevator. It was so strange because it was so small and the judge sat outside the elevator. So it was strange and funny at the same time.

RACHELLE FROM Missouri

I once had to do a DI in a room that only had an empty space for a door. Everyone walking by could see and hear what I was doing. Worst of all, I had to face the open space and could see as people walked by. Also, I attended a tournament where teams were debating on a staircase.

Brandon from NEDRASKA

I had a round of externp speaking in a locker room once. It's hard to focus on your analysis of the Bush campaign when you're also trying to figure out what that smell is.

JOE FROM Ohio

Easily the strangest location that I've ever competed in just occurred last weekend at State Qualifiers. Apparently, the school didn't have enough space for all of the four-man policy teams, so we were placed in a physical education storage room. One of the other competitors started having an asthma attack because of the dust and dirt in the room, so we were forced to move out onto the balcony of the gym and compete on the wrestling mats. In the background, you could hear the cheerleaders practicing their dance routines and the basketball practice. Definitely not my location of choice.

MORGAN FROM South Dakota

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Meet George S. Clemens

By Sandy Krueger NFL Staff

What was your first NFL experience?

I didn't have any background in forensics. (Admittedly, I didn't even know what it was). As for coaching, I was a basketball coach for five years until the debate thing kind of fell into my lap. I was invited during my first year of teaching to judge LD at Harvard. In subsequent years, I worked intermittently with the two or three LD kids on our team, learning a little as I went along. After the coach stepped down in the middle of the 2000-2001 season, I agreed to take over the team.

When did you decide to be a teacher and/or coach?

I had a Professor in College by the name of Athan Theoharris, who taught a Cold War Foreign Policy Class my sophomore year. I watched him speak without any notes for about an hour and a half straight and decided that was my goal, to someday be able to do the same.

What is your team philosophy?

I believe anyone can succeed in speech and debate if they have the drive to do so. Because of the wide variety of events in forensics, it would be almost impossible for a student not to find their niche. It is my desire that my team work constantly and consistently as hard as they can and work towards improvement. The rewards are there for the taking. The activity provides not only tangible, but intangible awards (students in debate are recognized more so than any one activity in high school). Becoming a confident, diverse, knowledgeable, and articulate young adult who has an acceptable understanding of the world around them is the best reward for life.



George S. Clemens coaches at Lake Highland Preparatory School in Orlando, Florida.

How many hours do you spend with this activity a week?

It varies. Depending on tournament preparation, usually approximately 15 hours plus the entirety of weekends (assuming that we are competing at a tournament).

What is your vision for the future of the

Obviously, I would like to see NFL continue growing and become an important focal point in high schools. I have the good fortune to be at a school that is beginning to recognize the tremendous opportunities that it provides for kids all over the country. It is tragic that more schools don't recognize its value. Unfortunately, unless administrations are willing to make financial sacrifices to support such a program at their schools, and find coaches and parents willing to make the time commitment necessary, it will continue to be a fringe activity in the aggregate of the school experience.

What is exciting about being an NFL coach in the state of Florida?

It's like a little village. There are a number of state and local tournaments and a thrilling experience to get to know the kids and coaches from schools all across the state. A number of schools in Florida travel on the national circuit, so you get to compete against many of these schools several times a year. The kids all know one another and it makes it fun, despite competitive rivalries. I think it is one of the more inclusive activities out there. I have the liberty of working with some of the best coaches in the land. It has been a

real blessing as a young coach to spend some time with the likes of Darcy Butrimas and Dean Rhoads at Trinity Prep and Lisa Miller at Nova and gain some wisdom from them with regard to how they have been able to build and maintain successful programs.

What's unique about Lake Highland Preparatory School as an NFL chapter?

I have the privilege of drawing in the talents of some of the brightest kids around. However, the same kids whose talents lie in debate are also the top science kids, the leading drama kids, etc. These kids get spread pretty thin and sometimes it is a battle to keep their interest in the activity fresh and prevent them from burning themselves out. I would assume that many programs in the NFL tell similar stories.

What qualities do you look for when recruiting students for your program?

Actually, anyone is welcome to tryout for the team. Tryouts are a formality. Everyone makes it, unless it is obvious they put no time at all getting ready for the tryout. This indicates to me what kind of commitment I can expect from them in the future. We have a plethora of highly intelligent, highly motivated kids. What I expect is a willingness to work hard and commit personal time necessary to achieve personal success in the activity. Simply to do the bare minimum and pad their high school transcript "because colleges like to see debate involvement" probably won't stick around long. Most of my recruiting is done by team members. They are in touch with kids in the younger grades. They usually tell me about students that would fit well on our team.





What is your favorite memory from a National Tournament?

Some of my favorite things are searching for Cannoli at Mike's pastry in Boston during the Harvard tournament, or impromptu snowball fights when Florida kids get the chance to enjoy a little cold weather. I've spent so much time with these kids, that they have become a significant part of my life.

What is the greatest challenge as a coach today?

In debate there is a tremendous commitment required. Finding kids (who are in fact teenagers who want to have fun during their formative years) and convince them that "fun" is getting to the airport at 5:45 am to catch a flight to a debate tournament, then sitting around until wee hours of the night talking about fun things like Strict Separation of Church and State or Ukrainian elections in preparation for a weekend tournament. It takes a pretty rare kid who would make those kind of sacrifices and would derive "fun" from such a scenario.

What's your favorite weekend tournament food item?

At the tournament or around the tournament??? It varies. I like to obey the rituals. Hit the deep dish pizza joint at the Glenbrooks tournament. The great North End Italian food in Boston. Everyday's Pizza on Emory's campus. A fine Cheese Steak at the UPenn tournament. Woodman's Fried Clam's at the Manchester tournament. I could go on, but I'm hungry now.



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Searches and Dentions: Important Subsets of the Broader Civil Liberties Debate

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially decrease its authority either to detain without charge or to search without probable cause.

By Stefan Bauschard¹

Introduction

The topic area advertised for vote, and the area paper from which this resolution grew, was articulated as "civil liberties." The two areas discussed in this resolution - detention without charge and searches without probable cause - are small, but important, subsets of the civil liberties topic. There are many other potential threats to civil liberties beyond detention without charge and searches without probable cause, including the use of secret evidence, prosecution of people who are "associated" in any way with organizations deemed by the government to be "terrorist," deportation for foreigners who have any "association" with any terrorist organization, required registration of foreign males from named countries, racial profiling, restrictions on access to information that the press and the public need to hold the executive branch accountable, restrictions on any type of assistance (humanitarian or otherwise) to groups deemed to be "terrorist1," and increased surveillance of citizens and groups who may disagree with various government policies. These are important civil liberties issues, and some of these issues may creep into your debates in related ways, but it is important to understand that the topic is focused exclusively on detention without charge and establishing probable cause for police searches. In fact, the probable cause are of the topic introduces issues that go well beyond debates about civil liberties, making this resolution both a small subset of the civil liberties debate and a larger topic

about criminal law enforcement beyond the civil liberties context.

This essay focuses on background information and debate arguments that stem from the two areas of focus in the topic. The article concludes with suggestions for strategizing and tips for additional research.

Detention Without Charge

Individuals who are detained for a considerable length of time without charge fit into one of three categories: (1) war fighters from other countries detained on the battlefield, (2) U.S. citizens detained on the battlefield (the battlefield has been defined both as U.S. territory and foreign territory), and (3) non-citizens (unnaturalized aliens) who are living in the United States.

These individuals are likely to be detained in one of three places: (1) a foreign country occupied by U.S. forces or in a foreign area controlled by U.S. forces, (2) Guantanamo Bay Cuba, or (3) a standard legal detention facility in the United States.

Guantanamo Bay is the site of a U.S Naval Base in Cuba. Located on the Southeast side of the island, it is the only naval base the U.S. has in a Communist country. The U.S. gained access to the base in 1904 under a leasing arrangement that makes cessation of the lease possible only if both sides agree or if the U.S. abandons the base. Although the U.S. leases the base, we concede full sovereignty over the base to Cuba.

For more on the history of the base visit http://www.nsgtmo.navy.mil/history%201a.htm

The U.S. agreement that Cuba retains full sovereignty over the base is what likely motivated the Bush administration to house all enemy combatants and many others the U.S. wishes to detain indefinitely. The administration hoped that the courts would agree that they had no authority over the base, though as we will see later, the courts have not accepted that and have intervened.

The authority of the President (acting as Command-in-Chief) and the military to detain foreign enemy combatants without charge until the cessation of hostilities is generally accepted. Although prisoners of war must be treated in particular ways, they do not need to be charged with a crime unless held beyond the duration of hostilities. The authority of the President and the military to detain U.S. citizens on the battlefield, particularly on U.S. soil, without charge is somewhat more controversial. In the only known instance prior to this new September 11th era, a U.S. citizen who was accused of aiding and abetting the enemy was charged with a crime and tried in a civilian court. The authority of the President and the Attorney General to indefinitely detain unnaturalized aliens is even more, and arguably the most, controversial since it affects the greatest number of people. The authority for these indefinite detentions was created both before and after 9-11 under legislation that will be discussed shortly.

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Some of the authority that the Attorney General - the chief law officer of the federal1 government - claims for making such detentions without charge of un-naturalized aliens or U.S. citizens not engaged in direct hostile action against U.S. forces is found in the PATRIOT Act. Under the PATRIOT ACT, the Attorney General has expansive powers to indefinitely detain non-citizens and individuals who are identified as contributing directly or indirectly to terrorist operations. As long as the Attorney General has "reasonable grounds" to believe that person at issue is "described in" the anti-terrorism provisions of the law, the individual is subject to indefinite detention (Cole, 2003, p. 65).

Chang (2002) explains that the authority to detain non-citizens springs from Section 411 of the PATRIOT Act that authorizes the attorney general to detain noncitizens that he has "reasonable grounds to believe" are involved in terrorism as long a seven days without charging him or ber with an immigration or criminal violation (p. 64). Although the seven day window to charge seems reasonable, the government often claims that there are necessary circumstances that prevent a charge from being issued within that time period. Cole argues that the PATRIOT Act's definition of "terrorism" is so broad for immigration purposes that even individuals who bave provided "humanitarian" assistance to these groups could be deemed a terrorist.

Individuals detained under this authority do not necessarily have to be certified as "enemy combatants."

The authority to detain non-citizens does not stem exclusively from the PATRIOT Act, however. Some authority also springs from changes made shortly after September 11th. On September 17, 2001, well before the PATRIOT Act was passed, the Code of Federal Regulations was amended to permit indefinite detention of aliens without arrest or bringing charge against them.

Immigrant Rights Clinic, New York University School of Law, New York University Review of Law & Social Change, REVIEW OF LAW & SOCIAL CHANGE, 2000/1, p. 398

The amendment to 8 C.F.R. 287.3(d), effected September 17, 2001, published in 66 Fed. Reg. 10,390 (Sept. 20, 2001) [hereinafter "amended rule" or "amended regulation"], has gone a long way toward creating this fear. In times of "emergency or extraordinary circumstance," as the current situation undoubtedly has been called, the INS now may detain individuals indefinitely following a warrantless arrest without bringing any charges against them. The amended rule provides no definition of emergency or extraordinary circumstance nor any explanation of how long "an additional reasonable period" of detention may be.

It is important to note that many individuals, particularly unnaturalized aliens, who are subject to indefinite detention have been charged with a crime - usually a minor immigration violation (most of those detained are immigrants). Chang (2002) explains that if a non-citizen is "certified" as a terrorist and charged with an immigration violation - he or she is "subject to mandatory detention without release on bond until either he is deported from the Untied States or the attorney general determines that he should no longer be certified as a terrorist" (p. 64). Change continues to explain that "Section 412 does not direct the Attorney General to notify the non-citizen of the evidence on which the certification is based, or to provide him with an opportunity to contest that evidence, either at an immigration judge hearing or through other administrative review procedure" (p. 64)

Another source of authority to detain is the Creppy Memorandum, which was issued by a U.S. Immigration Judge – Michael Creppy. Acting under "direct in-

struction from Attorney General Aschroft, Creppy issued a sweeping order that excludes normal due process rights from cases deemed of "special interest." U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Edward Becker, writing the decision for the court in *North Jersey Media Group, Inc. v. Ashcroft*, explained the terms of the Creppy Memorandum:

Chief Immigration Judge Creppy issued a memorandum (the "Creppy Directive") implementing heightened security measures. The Directive requires immigration judges "to close the hearing[s] to the public, and to avoid discussing the case[s] or otherwise disclosing any information about the case[s] to anyone outside the Immigration Court:" It further instructs that "[t]he courtroom must be closed for these cases - no visitors, no family, and no press," and explains that the restriction even "includes confirming or denying whether such a case is on the docket or scheduled for a hearing." In short, the Directive contemplates a complete information blackout along both substantive and procedural dimensions. (Becker, 2003, pp. 310-311)

According to Muzaffar Chishti, director of the Migration Policy Institute, more than 600 cases have been designated for this special treatment under the Creppy Memorandum:

In our report we found that at least six hundred cases were classified as "special interest" cases. The courts barred access to records of the persons in detention, closed their deportation hearings and the cases were not listed on the immigration docket. Such practices not only violate the rights of the individual detainees, they also violate important First Amendment rights of the press to have access to public hearings. As we maintain in our report, there certainly can be situations when secrecy may be war-



ranted, but it must be allowed only on a case by case basis, and only by judicial intervention. (Chishti, *America After 9/11*, 2003, pp. 86-87)⁴

The rationale for detention without charge is basically an argument in favor of preventive detention – detaining someone in order to prevent him or her from committing a crime. The government contends that if these individuals are released they could cornmit terrorist acts or support the commission of terrorist acts. In 2003, in Denmore v. Kim, the Supreme Court upheld a statute – a law passed by a legislature — mandating preventative detention during deportation proceedings of foreign nationals, even if the person posed no risk of flight or danger to the community (Cole, 2003, p. 224).

Unnaturalized immigrants – immigrants who do not yet have their citizenship but are in the United States – are usually detained under one of the previously discussed authorities. There are other categories of detained individuals – U.S. citizens detained at home and U.S. citizens detained abroad.

The government claims that the authority to detain U.S. citizens as "enemy combatants" comes from two potential places. The first is the "Authorization to Use Military Force" (AUMF) against Afghanistan. The AUMF states that the President has the power to "use all necessary and appropriate force against those nations, organizations, or persons he determines planned, authorized, committed, or aided the terrorist attacks" or "harbored such organizations or persons, in order to prevent any future acts of international terrorism against the United States by such nations, organizations or persons." The second is its Plenary Power under article Π of the Constitution. The government relied on both of these in the Hanidi case that will be discussed below, but the court only evaluated the AUMF argument, finding that the government had the authority to detain Hamdi under the AUMF.

One of the most famous cases of someone who has been detained without charge is Joseph Padilla, who is a U.S. citizen and who was detained in the United States. Northwestern University's Oyez project explains the facts of the case:

Jose Padilla was arrested in Chicago's O'Hare International Airport after returning from Pakistan in 2002. He was initially detained as a material witness⁵ in the government's investigation of the al Qaeda terrorist network, but was later declared an "enemy combatant" by the Department of Defense, meaning that he could be held in prison indefinitely without access to an attorney or to the courts. The FBI claimed that he was returning to the United States to carry out acts of terrorism. Donna Newman, who had represented him while he was being held as a material witness, filed a petition for habeas corpus on his behalf. The U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York ruled that Newman had standing to file the petition despite the fact that Padilla had been moved to a military brig in South Carolina. However, the court also found that the Department of Defense, under the President's constitutional powers as Commander in Chief and the statutory authorization provided by Congress's Authorization for Use of Military Force, had the power to detain Padilla as an enemy combatant. The district judge rejected Newman's argument that the detention was prohibited by the federal Non-Detention Act, which states that no "citizen shall be imprisoned or otherwise detained by the United States except pursuant to an Act of Congress." On appeal, a divided Second Circuit Court of Appeals panel reversed the district court's "enemy combatant" ruling. The panel found that the Authorization for Use of Military force did not meet the requirement of the Non-Detention Act and that the President could not, therefore, declare American citizens captured outside a combat zone as enemy combatants. (http://www.oyez.org/oyez/resource/case/1730/).

The U.S. government appealed the decision of the Second Circuit to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court, in a 5-4 decision in June of 2004 dismissed the appeal on a "technicality," claiming that Padilla's attorney wrongly filed his habeas corpus — a petition to the government requiring the government to prove that someone is being legitimately held — application in New York and that it should have been filed in South Carolina, where Padilla had been moved. If the application had been properly filed, the majority would have ruled that Padilla could challenge his deteution.

On February 28, 2005, a circuit court judge concluded that the government has no authority to detain Padilla unless they charge him with a crime. CNN explains:

Calling the case a "law enforcement matter, not a military matter," a federal judge in South Carolina has ruled that the U.S. government cannot continue to hold "enemy combatant" Jose Padilla without charging him with a crime. The ruling says the government has 45 days to do so or Padilla would be eligible for release. The government vowed to appeal the ruling. The order from U.S. District Judge Henry Floyd sided with defense attorneys who advanced that argument in a hearing last month in Spartanburg, South Carolina, the jurisdiction where Padilla has been detained for 2 1/2 years as a military prisoner. Justice Department spokesman John Nowacki said, "We will appeal the judge's decision." The case would likely be heard next by the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond. The government has argued that the president's constitutional authority as commander-in-chief and Congress's autho-

rization for the use of military force against the perpetrators of the Sept. 11 attacks are lawful grounds for Bush's action. But Floyd drew a distinction between combatants captured during military operations abroad and suspected terrorists arrested on American soil. He relied on the Supreme Court's ruling in the parallel enemy combatant case of Yaser Hamdi, in which the majority decision declared a "state of war is not a blank check for the president when it comes to the rights of the nation's citizens." Both Hamdi and Padilla are U.S. citizens. "To be more specific," Floyd wrote, "whereas it may be a necessary and appropriate use of force to detain a United States citizen who is captured on the battlefield, this court cannot find, in narrow circumstances presented in this case, that the same is true when a United States citizen is arrested in a civilian setting such as an United States airport." The high court has held the president does have the authority to detain "enemy combatants" captured on the battlefield, but even then the detainee is entitled to a fact-fmding hearing. The government avoided such a hearing in Hamdi's case by releasing him to his native Saudi Arabia last October. Padilla's attorneys have always maintained that presidential authority does not extend to American citizens caught on American soil, and unlike Hamdi, who was allegedly carrying a Kalashnikov assault rifle and traveling with Taliban troops, Padilla was carrying no weapons and wearing civilian clothes. "It is true that, under some circumstances, such as those present in Hamdi, the president can indeed hold an United States citizen as an enemy combatant. Just because something is sometimes true, however, does not mean that it is always true," Floyd wrote. "The president's use of force to capture Mr. Hamdi was necessary and appropriate. Here, that same use of force was not," the judge wrote. Floyd said if the purpose of Padilla's indefinite detention is to prevent him from rejoining his alleged al Qaeda confederates, then the president ought to ask Congress to pass a law allowing him to do so. "If the law in its current state is found by the president to be insufficient to protect this country from terrorist plots, such as the one alleged here, then

the president should prevail upon Congress to remedy the problem," Floyd wrote. In a related case, however, the Supreme Court provided some hope of relief to those detained as enemy combatants. Yaser Esam Hamdi was accused of being an "enemy combatant" because he was captured in Afghanistan during "the conflict" and was "affiliated" with a Taliban unit. All of the evidence that the government relies on is a summary of testimony from Michael Mobbs, who interviewed Hamdi shortly after his capture in Afghanistan. Mobbs' synopsis is now known as the "Mobbs Declaration." (http://www.cnn.com/2005/ LAW/03/01/padilla.ruling/)

After Hamdi was captured he was returned to the United States, where he was not permitted to meet with any attorneys. His father intervened as a **Next Friend** and a public defender who was assigned to the case became actively involved. His attorney argued that Hamdi since "the conflict" (the war on terrorism) had no definable endpoint and since the government never established what Hamdi's affiliation was, Hamdi could essentially be locked-up for life and never able to challenge his designation as an enemy combatant.

Hamdi originally found a sympathetic ear in U.S. District Judge Robert Doumar (Norfold, VA). Doumar was skeptical of the government's assertion that Hamdi was an enemy combatant and wanted to look at the evidence certifying him as such. The government challenged Doumar's request, however, arguing that it may need to disclose sensitive intelligence information in order prove that Hamdi was an enemy combatant. The government found a sympathetic ear in the U.S. district court for the Fourth Circuit, which intervened, arguing that proper deference should be given to the military. But appellate court chief judge, J. Harvie Wilkinson, would not embrace the proposition that under no circumstances would judicial review of the "enemy combatant" designation be, but that it could be permitted in only a very limited manner.

In Hamdi, the majority of Supreme

Court justices took issue with the appeals court decision and held that "although Congress authorized the detention of combatants in the narrow circumstances alleged in this case, due process demands that a citizen held in the United States as an enemy combatant be given a meaningful opportunity to contest the factual basis for that detention before a neutral decision-maker." Justices O'Conner, Rhenquist, Kennedy, Breyer, Souter, and Ginsburg, all agreed on this point, though Souter and Ginsburg did not even think the detention was authorized in the first place.

In response, the Department of Defense announced that it was creating a Combatant Status Review Tribunal in which detainees may challenge their designation as enemy combatants. The DOD has notified those who are designated as enemy combatants that they may challenge their designation (Washington Post, 2004). In the summer of 2004, the U.S. agreed to release Hamdi back to Saudi Arabia (http://news.findlaw.com/hdocs/docs/hamdi/91704stlagrmnt.html).

It is interesting to note that the holding of this decision only stated that a "citizen" (of the United States) had the authority to challenge his determination as an enemy combatant. In Rasul v. Bush, however, the Supreme Court went a little farther, extending habeas corpus jurisdiction to challenge detention by the United States government of foreign citizens abroad.

In Rasul v. Bush, two Australians and twelve Kuwaitis captured during hostilities in Afghanistan challenged their detention in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. They claimed that they were not combatants nor had they ever engaged in terrorist activity. The government argued that the courts had no jurisdiction to hear the case because Guantanomo Bay was outside the jurisdiction of the United States. Both the U.S. District Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia sided with the government in rejecting the suit, arguing that the while the U.S. exercises plenary authority and exclusive jurisdiction







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dent George W. Bush to stop making them up as he goes along, and to start working with Congress. "The president has the power to detain enemy combatants, including U.S. citizens, until the end of the relevant conflict," stresses Goldsmith. Katyal and most other experts agree. But, Goldsmith adds, "because of the novel issues raised by this conflict, it would be prudent for the president to bring Congress on board in designing and legitimizing procedures appropriate for the identification and longterm detention of enemy combatants, especially those held in the United States. Trade-offs between liberty and security, and attendant accountability for errors of overor underprotection of liberty or security, should rest with the political branches and not . . . with the courts" (January 10, p. 52)

In addition to these counterplans, a number of strong solvency arguments are available for negatives that wish to challenge the utility of simply charging someone with a crime. First, the government can simply charge the person with a crime, that's all the plan can topically do. Many individuals, "thousands" according to Cole (2003), "have been locked up, many in secret, on **pretextual charges**⁶" (p. 46)². Many individuals are charged but lack any ability to challenge those charges.

Second, at least in the past, the government, primarily through executive action has made it impossible for those detained to consult with defense attorneys, and in many instances the outside world at large. A 2002 Amnesty International Report claims that in many instances defendants aren't even being advised of their right to consult an attorney. At least in dealing with enemy combatants, however, the Supreme Court, has required that they be able to challenge their designation as "enemy combatants" and provided with a right to counsel. The AMERICAN LAWYER explains how many law firms have stepped-up to provide **pro bono** – free – legal assistance.

AMERICAN LAWYER, September 1, 2004, p. online

Since the June ruling that Guantanamo detainees had a right to counsel, individual lawyers, professors, firms, and nonprofit groups have signed up to represent them. Firms on the list include:

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This right to counsel, however, has only been provided to those detained as "enemy combatants," not all of those detained without charge. This, however, does not apply to unnaturalized citizens detained without charge or to those detained on pretextual charges. It does not apply to individuals charged with immigration violations because those charges are civil and not criminal. Change (2002) explains:

The Supreme Court has held both immigration proceedings and habeas proceedings to be civil rather than criminal in nature, notwithstanding the fact that deportation is a "drastic measure and at times the equivalent of banishment or exile." Because the Sixth Amendment extends only to criminal proceedings, the government has no obligation to provide noncitizens with free legal counsel in immigration proceedings or in habeas proceedings related to INS detention. As a practical matter, the cost of hiring a lawyer to litigate a habeas proceeding in federal district court, and to appeal the decision to the court of Appeals in Washington, D.C., the court granted exclusive jurisdiction over such appeals by statute, will prove prohibitively expensive for non-citizens in detention under Section 412. The number of attorneys available to provide legal representation to such non-citizens without charge is inadequate to meet the demand.

Third, where the DOJ has permitted defendants to consult with an attorney either voluntarily or through court order, the government has undermined the ability of attorneys to defend themselves by evesdropping on attorney-client privilege. John Ashcroft, the former Attorney general, gave himself the power to eavesdrop on these conversations on October 31, 2001 by issuing an interim agency rule that permits this (Napolitano, 2004, p. 134; Chang, 2002, p. 15).

Fifth, the government has even gone so far as to threaten to prosecute attorneys who assist potential terrorists, accusing them of providing "material support" to terrorists (Ibid, pp. 137-8).

Sixth, in regard to those detained at Guantanamo Bay, individuals who are charged and tried will be charged in front of nilitary tribunals.

CONNECTICUT LAW TRIBUNE, December 6, 2004, p. 17

Only four prisoners among the 550 or so at Guantanamo have lawyers—the four men who have been formally charged with war crimes in military commissions created by the Bush Administration that require them to have U.S. military defense counsel.

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Moreover, potential abuses of government power are difficult to monitor and overcome because under John Ashcroft's September 21, 2001 order, all immigration hearings are now closed to the public. Even the court's docket is no longer available to the public. Napolitano explains that "As such, the immigration court is prohibited from confirming or denying whether a particular case is listed for trial or, if so, if it is





deemed of "special interest. Essentially, once Attorney General Ashcroft makes that designation, that person disappears. Not even the immigrant's family is able to find out what happened to the person, even after that person has been deported" (p. 141)

In a book titled CONSTITUTIONAL CHAOS: WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE GOVERNMENT BREAKS ITS OWN LAWS, Napolitano (2004), working through examples of major Supreme Court cases, makes a persuasive case that when charged by the federal government, almost all charge individuals will either end up leading guilty or be convicted. Napolitano attributes this to a number of factors, including police officers who are willing to lie (p. 20),

Affirmatives are not going to be able topically write additional protections, such as the right to counsel, into their plans, but they can make an argument that once the federal government were to file charges, such a right to counsel would be "triggered" (Napolitano, 2004, p. 156). That is still, of course probably the only thing that would be "triggered;" the government would still be permitted to eves-drop on attorney-client communications, likely still harass attorneys who try to defend those charged. There is no reason to believe that the plan would include the provision of the interim agency rule that makes it possible.

Searching Without Probable Cause

The second section of the topic gives the affirmative the option of limiting the authority of the police to search without probable cause. Even before September 11th searching without probable cause was a controversial issue. In 2000-1, the high school debate topic was privacy, and affirmatives sometimes chose to protect privacy by requiring that probable cause be demonstrated in some specific situations.

Although many of the affirmative case areas that deal with probable cause protections did not emerge in relation to civil liberties issues related to the war on terrorism, the issue has come up in the context of the PATRIOT Act. This will be discussed shortly. Before doing so, however, it is important to understand a couple of critical definitional issues.

It is very important to understand that a "search" in the legal sense is not the same thing as we might generally understand a search to be. Whether or not a "search" occurred in the first place is usually what is disputed in court. There are a number of instances, for example, where the Supreme Court has said that a "search" did not occur. These are just a few examples:

- Police roadblocks do not constitute a "search" (Michigan v. Sitz (496 U.S.444))
- Use of drug-sniffing dogs is not a "search" (U.S. v. Place (462 U.S. 696))
- Police examination of an open-field is not a "search" (Olmstead v. U.S.)(277 U.S. 438)
- Listening device attached to a wall not a "search" (Goldman v. U.S.) (316 U.S. 439))

This list is far from comprehensive. In most instances where affirmatives will seek cases that intuitively seem like areas where probable cause should be required, negatives will be able to produce strong evidence that such police activity does not constitute a "search." The negative will have a strong argument that requiring probable cause in one of these instances does not result in requiring probable cause for a "search," though affirmatives may try to argue that a court's probable cause requirement subsequently defines the behavior in question as a search. This will undoubtedly be an important topicality issue - can the affirmative simply require probable cause in a particular instance, consequently defining the affected behavior as a "search."

There are other areas of the law that the affirmative can draw causes from where the Supreme Court has said that a "search" has occurred but that probable cause is not required:

- Searches incident to arrest (Chimel v. California, 395 U.S. 752)
- Stop and Frisk searches (Terry v. Ohio, 392 U.S. 1)

- Inventory searches (South Dakota v. Opperman, 428 U.S. 364)
- Consent searches (Schneckloth v. Bustamonte, 412 U.S. 218, 222)
- Border searches (U.S. v. Montoya de Hernandez, 473 U.S. 531)

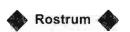
One place that searches without probable cause are permitted is at the border. Nathaniel Saylor explains:

The executive has authority to conduct routine searches and seizures at the borders without probable cause or a warrant in order to collect duties and prevent the introduction of contraband. The courts have determined that to accomplish this task some of the protections that citizens take for granted on the interior have to be lessened. Specifically, it has been held that routine searches at the border can be conducted without any requirement of probable cause (2003, pp. 283-5).

In a footnote referencing the Supreme Court decision that provides this authority, he explains—"United States v. Montoya de Hernandez, 473 U.S. 531 (1985). "[T]he Fourth Amendment's balance of reasonableness is qualitatively different at the international border than in the interior.

Routine searches of the persons and effects of entrants are not subject to any requirement of reasonable suspicion, probable cause, or warrant." One strong affirmative in this section of the topic may be to overturn this Court decision and require probable cause for various border searches. You will be able to find strong evidence in the dissent, amicus briefs, and various law review articles that will have been written in opposition to the decision.

Consent searches, also referenced above in the list of exemptions to the probable cause requirement, have been criticized as providing a foundation for the police to engage in racial profiling. George Thomas (2003) explains how eliminating consent searches would eliminate racial profiling:



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Abolishing consent searches would deprive police of their most effective racial profiling tool. As police can approach anyone on the street to ask for consent and can ask any driver who is stopped for a traffic infraction for consent, police are presently free to use race, and only race, to decide when to ask for consent in a huge number of situations. If police have to show probable cause to conduct a search, on the other hand, their discretion to use race is severely limited. Abolishing consent searches would do far more to remedy racial profiling in the real world than all the equal protection laws or statutory remedies that can be imagined (p. 551).

These are all somewhat old. Affirmatives wishing to run cases in these areas should explore if there are any more recent decisions in these areas (any cases, for example, where the court said probable cause was not required because a stop and frisk search occurred) and commentators and the dissent argued that probable cause should be required. This way you will be able to find more recent evidence on the issues. Finding affirmatives in this area will be difficult as it is rare for the courts not to require probable cause:

Dr. O'Connor, North Carolina Weslyn College, PROBABLE CAUSE, 2004, http:// faculty.ncwc.edu/toconnor/315/ 315lect06.htm

Not all search and seizures require warrants (e.g., automobile searches, arrest in a public place), but the Supreme Court has interpreted warrantless searches and seizures as unreasonable unless preceded by probable cause. This means that as a general rule, most searches and seizures require probable cause.

There are two at least two potential cases that deal with authority granted to the federal government to search without probable cause by the PATRIOT Act. One deals with warrantless, non probable-cased based wiretaps (wiretaps are considered "searches". According to Cole (2003, pp. 66-7) the PATRIOT Act authorizes "secret searches and wiretaps in criminal investigations without probable cause to believe the target is engaged in criminal conduct or that evidence of a crime will be found." Cole also contends that the government can evade probable cause requirements in any criminal investigation that is conducted for a significant "foreign intelligence" purpose (p. 67).

A second area of authority under the PATRIOT Act where the federal government is given authority to search without warrants is in Section 215 and Section 505. These sections allow federal agents to require librarians to disclose the circulation history of library patrons. The American Library Association (ALA) and numerous civil rights advocacy groups strongly oppose these provisions. Bobb Barr, former U.S. Representative from George and current 21st Century Liberties Chair for Freedom and Privacy with the American Conservative Union, explained the problem with the PATRIOTAct:

Under Section 215, FBI agents can obtain court orders for the release of, among other things, business information, reading histories, Internet surfing data, medical records and even lawful firearm purchase receipts, under a standard of evidence that equates to a "rubber stamp." Known primarily for its effect on access to library records - it could be used to monitor Americans' book borrowing habits - 215 is legally wide-ranging; extending, frighteningly, even to medical and genetic information. While much has - appropriately - been written about this provision's chilling effect on library users (a result that is very real regardless of how many times the government says it has or hasn't employed the power), the dangers in its broad reach cannot be over emphasized. A companion provision, found in Section 505 of the USA PATRIOT Act, raises concerns similar to those raised by Section 215. Section 505 is, in some respects even more troubling; it expands the government's ability to use so-called "national security letters," which are essentially administrative subpoenas, to secure access to a wide range of data and information on U.S. citizens. As this Committee knows, administrative subpoenas can be issued without probable cause, and without even the "rubber stamp" judicial review of a Section 215 search. (Barr, 2003, p. 175)9"

So far I have evaded a discussion of what "probable cause" is. This is because it is difficult to define. There are, in fact, three different ways that it can be defined:

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The precise meaning of "probable cause" is somewhat uncertain. Most academic debates over the years have centered around the differences between "more probable than not" and "substantial possibility". The former involves the elements of certainty and technical knowledge. The latter involves the elements of fairness and common sense. There's more adherents of the latter approach, but how do you define common sense. Supreme Court case law has indicated that rumor, mere suspicion, and even "strong reason to suspect" are not equivalent to probable cause. Over the years, at least three definitions have emerged as the best statements:

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the belief that a crime has been or is being committed. (reasonable man definition; common textbook definition; comes from <u>Draper v. U.S. 1959</u>)

Probable cause is what would lead a person of reasonable caution to believe that something connected with a crime is on the premises of a person or on persons themselves. (sometimes called the nexus definition; nexus is the connection between PC, the person's participation, and elements of criminal activity; determining nexus is the job of a judicial official, and it's almost always required in cases of search warrants, not arrest warrants)

Probable cause is the sum total of layers of information and synthesis of what police have heard, know, or observe as trained officers. (comes from Smith v. U.S. 1949 establishing the experienced police officer standard)

In Carroll v. the U.S (276 U.S. 132)(1925) the Supreme Court outlined some general standards for determining if probable cause exists.

The PATRIOT Act expands the authority of the government to conduct wireless searches by amending the Foreign Intelligence and Surveillance Act (FISA). Cole (2003) explains, FISA authorizes wiretaps and searches, based notion the much easier showing of probable criminal conduct or evidence, but on the much easier showing that the target of the intrusion is "an agent of a foreign power," defined broadly to included any officer or employee of a foreign-based political organization" (p 67). Since an "agent of a foreign Power" has been "defined broadly to include any officer or employee of a foreign-based political organization," U.S. citizens could also be subject to a wiretap as a foreign agent.

Under the original FISA Act, the "primary purpose" of the warrant had to be to collect intelligence and not to investigate crimes. Under the PATRIOT Act, however, the "primary purpose" requirement was replaced with a "significant purpose" requirement, opening the door to the use of FISA warrants issued without probable cause to

investigate crimes (Ibid, p. 68).

One strong affirmative on the 2005-6 topic will be to replace the current "significant purpose" language with the prior "primary purpose" language in order to reduce the number of warrantless wiretaps.

Solvency arguments against the probable cause area of the topic are also strong. First, the courts can always side with the government in determining that probable cause exists for a search. If the courts nearly always determine that probable cause exists for a search, then requiring it simply will not accomplish anything. Second, the courts could simply say that the activity that the government has engaged in is not a "search" and that probable cause is therefore not required. This has already been discussed. Third, it is becoming more and more difficult to challenge the validity of an issued warrant. Under Section 213 of the PATRIOT Act, federal agents are authorized to conduct more "sneak and peak" searches. "Sneak and peak" searches are "covert" searches of a person's home or office where a warrant is required but the person is not notified until after the warrant has been executed—after the search has taken place (Chang, 2002, p. 51).

Advantage Areas

Some of the advantage areas are relatively unique to the particular topic area. First I will discuss advantage areas that are unique to reducing detention without charge, ones unique to instilling probably cause protections, and ones that are generally applicable to both.

Detention Without Charge Advantages

Tyranny. The most basic advantage for the detention without charge area of affirmatives is a "tyranny" advantages. If the government can lock anyone up against their will at any moment, there is nothing to prevent a complete police state. There is good evidence that being detained against one's will is the ultimate loss of freedom.

Justice Souter, writing for the majority in the Hamdi decisions, explains:

It is beyond question that substantial interests lie on both sides of the scale in this case. Hamdi's "private interest ... affected by the official action," ibid., is the most elemental of liberty interests-the interest in being free from physical detention by one's own government. Foucha v. Louisiana, 504 U.S. 71, 80 (1992) ("Freedom from bodily restraint has always been at the core of the liberty protected by the Due Process Clause from arbitrary governmental action"); see also Parham v. J. R., 442 U. S. 584, 600 (1979) (noting the "substantial liberty interest in not being confined unnecessarily"). "In our society liberty is the norm," and detention without trial "is the carefully limited exception." Salerno. supra, at 755. "We have always been careful not to 'minimize the importance and fundamental nature' of the individual's right to liberty," Foucha, supra, at 80 (quoting Salerno, supra, at 750), and we will not do so today.

Racial profiling. Prior to September 11th, the use of racial profiling – targeting of an individual based on his or her race — by law enforcement officials had become very controversial. There was a lot of pressure at both the state and local level to stop the use of racial profiling because it had come to be considered an ineffective law enforcement tool and was discriminatory. After September 11th, law enforcement officials argued the tactic was necessary in the new war on terrorism to target Arab Americans and it is no longer politically controversial.

Affirmatives can read general evidence that impacts the harms of racial profiling at-large because, as Cole (2003) explains, federal support for the profiling of Arab Americans translates into condoning racial profiling by other actors:

(E)ven the federal government's profiling is expressly limited to foreign nationals, its actions send a message to private employers, airlines, and local police that Arab and Muslim identity is a central, perhaps the central,





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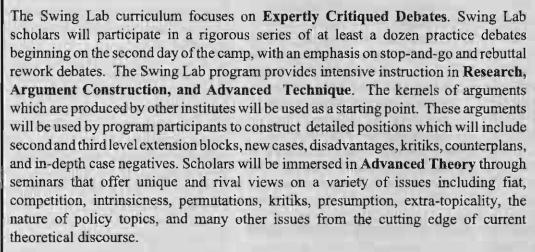
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factor for suspicion of terrorism. That message in turn encourages private discrimination of the type suffered by Edgardo Cureg, Michale Dasarth, and countless others who are or appear to be Arab or Muslim. Because people do not wear their passports on their sleeves, on-the-spot judgments about nationality inevitably rely on ethnic appearance. Thus, what starts as nationality-based profiling swiftly becomes a national campaign of ethnic profiling.

Otherization. If you do a substantial amount of reading on the topic, you will quickly discover that most of the individuals detained without charge and subject to most violations of civil liberties are Arab foreign nationals. Cole (2003) argues that the targeting of such individuals contributes to a mentality where we view these individuals as the "other." You find evidence that such "otherization" is at the root of violent conflict and the war system. Cole explains, "Foreign nationals are the paradigmatic "other," especially in times of war. As one critic has argued in connection with the current crisis, "The state's ability to label people as terrorists or terrorist sympathizers, no matter how absurd or farfetched, works to position those so labeled as non-citizens, outside the moral community, to whom human rights have no relevance."

General rights. Deprivation of fundamental rights that have been discussed in this essay are as problematic for citizens as they are for non-citizens. It is important to understand that almost all constitutional rights protections¹ do not apply only to citizens of the United States, but also to anyone that happens to fall under its purview, particularly persons physically present in the United States.

Over the law two centuries, philosophers have engaged in a debate over the origin of rights. The debate largely centers on whether rights stem from natural law or positive law. Natural law advocates contend that rights stem from the inherent, natural dignity of every human being. Posi-

tive law advocates argue that the origin of these rights is solely the constitutional governing structure, a "social contract" so to speak. The US Constitution embraces the natural law conception of rights and argues that rights are possessed by every human being.

Probable-Caused Driven Advantages

Privacy. One right which is arguably at the core of the search area of topic is the right to privacy. Requirements of probable cause are essential to protect people's privacy. Napolitano (2004) explains:

The Constitution prohibits invasions of privacy by the government by denying it the power to engage in unreasonable searches and seizers absent a warrant issued upon probable cause. Probable cause hinges on having an amount of evidence sufficient to induce the belief in the mind of a neutral judge that the target of the search more likely than not has committed or is committing a crime. Without enough evidence for probable cause, the government must respect our right to be left alone. An individual's right to be left alone has, for centuries, been a quintessential hallmark of a free society (p. 144).

Cross-Cutting Advantages

Racism. The links to the advantage for either topic area are distinct, but the impacts are similar. First, largely targeting foreign nationals for detention without charge largely targets immigrants and is arguably inherently racist. Cole (2003) argues that this racism spills-over to other areas of society. He writes: "What we are wiling to allow our government to do to immigrants today creates a template for how it will treat citizens tomorrow....As the Japanese internment demonstrated, alien discrimination is often closely tied to (and a cover for) racial animus, and it is therefore particularly susceptible to being extended to citizens along racial lines" (p. 7).

Soft Power. One advantage that was debated frequently on the UN peacekeeping topic was soft power. Threats to the rights of both citizens and foreigners undermines our soft power.

So, too, in matters of individual rights, we deny to other nations' citizens the very protection that we insist upon for ourselves. This exceptionalism feeds the view that the United States exploits its status as the world's most powerful nations with arrogance and self-interest, and is virtually certain to spawn new recruits to the causes mobilized against us (Cole, 2003, p. 194)

Foreign governments have also complained. By November 2001 at least seven nationals had complained that the Justice Department domestic preventive detention campaign had held their nationals longer than warranted and failed to form the embassies upon taking their foreign nationals into custody, as required by international law (Ibid, p. 195).

First Amendment. One of the most important parts of the First Amendment is the protection of the right of association. The First Amendment states that "Congress shall make no law...prohibiting...the right of the people peaceably to assemble." While Congress has not made a law that prohibits dissidents to assemble, the Supreme Court has allowed "the government to engage in surreptitious surveillance and the use of informants without probable cause" (Cole & Dempsey, p. 103). Others who have provided assistance, financial or otherwise, to groups that have been labeled as "terrorist" have also been detained without charge, threatening the freedom of association. According to Cole & Dempsey (2002), "The PATRIOT Act... authorizes executive detention on the mere suspicion that an immigrant has at some point engage in a violent crime or provided humanitarian aid to a proscribed organization" (p. 153).

Cross-Cutting Solvency Arguments

There are a number of solvency ar-





guments that can be made against affirmatives in either area of the topic. First, enforcement. As discussed in the section on the police backlash disadvantage, the police may be simply unwilling to follow the law. Cole & Dempsey explain that "restrictions...are often difficult to enforce for a variety of reasons, from doctrines extending immunity for official misconduct to the very secrecy that surrounds the FBI's activities" (p. 91). Second, "the courts have been reluctant to interpret the Fourth Amendment to rein in FBI investigations" (Cole & Dempsey, 2003, p. 98). The courts may simply be unwilling to enforce the plan, or at least interpret the protection made in the plan to not apply to many specific situations.

General Disadvantages

Politics. Politics lies at nexus of the debate between national security and civil liberties. Not long after the tragedy of September 11th, Congress passed, with little resistance, the PATRIOT Act. Despite the draconian measures included in it, there was little resistance from the Congress. Many Congress people voted for the law without even reading it. Affirmative plans that attempts to repeal all or part of the law are likely to encounter significant political opposition, particularly by Republicans. Cole & Dempsey (2003) explain:

Mounting a political campaign to curb investigative excesses of the FBI and other federal intelligence-gather agencies is a steep, uphill battle. Powerful law enforcement institutions will vigorously resist any challenge to their control over dissenters,; and they will claim that they must be free from constraints in order to protect the public from terrorists, militants, and other threatening elements (p. xiii).

Affirmatives will be able to find link turn evidence. There is evidence that both very liberal Democrats and very conservative Republicans oppose the law because they believe it intrudes too far on civil liberties (Hentoff, 2003, p. 113).

Terrorism/Crime. At the heart of the civil liberties topic area is the tension between rights and national security. In modern times, the primary threat to national security that the government feels it is necessary to guard against via reduced civil liberties is terrorism. Generally speaking, affirmatives to require that probable cause be demonstrated in more instances makes it harder for the police to act with less immediate evidence, making it more difficult to prevent any crime, terrorism being only one example. This is relatively straight-forward.

The links to reducing detention without charge are more problematic. One basic link story that is offered by the government is that if the government had to prosecute many of the detained individuals
through the legal system they would have
to disclose not only the names of people
who have been detained, but also evidence
that they have against the individual. Disclosing such evidence could threaten the
anonymity of foreign agents in the field who
have collected the information. This is probably the best link story because it could
impact the war on terror abroad at-large.

If you want to run this disadvantage on the negative, you have to be very good at it. First, there is arguably a minimal link. Many scholars contend that the charges against many of these people are fecious and that they would likely be acquitted if charged. The direct link to terrorism is probably minimal at best (Change, 2002, pp. 71-2). Second, there is really good turn evidence that indicates that status quo policies are alienating many of the Muslim communities whose cooperation may be needed to fight the war on terror. Cole (2003) explains: At home, law enforcement is more effective when it works with rather than against communities. If authorities have reason to believe there might be potential terrorists lurking in Arab and Muslim immigrant communities, it would make sense to work with the millions of law-abiding members of those communities to obtain their assistance in identifying potential targets" (p. 9). Third, focusing largely on foreign nationals may encourage police to ignore other important leads and "drop their guard" against those who" truly warrant attention (Ibid, p. 185). Fourth, if it is easier to arrest someone the police may arrest too early, undermining investigations into larger terror plots (Ibid, p. 188). Fifth, acting in ways that threaten the rights of individuals makes the U.S. look bad abroad. Such perceptions arguably increase the recruiting abilities of terrorists:

Sacrificing legitimacy is also counterproductive in the international arena, where sensitivity to double standards selectively denying foreign nationals' rights is likely to be the highest. It is in Osama bin Laden's interest, not ours, to portray the struggle as pitting the united States against Arabs and Muslims. The more we act in ways that support that image, the more likely bin Laden or others will be able to attract adherents to their terrorist cause. Anti-Americanism is at an all-time high now (Cole, 2003, p. 194).

Sixth, the real problem that the FBI arguably has is not a lack of law enforcement power, but rather an inability to process all of the intelligence information that already comes across their desks (Ibid, p. 16).

Human rights promotion bad. There is very strong evidence that violations of civil liberties by the United States undermines our ability to promote human rights abroad. Heymann (2993) explains:

Thus the most serious questions of human rights, and of the price we are prepared to pay in terms of lost respect for the United States, will arise not here but abroad if we attempt to export the human counterterrorism costs of extensive searches, electronic surveillance, coercive interrogation, detention, and limitations on association and speech. Each of these measures, controlled or forbidden at home by the U.S. Constitution and abroad by international con-

ventions, are likely to be promising ways of getting needed information about terrorists' plans and of otherwise preventing terrorist planning. But each can prove extremely costly in the long run" (p. 82)

Kenneth Roth, and renowned expert in international human rights law, adds:

That is hardly to say that the United States is among the worse human rights offenders. But because of America's extraordinary influence, the Bush administration's willingness to compromise human rights to fight terrorism sct a dangerous precedent. Because of the leadership role that the U.S. government so often has played in promoting human rights, the weakening of its voice weighed heavily, particularly in some of the front-line countries in the war against terrorism, where the need for a vigorous defense of human rights was great" (2003, p. 238)

Negatives can argue that such a loss of human rights credibility is desirable because if we promote human rights it will result in imperialism and a loss of relations with other countries. Affirmative can, of course, impact turn this argument and claim that promoting human rights is critical to enhance global dignity and to reduce the risk of war.

Police/law enforcement backlash. As the above evidence indicates, intelligence and law enforcement agencies will resist any efforts to limit their authority to detain without charge or search without probable cause. Police opposition to the plan not only significantly undermines solvency, but if it generates a backlash could make the police more likely to violate civil rights.

Judicial Deference. Traditionally, the courts have deferred to the President's interpretation of his legal powers in the area of national security and military matters.

The basic argument behind the principle is that the President knows more about these matters than the courts and that the courts should therefore defer to his judgment. The negative disadvantage argues that if the courts rule against the President in a matter of national security that could set a precedent for future rulings in these areas, undermining the President and national security. The civil-military relations disadvantage that was popular this year could be extended as an impact to this argument or presented as its own disadvantage.

Presidential Power. There is some strong general evidence that a strong, unified President/executive is necessary for global leadership and to deter global aggression. Blatant calls to limit the President's "authority" link well to this disadvantage.

Hollow Hope. This disadvantage argues that if the courts make more liberal rulings that liberal interest groups will flock to the courts in the hope of obtaining social change but that they will ultimately be crushed by the more conservative courts. Given recent court decisions in opposition to the juvenile death penalty and in favor of the rights of detainees, link uniqueness to this position will be difficult to win.

Supreme Court Legitimacy. This is the opposite of the Hollow Hope disadvantage. This disadvantage argues that if the Courts does something unpopular or seemingly crazy the Court, and potentially the entire court system, will lose legitimacy. Loss of legitimacy can undermine the court's ability to enforce the law, particularly civil rights laws.

Judicial Activism. This disadvantage argues that when the court makes a ruling that it does not have the authority to make it is engaging in "judicial activism." Some scholars say that such activism is inherently tyrannical because the court is usurping the power of other branches. Determining precisely what is and what is not activist is a large part of the battle since one person's activist decision is another person's legitimate decision.

Separation of Powers. This disadvantage is similar to the judicial activism disadvantage, except that it deals with any branch of government. The disadvantage argues that if one branch of governmen usurps the legitimate authority of another branch of government then it is threatening the separation of powers between the three branches of government – the executive, the legislative, and the judicial. The framers designed the government to have three different branches so the branches would check each other's power.

General Counterplans

The Courts. One plan option for the affirmative or counterplan option for the negative is the courts. The affirmative or negative could fiat that the federal district courts or the Supreme Court interpret the various Amendments to the Constitution an existing legislation, or existing court case law to prohibit a particular practice. It will be easy for teams to find cards that say practice "X" violates the law in some way and that it would be struck-down. For example, a team could argue that detention or immigrants without charge violates the due process clause. Change (2002) explains:

Under the due process clause, a person who has not been accused of a crime has a fundamental right to freedom and bodily restraint. The due process clause requires that a non-citizen who has been charged with an immigration violation but not with a crime to be released from prison on bond unless he is shown to pose either a danger to security or a flight risk (p. 70)

Although practical in debate, such a "fiating" of court action may seem rather whimsical hecause the courts often side with executive policy. Chang (2002), in reference to the PATRIOT Act, explains tha "this draconian law, worthy of a police state is extremely unlikely to be overthrown by the courts, given the historic subservience of the courts to executive authority in time of war" (p. 11).





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Nonetheless, teams can probably fiat around such arguments. And, if the affirmative were to make them against a courts counterplan and their agent was the Congress, they would be undermining their own solvency because the courts would ultimately fail to enforce the affirmative plan against executive action. And, as we have seen from a discussion of the major court cases, often the courts do challenge the executive.

One important thing to understand is that immigration judges are not "regular judges" who function to interpret the law and check the power of the Executive branch. Immigration judges are simply Justice Department employees who are subject to DOJ and executive branch policy (Colc, 2003, p. 23). Affirmative plans, or negative counterplans, which simply have immigration courts rule function to protect immigration rights are likely to fail because their rules will just be over-riden by Executive policy.

Congressional Reform. As discussed, one counterplan option for the negative is to reform the practice of detention without charge while leaving the authority to do so in place. Congress has the authority to craft rules regarding those kept in detention.

Philip Hayman, Professor, Harvard Law, Julliette Kayyem, Professor, JFK School of Government, PRE-SERVING SECURITY AND DEMO-CRATIC FREEDOM IN THE WAR ON TERRORISM, November 2004, http://bcsia.ksg.harvard.edu/ BCS1A_content/documents/ LTLS final 02 05.pdf

It is fundamental that, under the U.S. Constitution, the war power is shared by Congress and the President, as reflected in the explicit grant to Congress of the power to declare war and the power of the Congress to define rules governing the armed forces. Even though the President, as commander in chief, has the exclusive constitu-

tional power to direct the armed forces in the execution of an armed conflict, Congress clearly has the authority under Article 1, Section 8, Clause 11 of the U.S. Constitution to create rules and procedures relating to the detention of persons captured or otherwise detained in connection with that conflict. Other major democracies that have indefinitely detained suspected terrorists without trial have carefully crafted legislation governing this practice.

The Executive. Negatives could have the executive act to stop a particular abuse of civil liberties without having Congress or the Courts remove the authority of the President to do so. Negative could claim that executive action makes the politics link less likely or makes the court disadvantages less likely. Moreover, the negative could probably find some evidence that claims that retaining the "authority" to prevent terrorism is essential to countering it.

The states. As far as I can discern, all controversial detention without charge occurs on the federal level. State counterplans will not get at that. But, most of the searching that occurs without probable cause occurs by state and local police forces. Since this part of the topic has the greatest potential for growth in terms of the absolute number of affirmatives, negatives that can counterplan to have the states implement these protections will do a lot to undermine a lot of affirmative ground.

Consultation. Given that many affirmative this year will deal with changes in how the U.S. government deals with international terrorism suspects, traditional consultation counterplans will likely be popular. Also, since many affirmative plans will be done through executive orders, counterplans to consult Congress will also be popular. Hentoff (2003) explains that "And at times, he and other administration officials have not consulted Congress at all – until press accounts forced them to acknowledge at least to some extent, the role of Congress" (p. 97).

Kritiks

Almost all kritiks are useful on almost all topics. Cataloging all of the kritiks that could be run on next year's topic would take up more space than all of the pages in the *Rostrum*. Nonetheless, I think it is useful to highlight a few core kritiks that I think will get a lot of play on the topic.

Critical Legal Studies. Critical legal studies is a branch of scholarship in the legal academy (law professors) who argue that the law is "indeterminate" – that the meaning of language is imprecise and that the meaning of the laws can be manipulated to protect the interests of those with power. For example, affirmatives could require that searches be conducted with "probable cause," but if the courts are always willing to find that the police had probable cause in particular instances then such protection is useless.

Capitalism. This kritik makes it into every topic. The link on this year's topic is that legal rights protections best serve the interests of the capitalist class.

Communitarianism. This critique argues that community interests should be valued over individual interests. This issue of community interests vs. individual rights was the focus of the March-April 2005 Lincoln-Douglas topic.

General kritiks of the legal system. Solvency for both areas of the topic is premised upon the idea that providing opportunities to individuals to work through the legal system will improve their lot. Any general criticism of the legal system applies.

Topicality

I do not want to take up a lot of space in this essay with a discussion of topicality. For a further discussion of the basic terms of the topic you should see the essay in my Wake Debater's Topic Guide and the sections of this article that discuss "searching" and "probable" cause. In this section, however, I do want to discuss one





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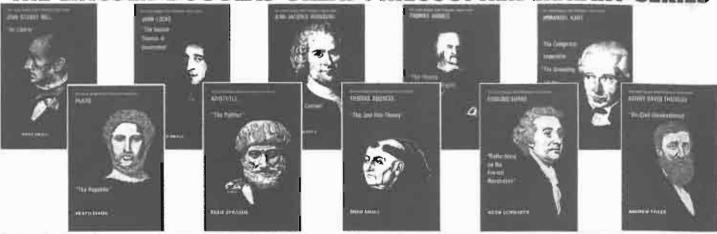
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critical term in the resolution — "authority." Definitions of authority will drive both case selection on the topic as well as negative strategizing.

Common definitions of authority explain it as "the power or right to give orders or make decisions; "he has the authority to issue warrants"; "deputies are given authorization to make arrests" (www.cogsci.princeton.edu/cgi-bin/webwn). In the context of this topic, you would argue that the authority to detain without charge or conduct searches without probable cause includes the general permission to do so. Authority does not necessarily entail actually detaining someone or searching without probable cause. Such definitions of "authority" set-up the Executive action strategy discussed above.

One interesting debate over the definition of authority is whether or not "authority" Congressional specifications of detention conditions or how detention without charge can take place would decrease the authority of the President to detain without charge. If a reduction in authority to detain without charge includes placing general conditions on how that detention occurs, then there are not only many more affirmatives in the quantitative sense but also many more affirmatives that access much of the debate in the post the world of the new Supreme Court decisions.

This is important because negatives can make a strong case that affirmative cases to simply have the executive choose to exercise its discretion and simply not detain individuals or search without probable cause does not decrease the *authority* of the President to do so. For example, as the Director of Debate at St. Mark's I have the authority to take my students to debate tournaments. I may chose not to do so, but if I decide not to take them to debate tournaments, that does not mean that I no longer have the authority to do so.

The only agents that can probably remove the authority of the President to detain without charge or search without probable cause are the Congress or the courts. The Congress should remove legislative authority that the President has or the courts could interpret the Constitution and relevant legislation to say that it does not provide the President with authority to searchers or detention.

In some instances it is quite clear that the President has the authority to engage in a particular practice. For example, it is quite clear in the Patriot Act that the President has the authority to detain without charge for up to 7 days. What is potentially less clear, however, is that the President has the authority to detain someone indefinitely without charge who was capture on the battlefield of Afghanistan. Although the Supreme Court has interpreted Congress' Authorization to Use Military Force (AUMF) against Afghanistan as providing that authority, it was a source of contention, with two justices in the Hamdi decision even going so far as to say that the authority was not provided. There are definitely instances where claimed authority is at least ambiguous and there are calls on the courts to limit the President's authority.

Strategizing

Developing a Negative Strategy

One of the most important things that negatives need to understand when approaching this topic is that there are two related, but also rather distinct topic areas within this resolution. The detention without charge area is one small subset of a general civil liberties topic. The search without probable cause area provides an additional way for the affirmative to access some civil liberties issues, but also potentially opens the door to a floodgate of affirmatives that have very little to do with civil liberties.

Despite the dissimilarities in these areas, there is some common strategic ground. First, all affirmatives to reduce the authority of the federal government to de-

tain without charge and to restrict its abilities to search without probable cause will be politically unpopular. The current political climate simply favors and approach that is tough on crime/terrorism. Negatives that are well-prepared with strong politics disadvantages are likely to do well. Second, negatives that are able to win that the definition of authority forces the affirmative choose Congress or the courts as an agent of action will have a strong counterplan to simply have the executive exercise his power to reduce detention without charge and searching without probable cause. Politics is a potential net-benefit to both of these counterplans as well as the state's counterplan. Negatives teams that are prepared to debate the utility of acting through Congress, the courts, and the Executive and the political implications of each are likely to do well on this upcoming topic.

In addition to this more strategic ground there is also more traditional ground. Negatives can argue that detention without charge and searching without probable cause are both necessary to fight crime and/or the war on terrorism. Furthermore, negatives can find basic defense against traditional affirmative advantages, arguing that rights are not absolute and that some infringements are necessary to fight the war on terrorism. And, of course, even absent the strength of the general affirmative advantage claims, there are strong solvency arguments that the negative can lodge against the utility of limiting detention without charge or searching without probable cause.

Choosing An Affirmative

Although affirmatives will have a large number of potential cases to choose from, there will only be a limited number of cases that the affirmative will be able to win from a strategic perspective. As a result, there are a number of important things to consider when choosing an affirmative. First, affirmatives need a strong justification for federal action. Without this, affirmatives will repeatedly lose to the



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simple strategy of the states counterplan with a politics net-benefit. Second, affirmatives need to defend an agent of action. Given that I think that negatives will be able to win that the Executive cannot limit his own authority by deciding not to act, I think that affirmatives will be forced to defend either the courts or the Congress. At this point, I'd lean toward defending the Courts because they have already weighed-in heavily on this issue, finding that at least basic habeas corpus protections apply to detainees. This provides some strong non-uniqueness ground against popular generic court disadvantages, such as the deference argument discussed above.

Third, affirmatives should pick a case where they can impact their advantage outside of rights claims and outside of the United States. As discussed, there is strong evidence that other countries have modeled our detention without charge policies and police search policies. Such modeling has arguably produced human rights violations in other countries, threatening wider human rights violations and greater ethnic conflict. These modeling advantages not only give the affirmative larger impacts to weigh against potential disadvantages, but they can also provide an additional justification for federal action federal policies have more international salience and are more likely to be modeled than state policies. Moreover, affirmatives can fight off solvency arguments with general claims that the plan is still important because it is modeled and can use the advantage to "outweigh" or "trump" solvency-based and disadvantage-style kritiks.

Suggestions for Future Research

Learning more about each area of the topic will require some additional reading. Given that the two areas of the topic are relatively distinct subsets, it is not possible to point you to literature that thoroughly discusses both. So I will make some suggestions for each.

In the area of detention without probable cause I suggest starting with reading the Hamdi Supreme Court decision. This decisions discusses some of the major issues related to detention without charge. Since the justice split at a number of different points, you can find strong arguments on both sides. Reading through the circuit court decisions and the amicus briefs -"friend of the court" briefs authored by interested parties - you can also find a lot of general evidence. All of these decisions and briefs are indexed on Planet Debate in the "Detention Without Charge" section of the Research Links. After reading those I'd pick up a couple of the books listed in the bibliography as well as some law review articles.

The area of probable cause for searching is a little more difficult to provide research direction to because there are not any seminal, recent cases to point you two. Moreover, I think it is an open question whether or not cases to require probable cause in areas where the Supreme Court has said a "search" has not occurred are topical. For now, I would start by reading articles that include general discussions of the court's Fourth Amendment jurisprudence as well as some articles on border and library searches.

Conclusion

The topic area chosen for debate — civil hberties—is certainly a timely one. The resolution, through the detention without charge area, accesses one of the "hottest" of the contemporary civil rights issues. The searching without probable cause area enables the affirmative to access some important civil rights issues—such as wiretaps on potential terrorist groups—but generally opens the door to a number of affirmatives that have little or nothing to do with civil liberties.

While the overall breadth of the topic in terms of the raw number of affirmatives is quite large, affirmatives will be somewhat constrained in that they have to find a case area where they can defend the unique need for federal action vis-à-vis a states counterplan or a federal justification argument, have to defend a specific actor, and fight of strong disadvantages that can be weighed against minimized case impacts. Since there are a number of common advantage areas and solvency mechanisms (rights protections, court access, etc), negatives should be able to be well-prepared with general attacks.

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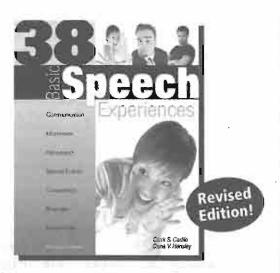
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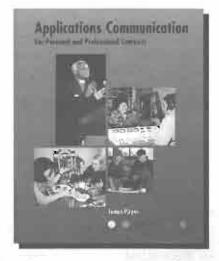
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3 States also have attorney generals.

⁴ This description of the Creppy Memorandum is taken from Rich Edward's forthcoming FORENSICS QUARTERLY.

Under the BAIL REFORM ACT OF 1984, the government can indefinitely detain material witnesses if they think they may flee before providing testimony.

⁶A pretextual charge is a charge that is unrelated to the crime for which the government is really holding the suspect.

⁷Cole & Demsey (2003b) claim that the "vast majority are being held on routine immigration charges (p. 149) 8Explain the difference between criminal and civil

justice. ⁹Quoted from the forthcoming FORENSICS QUARTERLY by Rich Edwards.

10 The only rights that exclusively apply to citizens are the right to vote and the right to run for election to certain federal offices. A Presidential candidate, for example, must be a naturally-born

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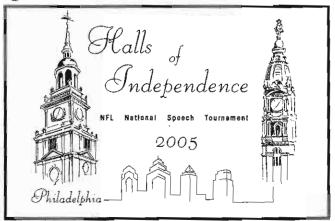
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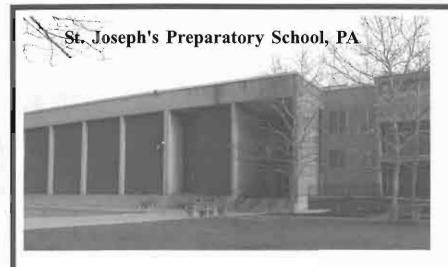
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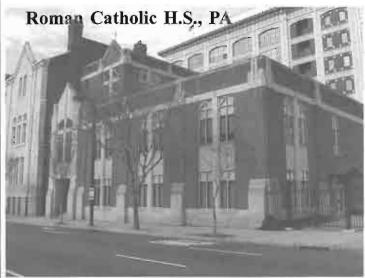


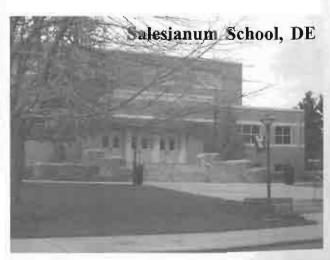


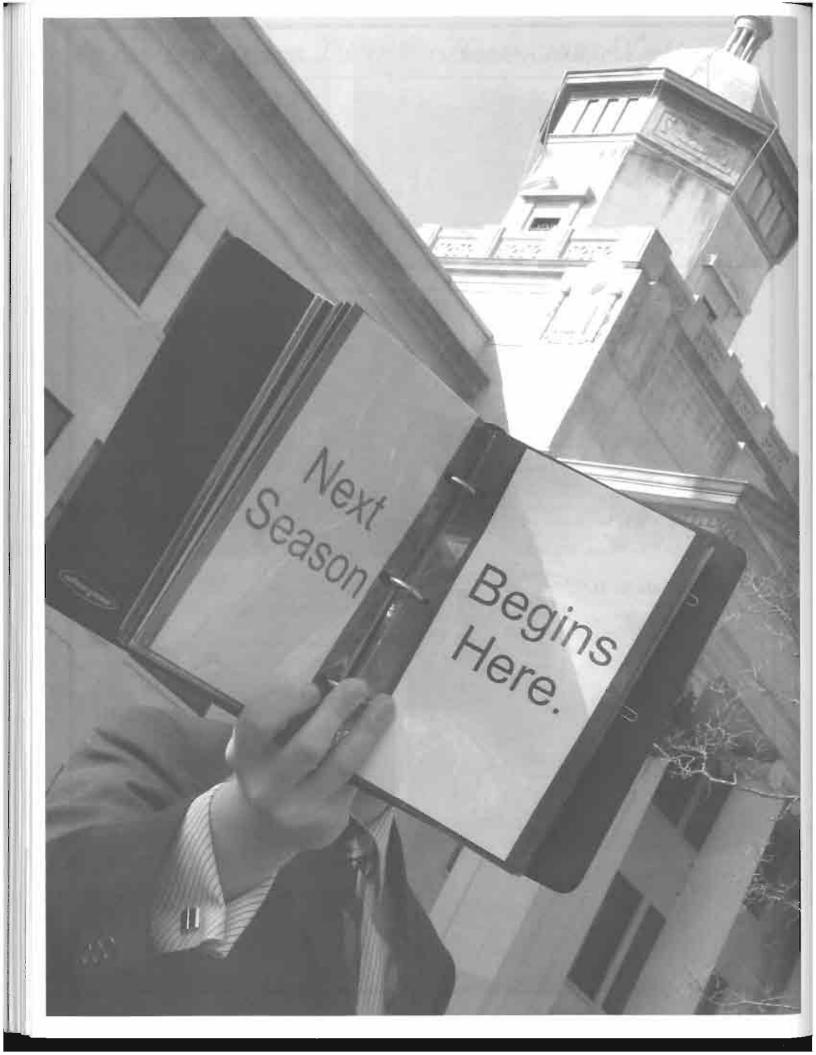
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Wednesday, June 15th All Main Events Speech Policy, LD, Public Forum Supplemental Events Student Congress SemiFinals Schwan Party Re-registration-Consolation Events	9am-5pm 9am-6pm 9am-5pm 8am-6pm 7pm-10pm 8pm-10pm	Salesianum School-Wilmington St. Joseph's Preparatory School - Philadelphia St. Mark's High School-Wilmington Downtown Marriott-Philadelphia National Constitution Center-Philadelphia National Constitution Center-Philadelphia
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- 4. <u>Key Travel Times to Note</u>: Airport to Downtown--(10 to 15 min) Downtown to Wilmington Area--(40 min) Airport to Wilmington--(30 min)
- 5. At first glance, driving times to Wilmington from Downtown may be concerning to teams (40 to 45 minutes), how-

ever, accessibility from I-95 will make travel easier than some previous National Tournament locations.

- 6 The Congress Headquarters Hotel is the Downtown Philadelphia Marriott.
- 7. Restaurants and food markets are in abundance near the downtown hotels. The Airport properties are extremely limited.
- 8. All schools with a public forum team and/or congress competitors should stay at one of the downtown hotels (Marriott, Courtyard, Residence Inn, Hilton Garden) as all competition for these events will take place downtown and morning traffic into Philadelphia will be difficult. Schools with PF or Congress students who also have speech competitors will find it nearly impossible to drive into Philadelphia from the Airport, drop off public forum and/or congress competitors and then drive to Wilmington for the speech prelims in time for the morning rounds.
- 9. All schools with competitors in both debate events and speech events should consider staying at downtown prop-

erties as <u>ALL</u> debate competition will move to downtown Philadelphia beginning on Wednesday AM.

- 10. NO SCHOOLS SHOULD STAY IN WILMINGTON. Beginning with the Schwan Student Party on Wednesday, ALL competition will move to downtown Philadelphia for the remainder of the week.
- 11. The Airport properties are excellent for all schools with speech competitors only as they are 15 minutes closer to Wilmington and only 15 minutes from downtown.
- 12. The downtown hotel properties and parking ramps will charge \$20 to \$32 per day for parking. Many airport hotels provide free parking.
- 13. Before reserving rooms, all coaches should look at a road atlas and an enlargement of the Philadelphia/Wilmington area to get a better perspective on the logistics of travel. The key to a less stressful week is to seriously consider following the above lodging suggestions provided by the National Office.

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In addition, students and coaches should read the "Considerations when selecting hotels in Philadelphia" and the "Tentative Tournament Schedule" to assist in planning.

Sunday

(Registration and Opening Ceremony)

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Lodging Consideration for this Day

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Monday and Tuesday

(Preliminary Rounds)

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The Monday and Tuesday schedules will be broken up into two segments.

Main event speech will occur in the AM and Policy and LD will occur in the PM. Public Forum and Congress will run on separate schedules throughout the day.

Lodging Consideration for this Day

Schools with Public Forum and/or Student Congress competitors should stay at one of the downtown hotels. This will allow for a convenient drop off of Public Forum and Congress competitors and judges, before getting on the interstate and heading to the Wilmington Schools, if necessary.

Wednesday

(Elimination Rounds/Supplemental Events/Schwan Party)

All debaters (Policy, LD, and Public Forum) who qualify for elimination Round 7 or a run-off round will compete at St. Joseph's Preparatory School in Philadelphia beginning on Wednesday. In addition, the international division of Public Forum Debate will begin prelims at St. Joseph's Preparatory School. St. Mark's High School (Wilmington) will host the supplemental events and Salesianum School (Wilmington) will host the main event elimination Rounds 7-10 on Wednesday. The downtown Marriott will host the semi-finals of Student Congress.

The Schwan Party will begin at 7pm at the National Constitution Center (next to the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall) in downtown Philadelphia. All rounds in Wilmington will end by 5:30pm to allow schools enough time to get to the party. Those schools staying downtown will find it a short trek to the party. Schools staying at airport properties will find reserved parking near the Constitution Center.

Lodging Consideration for this Day

Coaches of Policy, LD, and Public Forum competitors will want to stay at one of the downtown hotels, which will allow them to drop off judges and teams at St. Joseph's Preparatory School in Philadelphia and then head to the Wilmington schools for speech and supplemental rounds.

Thursday

(Elim Rounds/Supp/Cons Events/Interp Finals/Diamond Awards)

On Thursday morning, the entire tournament will move to downtown Philadelphia. Student Congress will hold its final round sessions at the downtown Marriott. Policy, L/D, and Public Forum (Main Event and International) will continue elimination debates at St. Joseph's Preparatory School. All main event semi-finals will be held downtown at either Roman Catholic High School or the University of the Arts (TBA). All supplemental events and consolation events will be held at the University of the Arts facilities in downtown Philadelphia.

On Thursday evening, attendees will enjoy the national final rounds of Humorous Interp., Dramatic Interp., and Duo Interp, as well as the Schwan Coaches' Diamond Ceremony at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts (Home of the Philadelphia Orchestra) which is located three blocks from the downtown hotel properties and adjacent to the University of the Arts facilities.

Lodging Considerations for Thursday and Friday

All schools will find a stay at a downtown property most convenient on these days as all competition takes place somewhere in downtown Philadelphia. In and Out privileges with prepaid hotel parking will make parking logistics much easier if a school must take the 1+ mile (15 block) trip to St. Joseph's Preparatory School from the downtown hotels. Schools staying at airport properties will find a short 15-20 minute AM drive to a centrally located downtown Parking ramp (pay by the hour) or to St. Joseph's Preparatory School. It will be rush hour on a business day, so driving logistics may be a little taxing until parked.

<u>Friday</u>

(Supp, Cons, and Main Event Finals and National Awards Assembly)

The remaining Main Event fina rounds (Original Oratory, U.S. Extemp, In ternational Extemp., Lincoln-Douglas Policy, and Public Forum) will be hel-



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throughout the day on Friday at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Philadelphia. All Supplemental Event and Consolation Event final rounds will be held across the street from the Kimmel Center at the former Wiley Church which is now part of the University of the Arts.

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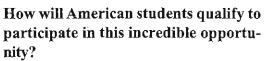
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Tony Figliola enjoying a Philly Cheese steak sandwich at Shank's and Evelyn's



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Philadelphia Restaurants

SAYS TONY: A TASTE OF PHILLY MUST INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE TRIP TO THE STARRS—ONE OF STEVEN STARR'S EXQUISITE EATING ESTABLISHMENTS. MANY ARE NEAR THE CONSTITUTION CENTER, AND THE REST, BUT FOR" POD" WHICH IS NEAR THE U-PENN CAMPUS, ARE AN EASY WALK FROM THE CENTER CITY MARRIOTTS. "JONES" IS AVERAGE-PRICED; OTHERS ARE TOP OF THE LINE, BUT WELL WORTH THE COST—THE VISUALS INSIDE EACH ESTABLISHMENT AND THE SMELLS AND TASTES ARE ..HEAVENLY. RESERVE IN ADVANCE!

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Starr of the Show

Prolific restaurateur Stephen Starr, CEO of Starr Restaurant Organization, has become synonymous with Philadelphia's amazingly buoyant, thoroughly thrilling dining scene. Starr currently operates a whopping 13 restaurants in Philadelphia—and not just any 13 restaurants, but 13 of the most successful restaurants in town. Here's how he made Philadelphia history:

- Nearly a decade ago (1995), Starr, a veteran of the music entertainment industry, opened The
 Continental in the then just-emerging Old City neighborhood (now one of the city's hottest spots for a
 night on the town). With its olive and toothpick chandeliers and global tapas menu, this martini-themed
 upscale diner took the city by storm.
- Starr's next coup, opened nearly three years later, was the nearby Buddakan, a striking, Asian fusion haven still coveted as one of Philadelphia's hardest-to-get reservations.
 He followed this blockbuster in 1999 with Tangerine, a modern, French-Moroccan lounge, serving flawless international cuisine.
- University City's Pod, featuring red foam furniture, a conveyor belt sushi bar and private dining pods with changeable colored lighting, opened in 2000.
- In 2001, **Alma de Cuba** came into fruition with a menu by famed nuevo Latino chef Douglas Rodriguez and three floors of island elegance.
- Starr made headlines once again in 2001 by partnering with Iron Chef Masaharu Morimoto for Morimoto, a thrill-a-minute mecca of modern Japanese fare, accented by an interior by Karim Rashid, located on an overlooked stretch of Chestnut Street.
- A year later (2002), he brought Jones to the street, and with it a stylish 1970s-inspired spot for comfort
 food featuring laid-back tunes spun by a live DJ on weekends. Average priced.
- Turning the restaurants out in record pace, Starr then focused his energy on **Angelina** (2003) to round out the now stylish block, with an all-toile interior and mouthwatering northern Italian fare.
- In 2003, Starr set his sights on yet another neighborhood the emergent 13th Street corridor known as "B3" for Blocks Below Broad (Street) by installing the flashy Mexican marvel El Vez, a corner spot complete with low-rider guacamole carts and very Elvis decor.
- The ambitious entrepreneur took over the reins of the posh Striped Bass in 2004, hiring acclaimed Gotham chef Alfred Portale to design the menu.
- Another kitchen connection was made when Starr partnered with Aquavit up-and-comer Marcus
 Samuelsson for edgy indoor-outdoor stunner Washington Square, the first restaurant to arrive on the
 emergent city park (and Starr's second endeavor in 2004).
- Still going strong in 2004, Starr followed Washington Square with a second coming for his first project, a
 mega Continental Mid-Town for Rittenhouse Square. The restaurant even features the city's first
 outdoor, rooftop deck bar.
- His most recent creation and last for 2004 is Barclay Prime, a luxury, boutique steakhouse with a modern steakhouse menu, where foie gras and champagne are de rigueur.

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Philadelphia Restaurants

I have so many people ask-- "Where Do I Take Them?"

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and still walk away full and happy. Across from the Marriott.

Buca Di Beppo Just like Maggiano's, near the Kimmel Center.

Chili's 13th street, across from the Marriott,

The Olive Garden Near Broad and Walnut

Philly Hard Rock Across from the Marriott at 12th and Market.

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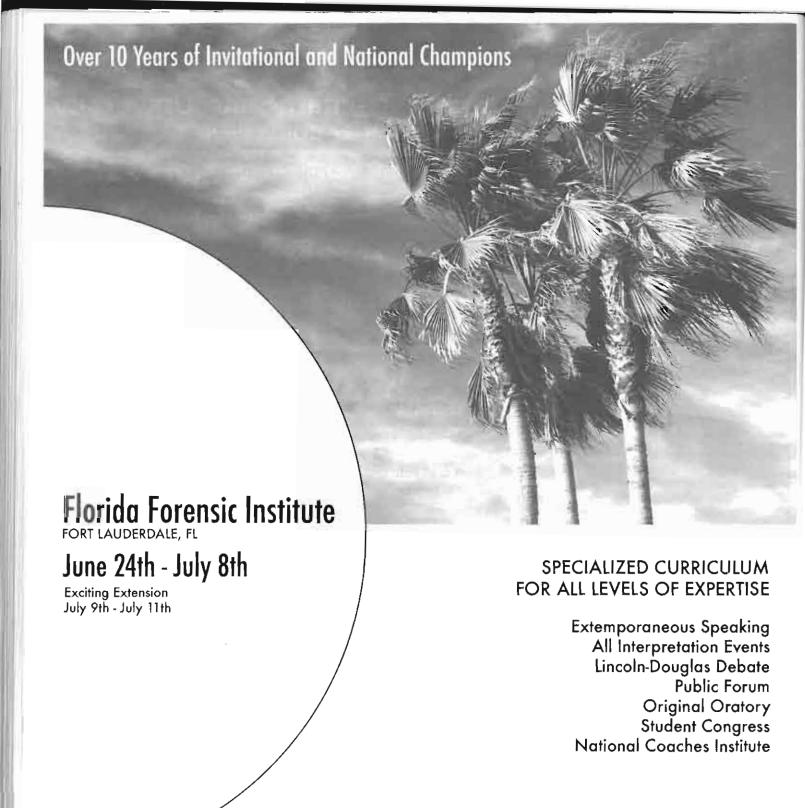
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The Use of Lincoln-Douglas Debate as a Debate Evaluation Paradigm

Debate is an Educational Activity

By Jan Friedman-Pizzo

Debate Theory is not a collection of stagnant principles; rather, it is an evolving discipline caught between historical convention and practical reality. One consequence of this evolution is that even the ultimate goals of competitive debate are in flux; therefore, any debate analysis must begin by addressing the author's beliefs about the fundamental purpose of debate.

According to University of Oregon Rhetoric Professor David A. Frank, there are two very different theoretical understandings about the outcomes resulting from participation in academic debate. One view is that competitive debate is strictly a game,² with no cross application. The other perspective maintains that debate is about fostering broad-based proficiencies that translate to the real world. This author takes the later approach, arguing that debate participation results in significant pragmatic skill development.

One additional codicil is required before moving onto the thesis of the article. This analysis does not dispute the clearly recognized benefit of any form of scholastic debate. As former Cherry Creek High School multiple Diamond Key Coach Gary Addington³ said, any debate knowledge is infinitely preferable to no debate experience.

The focus of this paper is to suggest a framework for evaluating different forms of academic debate, as well as various trends in the discipline. Examinations using assessment tools achieve two desirable ends. First, one can consider the educational value of the various types of debate. The second advantage is that specific areas of contention become part of a larger

discussion, rather than isolated technical controversies. For example, the utilization of a weighing mechanism could inform deliberations of topics ranging from spread debate to the underdeveloped condition of Ted Turner Debate or the impromptu nature of Parliamentary Debate.

This discussion proposes the idea that Lincoln-Douglas Debate is the most comprehensive form of high school competitive debate; therefore, Lincoln-Douglas Debate is an effective device to use to review the broad educational benefits of other forms of secondary level debate. In order to lay the groundwork for development of the idea of using Lincoln-Douglas Debate as an evaluation tool, one must first explore why Lincoln-Douglas Debate can serve this role.

By reviewing the various potential skills developed through participation in Lincoln-Douglas Debate, evidence emerges illustrating that it provides the broadest educational value.

The next section of this paper looks at a selection of skills applicable to Lincoln-Douglas Debate. The analysis then endeavors to compare the same set of skills to Policy Debate, Oregon-style Parliamentary Debate⁴ and Ted Turner Debate.⁵

The final section explores a few current dehate issues, analyzing them using the proposed Lincoln-Douglas rubric. The topics discussed are spread debate, the lack of a definition of Ted Turner Debate and the impromptu nature of Oregon-Style Parliamentary Debate.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate offers participants a plethora of potential skills. The

first of these skills involve various forms of communication. Of all of the debate forms, Lincoln-Douglas requires the most sophisticated speaking style. Participants should speak clearly, provide eye contact, use vocal variety and timing and pay attention to their audience.

Effective writing abilities are another phase of the communication skills honed in Lincoln-Douglas Debate. Students have the opportunity to create graceful and interesting discussions, analogies, stories and arguments that move effectively from the written word to the oral presentation.

Participants also learn about significant thinkers and important philosophical questions. Philosophical research develops competence in identifying and cogently explaining various areas of either abstract or pragmatic disagreement.

The process of wrestling with "the big questions" helps students become proficient debaters. For example, accomplished L-D Debaters can identify the spirit of a resolution and deliberate the core Western Values intrinsic to most L-D Debate topics. Lincoln-Douglas debate also forces students to reason broadly. One result of encouraging global thinking is that cross-examination periods are often more effective and efficient. L-D Debaters also employ empirical research to augment theoretical arguments.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate provides equal division of ground by not following Policy Debate structures delineating affirmative and negative burdens.⁶ By utilizing open-ended decision criteria, the critic can award the ballot to the best debater.





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No other camp can offer the <u>breadth</u> of debate experience that VBl offers -- in terms of coaching success, competitive success, geographic diversity, and sheer number of faculty (over 40). The Victory Briefs camp allows each student -- whether a beginner or a successful elite competitor -- to work closely with all of the staff in one-on-one tutorials, small lab groups, workshops, book groups, critiqued practice rounds, informal discussions, drills, and social activities. It is no wonder why VBl is at the top of the list for both beginners and advanced debaters. For example, at this year's Glenbrooks national tournament, 12 out of 16 octofinalists, 6 out of 8 quarterfinalists, all four semifinalists, and the champion were VBI alumni. Similarly, one of the students in last summers novice program took second place at Apple Valley in the JV division in one of her first national tournaments. We take particular pride in the fact that many VBI attendees return for multiple years, and that every debater is given an opportunity to excel and work with the best. Ultimately, VBI attendees become an important part of the Victory Briefs family and the larger debate community.

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The next section of this paper looks different forms of debate using the proposed Lincoln-Douglas model. The first ype of debate analyzed is Policy, or Cross-Examination Debate.

Communication ills proliferate in Policy Debate. For example, participants often focus all of their energy and speaking time on covering as many issues as possible. One unfortunate result of this tendency is that Policy Debaters can develop poor speaking skills. Some Cross-Examination debaters speak so quickly that they sound like typewriters—resulting in gasping for air—this is not a desired result of public speaking activities. Various forms of oral communication suffer when speed becomes the guiding goal. These elements include eye contact, vocal variety, timing and attention to the audience.

The ability to translate the written word into an effective oral presentation is an important form of communication that is under-utilized in C-X Debate. Policy Debaters rarely provide stories or analogies or infuse their speeches with humor. If communication is a life skill derivable from competitive debate, elements of the activity that ircumvent this goal should engender discussion about possible change.⁷

Research is clearly a cornerstone of cross-Examination Debate; however, few Policy Debaters take the time to develop a good grasp of basic philosophical ideas and malysis. The unfortunate result is that while C-X Debaters have extensive understanding of a few specific topics, this knowledge rarely translates well into the real world. Another problem with researching lets over philosophical ideas is that C-X lebaters sometimes have difficulty understanding their evidence and/or evaluating hereliability of their sources.

Fair division of ground is a topic of much discussion in Policy Debate. While the concept of division of ground comes from the realm of legal advocacy and is critical to the definition of Policy Debate, this issue can be problematic. The educational benefits of debate are eroded when a round becomes exclusively about who has the ground to present what positions. Division of ground is an area that needs restraint; therefore these arguments should be reserved for instances involving clear abuse.

The topic of division of ground leads into the issue of technicalities. Cross-Examination Debate is very legalistic, which is a great advantage to certain individuals, but does not result in generalized real life cross application. The positive side to basing decisions on technicalities is that students learn that ignoring technicalities can result in unfair consequences. The problem with debate technicalities is that sometimes the less adept debate team wins. On the other side of this argument is that the winning team is the one that convinced the judge, so by default they are the better team. This issue does not have a clear answer, but like the quandary posed by debate technicalities warrants thoughtful management to prevent Policy Debates from degenerating into non-educational experiences.

Other concerns relate to research practices. Analytical skills can succumb to volume of evidence. Strong, clear organization can capitulate to the desire to provide as much information as possible. Both of these tendencies cause real problems. Because even experienced listeners retain less information than they hear, the effectiveness of an entire debate presentation suffers when speeches contain massive evidence without clear organization or analysis.

The intention of this analysis of Policy Debate is not to disparage the activity. Cross-Examination Debate is an extremely rigorous and time-consuming activity. The reason for the critique is to encourage further recognition and discussion of areas of concern.

Parliamentary Debate is a debate for-

mat that began on the collegiate level. The Parliamentary Debate discussed in this article is the type practiced in Oregon known as Public Debate. This is the least formal of the academic debates and produces the most problematic issues. While this author firmly believes that any debate experience is better than no experience at all, the problems in Public Debate are significant.

Communication skills are important in Public Debate. Students should employ eye contact, vocal variety and timing. Participants also need to pay attention to their audience. The issue with oral communication in Public Debate may be the reverse of that in Policy Debate because Public Debate decisions sometimes rest on which team has better oral communication skills. Such decisions fail to address traditional debate skills such as logical reasoning and cogent analysis. This problem is especially troubling because the rules prohibit participants from using evidence in the preparation room or during the debate round. 10

Writing proficiency receives even less emphasis in Public Debate. Students do not have the time to create a speech. While analogies, stories, and humor are good devices to employ in Public Debate, they are often incongruous and disorganized because of the impromptu nature of the event.

Research and knowledge of philosophy is a theoretically good idea in Public Debate; unfortunately, this is not pragmatically common. The reality is that some students compete in Public Debate to avoid the work entailed in participating in one of the more academically rigorous debate forms; therefore, Public Debate does not sufficiently promote the educational values of broad knowledge and effective analysis. A very real consequence of this situation is that students often make inaccurate statements and propose academically questionable arguments.¹¹

Public Debate under-emphasizes traditional debate skills like cross-examination. Students can ask questions during speeches; however, employing this device often creates a distraction rather than an educational exercise. Allowing questions

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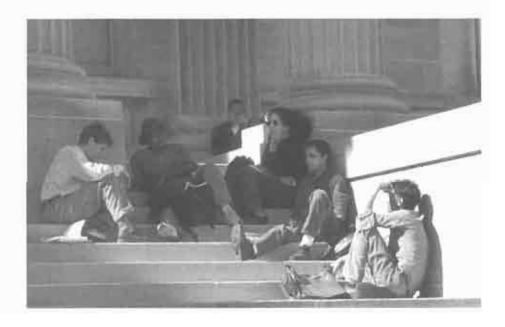
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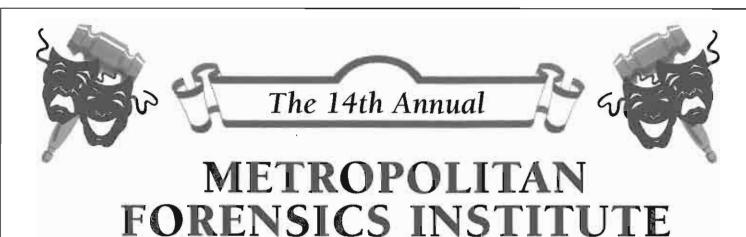
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during speech time also detracts from the person speaking.

Issues like division of ground rarely occur in Public Debate rounds. The basic technical elements of debate are missing. While the Oregon Debate Community acknowledges these problems, a solution is not easy. 12 This author encourages further exploration of this form of debate, because educational skills are currently suffering.

The final type of debate for analysis is Public Forum, or Ted Turner Debate. This style of debate is a hybrid based on the television program *Crossfire*. ¹³ This form of debate seeks to make debate available to a lay audience and requires judges to be unfamiliar with traditional forms of debate. Because Ted Turner is new, there are procedural issues that need analysis prior to fully evaluating the educational value of this debate form. ¹⁴

Communication skills are very important in Ted Turner Debate. Because the judge is a "lay" judge, they are very likely to put considerable weight on both oral and written presentations. Participants need eye contact, vocal variety and timing, and must pay attention to their audience. Ted Turner Debaters often discover that analogies, stories, and humor are very effective tools in this debate form.

Research and philosophical understanding are skills augmented by participation in Ted Turner Debate. Effective speeches contain evidence and provide analytical support for the positions advocated by the teams. Because of the very limited time available in the debate, drawing broad conclusions is not as common as it is in Lincoln-Douglas debate.

Participants in Ted Turner Debate are very good at cross-examination. Because of the emphasis placed on the questioning portion of this debate form, students seem to think ahead about possible questions.

Ted Turner debate clearly has the potential to make debate more available to a broader range of students and to more members of the public. 15 Participants will likely learn many of the valuable skills inherent in Lincoln-Douglas Debate, albeit

on a more cursory level.

The Lincoln-Douglas evaluative paradigm is also useful for analyzing specific issues in debate. For example, one can review trends like spread debate, decide if the lack of Ted Turner Debate rules hurts educational value, or analyze the impromptu nature of Oregon-style Parliamentary Debate.

In the first instance, the Lincoln-Douglas rubric points to spread debate minimizing educational value. The use of massive amounts of evidence only proves that the student can gather a lot of evidence. The use of many arguments is usually a tactic to throw off an opponent, rather than an effort to gain educational benefits from the round. Spread debate causes organization, logic, and reasoning to suffer. Spread debating discourages critical analysis of evidence and clear understanding of source material. These results are undesirable under the Lincoln-Douglas Paradigm. Spread debate appears to be of little educational value and should therefore be discouraged.

Another question that the Lincoln-Douglas evaluative paradigm can address is if the lack of ground rules in Ted Turner debate is detrimental. If students do not know the skills that are required, they will have a difficult time getting the most educational value from the debate. Lincoln-Douglas is a good benchmark because required skills are easy to determine. This is not the case with Ted Turner. The use of lay critics complicates this situation. When students and judges are both trying to establish the rules of the game, predictable educational benefits become more difficult to determine. This debate form definitely needs more study.16

Finally, one can ask if impromptu debate—exemplified in Oregon-style Public Debate—is educational. The concept of impromptu eliminates many of the skills necessary in academic debate. Speaking is over-emphasized. The other real problem is that students tend to participate for the purpose of competition rather than education. These issues make Public Debate a matter for further discussion.

Debate theory is complicated; the

use of an evaluative tool helps illuminate some of these complications. The Lincoln-Douglas paradigm provides an opportunity to look at some of the educational skills and issues involved in academic debate. Discussions of debate theory might utilize some of the analysis provided in this paper to evaluate the educational benefits and goals of persistent issues, upcoming trends or theoretical questions. Ultimately, debate is an educational activity and the community is responsible for the quality of that educational experience.

¹ Many of the changes at the secondary level result from revisions on the collegiate circuit. Parliamentary Debate is one such example.

2 The purpose of this article is not to take issue with the idea that competitive debate is only a game. However, the games playing paradigm challenges the aspiration of the very people who coach and teach the activity and seems logically flawed. As an educator, one should hope for extended value from scholastic experiences. Undeniably, debate has elements of a game, especially strategy-offensive and defensive positioningand winning and loosing. However, this reality does not lead to labeling the entire activity uneducational. The flaw in the games playing position could be that it assumes that games, by definition, have no merit. Oran Hudson of the Be Someone Program would eertainly disagree with the idea that pure games-chess in his casehave no meaning outside their existence as games. Mr. Hudson successfully uses chess to impart life ehanging skills and values to intercity youth. During his August 5, 2004 interview on the Travis Smiley Program, Mr. Hudson explained the relationship between his involvement in chess and his success in life; the impact was so significant that Mr. Hudson is devoted to passing on these skills to future generations of disadvantaged African American Youth.

- 3 My coach and mentor.
- 4 Also known as Public Debate.
- ⁵ Also known as Public Forum Debate.
- 6 Stock Issues, for example.
- ⁷ The Discourse/Performance movement addresses this issue; however, this cure is worse than the original problem. See the Louisville Project for further information about this movement.
- 8 Impromptu Team Debate is a good name for this form of debate.
- ⁹ The topic for these debates comes from three possible topics—often related to current events. Each team eliminates one of the topic options and the debate consists of the remaining subject. The only resource—besides general knowledge—team members can use is a dictionary. Participants have thirty minutes to prepare prior to the beginning of the round. Sides are determined before preparation time by a flip of a coin.



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¹⁰ Disallowing evidence in a debate form presents its' own set of serious educational problems.

¹¹ Another real eoncern is that Public Debate could encourage students to invent evidence.

12 During the 2004 Oregon State Tournament Coaches Meeting, some coaches recommended discontinuing the event. The main complaint is that Public Debate at the State level was often terrible. They did not like State Debate Champions being poor debaters. However, elimination of the event is not likely for a number of reasons. First, coaches often rightly believe that some debate experience outweighs no experience. This perspective has important pragmatic consequences. Second, students are overwhelmingly opposed to the idea. Finally, outside funding is becoming available for the promotion of Public Debate.

13 While Ted Turner Debate usually involves a policy issue, it does not require many of the technical elements of Policy Debate. Ted Turner Debate is similar to Lincoln-Douglas Debate in that students prepare affirmative and negative eases in advance and the topic changes every two months.

¹⁴ For example, students flip a coin just before the debate to determine both sides and position. Therefore, the negative team could begin the debate and might even sit on the side of the room traditionally reserved for the affirmative team.

15 Unfortunately, from a coaching and technical perspective, Ted Turner is a difficult debate form. NFL rules are somewhat unclear—especially in the case of plan issues. In addition, coaching Ted Turner is difficult because it requires understanding of both C-X and L-D Theory, but

cannot use any of the terminology. The issue of lay judges is also a huge problem that can result in very arbitrary decisions.

¹⁶ My opimon is that the use of lay judges is a good idea that does not work in practice. The reason is that there are some basic understandings in the judging community; these understandings do not exist among lay judges. This situation results in unfair decisions. In addition, students eventually learn technical debate skills just by their participation in the activity; yet, these skills can actually result in penalties to the debaters. These problems are serious and need attention.

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Why Many Orations Are Soon Forgotten

The Importance of Structual Components

By Wayne C. Mannebach

Purpose

The history of oratory reveals, for example, certain periods in which sermons were delivered in church and then printed and widely disseminated to the populace. People sought to obtain copies of sermons in order to examine and discuss the focal ideas and meanings. Such periods of history are over, and today most sermons are presented and soon forgotten. However, the possibility exists that closer attention to structural components may prompt the public to examine and discuss contemporary sermons. If preachers were more concerned about the structure of their sermons, they probably would be more effective in influencing the convictions and actions of their hearers. The same applies to students of oratory, especially those who participate in oratorical contests.

The purpose of this article is fivefold: (1) to treat certain forms of behavior that occur in the listening situation and are relevant to structural consideration; (2) to present a suggested outline format that rests upon the behavioral guidelines; (3) to offer suggestions for phrasing major concepts; (4) to offer a suggested sequence of steps for the construction of outlines; and (5) to discuss briefly extemporaneous versus manuscript forms of presentation as they relate to the outline.

Listening Behavior

Recall ability of most people in the listening situation is low. For example, in the Eighth Edition of An Introduction to Human Communication. Judy C. Pearson and Paul E. Nelson report that immediately

after being presented with a message, people are likely to recall only 50 percent of what they heard. In the Eighth Edition of The Art of Public Speaking. Stephan E. Lucas agrees with the 50 percent retention, and adds that after 24 hours most people remember only 10 percent of the original message. A knowledge of this phenomenon alone should prompt preachers to construct outlines that aid the listener in recalling the message of the sermon.

A second form of behavior in the listening situation is that people tend to comprehend major ideas hetter than they do detailed information. Preachers who present conceptually complex sermons fail to understand that many people are unable to focus clearly on numerous concepts in a short period of time. Many theorists contend that people should talk more and more about less and less. In other words, regardless of the length of the sermon, preachers should focus on only two or three concepts.

A third form of behavior is that people tend to retain longer those concepts that are reinforced. The processes of repetition and restatement should be inculcated in the structure to assist retention capability. A deliberate placement of supporting material under each major concept should be employed when planning the outline. Apparently too many preachers hope for divine inspiration to supply them with supporting material at the moment of utterance. This practice often results in metaphysical sermons meant for theological scholars rather than for laity in the congregation.

A fourth form of behavior is that people tend to comprehend short sen-

tences better than they do long sentences. When planning the outline the speaker can phrase his major concepts and examine them for word count. While it is difficult to determine exactly what length makes a long concept, it is possible to eliminate words that are vague, general, or ambiguous. Only one aspect of a subject should be phrased in one major idea, thus avoiding multipleoriented concepts and reducing the length of the concept. The appearance of conjunctives and punctuation often indicates that the idea is presented indirectly or that multiple ideas exist. By eliminating conjunctives and punctuation whenever possible, preachers can shorten the sentence containing the major concept and thus establish clearer focus. An example of a long, complex, and indirectly phrased concept is: "Jesus, through his life and ministry shattered man-made barriers constructed by man's inhumanity to man, for example, the barriers of race and moral reputation." By applying the above suggestions, the preacher could say: "Through his ministry on earth Jesus shattered the race barrier."

A fifth form of behavior is that people tend to recall and comprehend summaries. While most summaries occur at the ends of sermons, if they occur at all, they can be employed usefully in the introduction as well. This is sometimes referred to as an *initial summary*. A minimum effort to present the main ideas in the introduction and to present them again in the conclusion should aid the hearers, because the preacher has given them a blueprint to follow in the introduction, and the listener has another opportunity to focus on the ideas





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in the conclusion.

A sixth form of behavior is that people tend to be influenced more by explicit messages than they are by implicit ones. The specific purpose or goal of a sermon should be stated explicitly so that the hearers do not draw their own inferences. If the message intended is implicit, then the preacher increases the possibility that the hearers will distort his intentions.

Preachers who fail to state their intentions explicitly, leave their audience without a focal point for the sermon. Some preachers present a title as the essence of the specific purpose, but this generally is unsatisfactory because it is only a fragment of a complete thought. It is better to state explicitly that "A Christian should practice charity daily," than to state, "Today I want to talk about charity." Other preachers present the explicit purpose at the end of the sermon. In this case, the audience has only a vague notion as to the force of the message while they are listening; hence, the message is more implicit than it is explicit. Preachers should present their purpose in the introduction, to avoid losing the attention of the audience because of the implicit nature of the message.

One of the most practiced techniques of preachers is to substitute a scriptural quotation for the specific goal of the sermon. However, many of these quotations contain implicit messages that need focus and clarification for the hearer. Several examples may serve to clarify this distinction between the implicit nature of scriptural quotation and the explicit statement of the specific theme.

IMPLICIT:

"For we are not ignorant of his designs"
(2 Corinthian 2:11).

EXPLICIT:

Satan's stratagems are designed to destroy Christianity.

IMPLICIT:

"He [God] is not the God of the dead, but of the living"

(Matthew 22:32).

EXPLICIT:

Spiritual life is after death.

IMPLICIT:

"Do you not know that in a race all the runners eompete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. Well, I do not run aimlessly, I do not box as one beating the air; but I pommel my body and subdue it, lest after preaching to others, I myself should be disqualified"

(1 Corinthians 9:24-27).

EXPLICIT:

Spiritual growth requires intensive effort.

Obviously the explicit statements are easier to retain.

A seventh form of behavior is that people tend to recall individual parts within the context of a pattern. To illustrate, consider the following numbers: 12345678901. If a pattern is applied to these digits, meaning is extracted and the parts are recalled more easily. A possible pattern is: 1 234 567-8901. Now the observer may recall a telephone pattern that indicates 1 as direct distance dialing, 234 as the area code, 567 as the local exchange, and 8901 as the specific number of a given party. When related to structure, this principle suggests that major ideas should be placed within a thought pattern. Some possible thought patterns are Problem-Solution or Solution-Problem; Cause-Effect or Effect-Cause; Chronological; Spatial (i.e., east to west, top to bottom, inside to outside); Antithetical (i.e., pro or con, advantageous or disadvantageous); and Classification (i.e., young or old, literate or illiterate, employed or unemployed).

Preachers can take any thought pattern and let it suggest the number and nature of the major ideas, For example, if a preacher selects the *Problem-Solution* pattern, he would have two major ideas in the body of the sermon. The first main idea would state the essence of the problem, and the second main idea would state the essence of the solution. An example of this pattern can be employed in a sermon concerning the general topic of human selfishness. Two possible main ideas can be phrased: "We are plagued with the problem of human selfishness," and "The solution to this problem should begin in the

home." In this case it is better to focus on two main concepts in a pattern sequenced for the entire sermon than to establish three sub-concepts of the problem and five solutions all in one sermon. The main ideas are then amplified, clarified, and supported with material to establish them as the only two focal points of the sermon. Other aspects of the topic on human selfishness could be presented in another sermon at another time in order to effect reinforcement of a moral behavior over a longer period of time.

The following is a comparison between main ideas selected at random and main ideas established in a time sequence:

RANDOM ORDER

- 1. Recounting and explanation of the Gospel story in terms meaningful to modern man.
- 2. The questions perplexing us today.
- 3. The parable confronts us with the abiding fact and mystery of human sin

TIME SEQUENCE:

- 1. Standards of moral behavior were formed in the early days of Christianity.
- 2. Standards of moral behavior today are being questioned by many
- 3. Standards of moral behavior in the future will have to account for human sin.

Probably any audience would consider the topics on the right to be clearer than are those on he left. Preachers must employ patterns, if they wish to be influential in affecting the convictions and actions of their hearers.

The Guidelines in Perspective

If preachers apply the preceding behavioral guidelines, the outline of a sermon assumes the following suggested topical format:

TITLE OF SERMON

- 1. Introduction
 - A. Opening
 - B. Specific Purpose
 - C. Initial Presentation of Main Ideas

II. Discussion

- A. First Mam Idea
 - 1. First Item of Support.







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- B. Second Main Idea
 - 1. First Item of Support

III. Ending

- A. Summary of Main Ideas
- B. Restatement of Specific Purpose
- C. Closing Remark

No rhetorical law or principle prescribes that a speaker must perform a certain action at a certain time in the order of a speech. The speaker may choose from a number of options based upon the best thinking and information presented by rhetorical theorists. The following outline is expanded to provide some possible options at each stage in the speech or sermon.

Title of Sermon (short, imaginative)

- I. Introduction
 - A. Opening Options
 - 1. Present the motivational rationale for speaking. Explain why the preacher should talk about the specific idea and why the congregation should listen to this idea at this particular time.
 - 2. Present an experience that relates to the specific purpose. It may be a personal experience of the preacher, or one that he observed or read about that was intense enough in its implications to motivate him to talk about it in the sermon. For example, a minister once opened a sermon by relating an informal discussion he had with a nine-year-old boy who was taking religious instructions in his church. The minister probed the boy's attitudes on the war in Iraq and was so astounded by the feedback that this became the motivating factor for his sermon on Sunday.
 - 3. Present an item of support which is related to the subject matter. Possible forms of sup-

port are listed in the discussion portion (Part II). For example, the preacher may open by defining a word that will be used often in the sermon in order to advance its meaning immediately and bring focus to the message he wishes to convey. Words such as *love*, *peace*, and *sin* are selected so often that preachers apparently assume that everyone holds the same meaning for the same word.

- 4. Scripture may be cited, but this is such a common device that many listeners may ignore it, especially if the message is implicit. Scripture may be the *silent* motivator, but it may be better to present it in the form of a specific purpose or as a form of support for a main idea.
- B. Explicitly present the specific purpose of the sermon.
- C. Clearly state each main point that will be discussed in Part II, and identify the thought pattern in relation to the main idea.

Il. Discussion

- A. Restate the first main idea.
- 1. Present the first item of support from the options listed below. Consider selecting items that have a real basis rather than a hypothetical construct. Much preaching is on an abstract plane, and it is through the selection of supporting material extracted from reality that the listener can discover how religious convictions or actions have meaning in a real society. For instance, it may be better to select a real example rather than a hypothetical one, or to make a comparison between two or more real people

rather than hypothetical ones. The number of items of support selected for each main idea will depend on the amount of time for speaking.

- a. An example.
- b. A definition
- c. A statistic.
- d. A comparison.
- e. A quotation.
- f. A dialogue.
- g. An anecdote.
- h. An audio-visual aid.
- i. Any other forms of support that apply to the topic.
- B. Restate the second main idea.
- 1. Present the first item of support.

III. Ending

- A. Summarize by restating the main points.
- B. Restate the specific purpose.
- C. Present the closing argument.

PHRASING THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE AND MAIN POINTS

To phrase the specific purpose and major points of a sermon, the preacher should adhere to the following procedures. First, establish one sentence for each concept. Second, construct a complete thought. Third, write each concept in a declarative sentence. Fourth, examine each word for clarity. Fifth, work toward phrasing each concept with as few words as possible. Sixth, establish only one focal point in each concept. Finally, determine whether the conceptual structure calls for a level of conviction, or action, or both.

SUGGESTED SEQUENCE IN OUTLINE CONSTRUCTION

To construct an outline for a sermon, the preachers should adhere to the following sequence. First, select and phrase the

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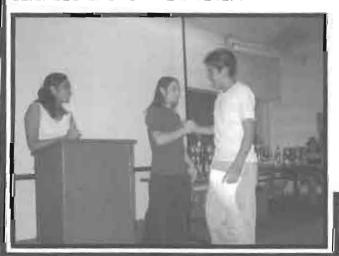


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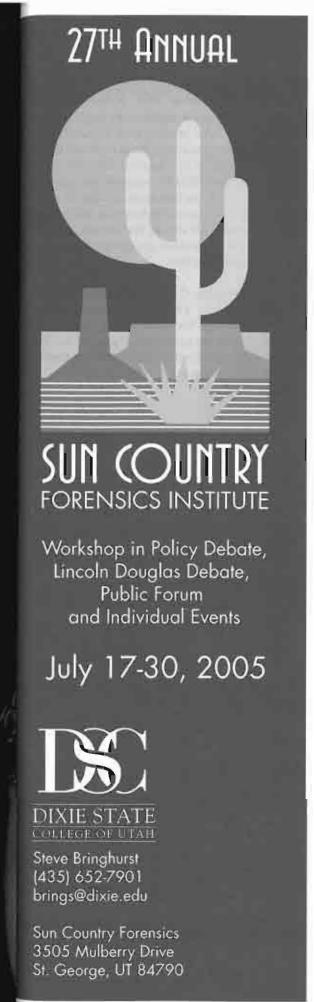
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CLOSING

Indeed! Structure, the classical rhetorical canon called *Dispositio*, is important for oratorical success. For example, in the *Phaedrus*, Plato remarked that "every speech ought to be put together like a living creature, with a body of its own, so as to be neither without head, nor without feet, but to have both a middle and extremities, described proportionately to each other and to the whole." In short, orations should have a beginning, a middle, and a conclusion. However, structure needs flexibility to fit the particular situation and audience, and this flexibility comes only from studying formal rhetorical treatises and other

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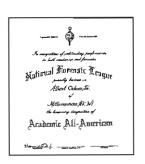
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Necessary Conditions for Policy Debate

By David Glass

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Democracy is a fragile thing. In order for it to work, many conditions are necessary. The most obvious condition is simple access to polling places, and the right to vote in an atmosphere free of coercion. A second clear condition for Democracy to flourish is that qualified candidates should be allowed to run for office, and should be free to speak their minds - a ballot of one offers no choice. A third condition, which is perhaps less immediately obvious, is that voters need to have access to information about the candidates and what they stand for, otherwise the exercise of voting would be random and therefore devoid of meaning. A fourth condition, which is implied by the third, is that voters need to have a means of processing the information available, so that they can contrast and compare competing proposals, and make an informed decision as to which candidate they prefer, based on an analysis of the proposals espoused by each candidate.

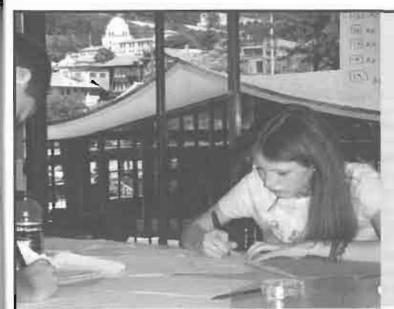
Debate is an efficient mechanism to satisfy the fourth condition - it allows a forum in which office-seekers can directly "clash" and give reasons as to why their ideas are superior to those of their adversaries. Unfortunately, debates by candidates are quite rare - and often are not debates at all, but extended media opportunities in which statements are made without evidence, or without sufficient opportunity for challenges. If debate can be defined by one thing it can be defined by the presence of a "comparison of policies" - the process of comparing one set of concepts versus arguments against that set; this is the es-

sential mechanism to offer democrats the process of deciding between policy options. The paucity of true debate in the public forums leaves it up to the voters to stage their own debates - not always in a formal sense, but at least to go through a process of critical appraisal of competing policy choices in order that they can at least try to make an informed decision.

By imbuing students with the tools to meet the "fourth condition" of a Democracy - the ability to compare competing policies - scholastic debate provides a critical mechanism to train students to be effective citizens, and activists in the political process. First, scholastic policy debate offers students a resolution of advocacy, and asks them to both defend and oppose a resolution which mandates governmental action. The very duality of responsibility (to both defend and to oppose the resolution, in different debate rounds) forces the future democrat to learn that there are multiple sides to a question, and that an effective defense of one position requires a thorough understanding of the opposition. Second, policy debate forces students to actively participate in a framework established by the Resolution, and in so doing they model the experience of the candidate - who must argue for voter support and of the activist voter, who tries to sway others to her or his point of view. Third, policy debate teaches the student to appraise competing values; often a policy may have both benefits and disadvantages, and it is only the experienced debater who can accept a nuanced position, and show why a particular issue may be preferable even when one recognizes its down-side. Fourth, policy debate teaches the student to participate in an organized proceeding of advocacy; this is often the student's first experience in such a proceeding, and thus - almost through osmosis - the student soaks up the critical components of an effective forum for the exchange of ideas: they learn process, they learn "fairness", they learn what it is like to be judged by individuals with different preconceptions - and thus they learn how important it is to have mechanisms which allow them a hearing which will be steeped with the feel of "justice," despite the preconceptions which an individual judge may bring to the debate.

Just as multiple conditions must be in place in order for Democracy to flourish, so too must multiple conditions be accepted in order for an effective debate to occur, and to allow an exchange of ideas and arguments which will further critical goals as such as informed choice. The first condition is a guarantee of this idea of "fairness" to both sides in a debate. The "rules of engagement", which are often the source of considerable contention, must allow both sides to be heard in a manner which is equitable to both. Without such fairness, one cannot have the surety that the judge gets access to the information that is necessary to make an informed decision - nor does it guarantee that the debater gets a decision based on the procedural norms of the forum, as opposed to the politics or preconceptions of the judge. "Fairness" is a way to frame the rationale behind rules of procedure in general. For example, in order for the court system to earn the re-





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spect of all parties which participate in its proceedings, there must be the expectation that the law be applied in an evenhanded manner. Fairness means that when both sides go into a proceeding, there is an expectation of normality as to how the law may be applied - fairness does not mean that both sides can say whatever they want to say; it simply means that the law will be applied consistently, evenly, and in a manner in concert with prior precedent and procedure.

The importance of the procedural assurance of fairness in debate, the law, our political processes, cannot be overstated. Process issues form the structure of our institutions - it is the faith in our processes which gives decisions the weight of law, or even the weight of "rightness".

"Fairness" therefore needs to be given the highest form of respect and procedural sway in a debate round. It is one reason we have a resolution - to give both sides a basis for debate, and to make sure that both sides will bring to the debate arguments based on a common ground. Were the resolution irrelevant to either the affirmative or the negative, then one side or the other could not be expected to participate in the debate, and thus the process would be fundamentally flawed.

It is to maximize procedural fairness, and thus imbue a faith in the process of debate - this first forum for the free exchange of ideas - that one must insist on asking debaters to limit their approaches to mechanisms which can be reasonably predicted. Debate has developed a theoretical basis to guarantee such predictability, and it is comprised by the ideas of "topicality" and "competitiveness." First, the Affirmative must be "topical"; they must offer a plan which falls within the subset of policies prescribed by the Resolution. Without topicality, the Affirmative could bring literally any issue to the debate forum - and the negative could not hope to respond, thus destroying the process. Second, the Negative must be competitive with the Affirmative. If the Negative's approach does not compete with the affirmative's then the Negative could bring up any issue or attempt to switch the framework of the proceeding in an infinite number of ways, and again there would be no way that the Affirmative can be expected to be prepared with a response. In a prior article, I proposed the idea of "counter topicality" - to ask that the Negative be competitive with the Resolution. An alternative way of framing the same concepts is to say that the Negative must simply be competitive with the Affirmative Plan - not just when offering a Counterplan, but also when offering a competing framework to that offered by the Affirmative. There are theoretical implications to either approach - but the main point is to assure a process which is fair, simply because it allows both the Negative to come in to the proceeding knowing the set of arguments which will be introduced by the Affirmative, and, critically, that so too may be the Affirmative be able to predict that the Negative's approach will be based on the Plan.

It is up to the judge to enforce this idea - but it is critical that judges hear this call: without their fair and evenhanded enforcement of the fundamental processes of the activity... without the judges providing both sides with the assurance that they can enter the debate on an even footing, with the ability to prepare in an equitable fashion, judges will be teaching debaters that there is no procedural certainty which is available to them, and that debate can be made into a "rigged game" which they cannot overcome through work and preparation. This would be a tragic lesson to give the debater. What is the option for the democrat if the process forbids change based on logic? What is the option for the activist if the law cannot be altered according to the rules of the land? The option is reminiscent of the sort of totalitarian frameworks which exist in other countries - where the law does not serve everyone equally, and where there is no faith in the decisions of the courts or of the lawmakers.

Judges in competitive frameworks thus have a responsibility that they may not have really considered in full force; they are teaching students whether the system in which they compete is worth engaging in, or whether it is not. This "system" of which I speak is not tied to any other political system or idea except the idea of democracy, that each individual can be heard in a fair process. If the very first politically-styled system encountered by the student cannot be kept fair, what lessons will be learned from figuring that out? And what mechanism will remain to teach our future leaders to form a process which can be judged admirable in the future?

We live in contentious times. We need to be rigorous in enforcing our core beliefs, and our core processes. Debate is a way of teaching those processes. Let us work as hard as possible to keep it fair. We cannot "depoliticize" it, since as we have come to learn, everything can be thought of as political - but we can make sure it is approachable in a way which feels like justice.

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New Staff

Cherian Koshy, Individual Events Director

Mr. Koshy is the former coach of Lincoln-Douglas debate and Extemporaneous Speaking at Apple Valley where he coached the 2003 Minnesota State Champion and the 2002 NCFL Runner-up in extemporaneous speaking. He is also the Executive Director of the Summer at the Center, another one of the premier Individual Events institutes in the nation.



Drew Hammond, Interpretation Instructor

Drew Hammond currently coaches Interp events for Eagan High School in Eagan Minnesota, previous to which he coached at Apple Valley High School. Drew believes in fostering the skills necessary to allow students the freedom to create and develop their own unique style of performance. This philosophy has propelled his students to become finalists and champions at tournaments like Glenbrooks, Pine Crest, Berkeley, NCFL's and the NFL tournament. Additionally, Drew is a published playwright and an accomplished stand-up comedian



More staff to be announced soon, check us out online at www.snfi.org and www.snfild.org for the most up to date information

New Approach

• Personalized individual attention and small group settings ensure that each student improves. Improve and refine skills that would be applicable to any performance such as delivery, characterizations, and movement.



- Learn the most up-to-date techniques to improve your performance and take you to the next level and set you apart from other competitors.
- Get a head start on finding material, research, writing, cutting, and critiqued performances before the season even begins!
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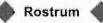
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Rank	Chan	ge District	Average No. Degrees	Leading Chapter	No. of Degrees
1		Three Trails (KS)	229	Blue Valley North HS	589
2		Calif. Coast	188	Leland High School	743
3	+1	Heart Of America (MO)	187	Independence Truman/Liberty Sr	430
4	-1	Northern South Dakota	183	Watertown High School	416
5		Sunflower (KS)	178	Wichita East High School	309
6		East Kansas	174	Shawnee Mission East HS	538
6	+2	Show Me (MO)	174	Belton High School	422
8	-1	East Los Angeles	172	Gabrielino High School	713
9		Northern Ohio	16 1	Canfield High School	249
10	+3	New York City	158	Regis High School	534
11		Kansas Flint-Hills	154	Washburn Rural High School	375
12	+2	West Kansas	152	McPherson High School	385
13	-1	San Fran Bay (CA)	148	James Logan High School	741
14	-5	Illini (IL)	145	Downers Grove South HS	407
14		Montana	145	Flathead Co High School	397
14	+3	Nebraska	145	Millard North High School	374
17	+3	Northern Illinois	144	New Trier Township HS	413
18		Rocky Mountain-South	142	Lakewood High School	233
18	-2	Rushmore (SD)	142	Sioux Falls Lincoln HS	378
20	+4	Eastern Missouri	137	Pattonville High School	410
21	+1	Northwest Indiana	134	Plymouth High School	436
21	-2	Central Minnesota	134	Eastview High School	321
23	-1	Ozark	132	Central HS - Springfield	393
24	-3	Florida Manatee	130	Nova High School	483
25		North East Indiana	124	Chesterton High School	618
25	+3	South Kansas	124	El Dorado High School	277
27	-1	Southern Minnesota	120	Edina High School	358
28	+1	Eastern Ohio	119	Perry High School	374
29	+1	New England (MA-NH)	117	Lexington High School	398
29	+8	Great Salt Lake	117	Skyline High School	238
29	+5	Utah-Wasatch	117	Sky View High School	269
32	-5	South Texas	116	Bellaire High School	747
33		Nebraska South	114	Lincoln East High School	307
34	-2	Florida Panther	112	Trinity Preparatory School	252
34	-4	Inland Empire (WA)	112	University High School	237
36		Hole In The Wall (WY)	111	Cheyenne East High School	337
37	+4	Idaho	109	Skyline High School	248
37	-2	Carver-Truman (MO)	109	Neosho High School	425
37	+1	Golden Desert (NV)	109	Green Valley High School	260
37	+2	Sundance (UT)	109	Bingham High School	267
41	~-	Northern Wisconsin	103	Appleton East High School	331
42	-1	South Carolina	98	Riverside High School	401
42	-2	Michigan	98	Portage Central High School	219
44	+2	New Mexico	97	Albuquerque Academy	267
45	+2	Sierra (CA)	96	Sanger High School	286
45	-1	North Coast (OH)	96	Gilmour Academy	278
47	+1	East Texas	95	Dulles High School	228
48	+2	New Jersey	94	Ridge High School	317
49 50	-5	Southern California	93	Claremont High School	215
50	+4	Hoosier Crossroads (IN)		Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School	
51 52	-1	Arizona	90	Desert Vista High School	320
52	+2	North Dakota Roughride	er 88	Fargo South High School	205



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Rank	Chang	e District	Average No. Degrees	Leading Chapter	No. of Degrees
52	+12	Wind River (WY)	88	Kelly Walsh High School	187
54	+18	West Oklahoma	87	Norman North High School	318
54	+4	Valley Forge (PA)	87	Holy Ghost Prep	181
56		Colorado	86	Cherry Creek High School	347
56	+8	Pittsburgh	86	North Allegheny Sr High School	217
56	-7	Central Texas	86	Winston Churchill High School	356
56	+8	Western Washington	86	Gig Harbor High School	226
60	-7	Greater Illinois	85	Harrisburg High School	173
60	-4	West Iowa	85	Dowling Catholic High School	249
60	-2	Lone Star (TX)	85	Plano Sr High School	269
60	-8	Southern Wisconsin	85	Marquette Univ High School	242
64		Deep South (AL)	84	The Montgomery Academy	301
64		Big Valley (CA)	84	Fred C Beyer High School	252
64	-6	Rocky Mountain-North (CC		Rocky Mountain/Greeley Central	
64	+5	Colorado Grande	84	Centennial High School	215
68	+6	Northern Lights (MN)	83	Moorhead Senior High School	268
68		Western Ohio	83	Sylvania Northview High School	129
68	-6	North Texas Longhorns	83	Plano East Sr High School	195
71	-9	Heart Of Texas	82	Carroll High School	240
72	+4	East Oklahoma	79	Jenks High School	265
73	+1	Kentucky	78	Rowan County Sr High School	174
73	-4	Space City (TX)	78	Alief Taylor High School	188
75	+7	New York State	77	Monticello Central High School	132
75	+7	North Oregon	77	Westview High School	181
75	-3	West Texas	77	El Paso Coranado High School	157
78	-1	Hoosier Heartland (IN)	76	West Lafayette High School	189
79	-2	Tennessee	75	Morristown West High School	172
80	-11	West Los Angeles	72	Loyola High School	158
81	-2	Georgia Southern Peach	71	Starr's Mill High School	211
81		Mississippi	71	Hattiesburg High School	157
81	-2	South Oregon	71	Ashland High School	130
84	+1	Sagebrush (NV)	69	Reno High School	177
85	+3	Tarheel East (NC)	68	Cary Academy	169
85	-1	Gulf Coast (TX)	68	Gregory Portland High School	207
87	+4	Puget Sound (WA)	67	Kamiak High School	151
88	+1	Florida Sunshine	66	Acad of the Holy Names/Pine Vie	ew 119
89	- 5	East Iowa	65	West High School - Iowa City	246
89		Carolina West (NC)	65	Myers Park High School	252
91	-4	Louisiana	64	St Thomas More High School	195
92	+3	Georgia Northern Mountair		Henry W Grady High School	191
92	-1	Pennsylvania	60	Greensburg Salem High School	159
94	-3	Uil (Texas)	59	Princeton High School	200
95	-1	South Florida	54	Michael Krop High School	129
96		Hawaii	53	Kamehameha Schools	248
97		Chesapeake (MD)	52	Baltimore City College High Scho	
98	+2	Maine	49	Poland Regional High School	91
98		Tall Cotton (TX)	49	Big Spring High School	125
100	-1	Mid-Atlantic (VA & MD)	46	Randolph Macon Academy	153
101	+2	West Virginia	43	Wheeling Park High School	63
102	-1	Capitol Valley (CA)	42	Granite Bay High School	100
103	-1	Iroquois (NY)	41	R L Thomas High School	132
104		Pacific Islands (GU)	21	Harvest Christian Academy	54





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