

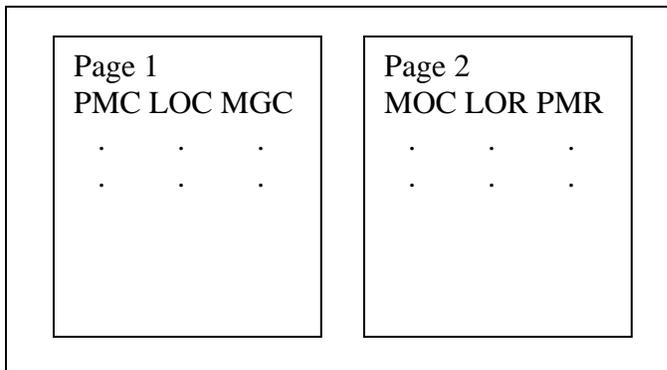
**Flow Chart<sup>1</sup> of the Final Round  
Connecticut Debate Association  
Fitch High School, November 9, 2024**

**This House, as the US, should favor increased tariffs.**

The final round at Fitch was between the Joel Barlow team of Trevor Steinke and Luis Diez on the Government and the Joel Barlow team of Cade Fravel and Griffin Speck on the Opposition. The debate was won by the Opposition.

**Format Key**

I take notes on an 11” by 14” artist pad. The two pages below are formatted to print in portrait mode on 8 ½ x 11 paper. The first page covers the first three constructive speeches: the Prime Minister’s Constructive (PMC), the Leader of the Opposition’s Constructive (LOC), and the Member of Government Constructive (MGC). The second page covers the Member of Opposition Constructive (MOC), the Leader of Opposition Rebuttal (LOR) and the Prime Minister’s Rebuttal (PMR). The pages are intended to be arranged as follows, which is how my actual flow looks:



In general, the constructive speeches have arguments related to the Government contentions towards the top, and those relating to the Opposition contentions towards the bottom. Some debaters draw a line across the middle to separate the Gov and Opp, but it is hard to judge how much room you need for each until you hear the debaters. I adjust the top and bottom halves best I can.

This flow organizes the arguments logically, not necessarily in the order in which they were presented. Some speakers will deal with Opposition arguments prior to the Government. Some speeches will be completely disorganized, and I place the arguments to best illustrate clash. Accompanying this is a “transcript” version of the debate which presents the arguments in the same order as each speech proceeded.

The chart uses “G1,” “O2,” etc. to refer to the Government first contention, the Opposition second contention and so forth.

Points of Information are indicated by “POI:” and this marker, the question and the answer are in boldface italics.

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Prime Minister Constructive	Leader of the Opposition Constructive	Member of Government Constructive
<p>1) Comment on products produced with child labor</p> <p>2) Intro</p> <p>3) Statement of the motion</p> <p>4) Framework:</p> <p>a) Definition: “tariffs” as tax on imports</p> <p>b) Weighing mechanism: what is best for the American people</p> <p>c) Plan: raise tariffs on imports from China from 2% to 7%; distribute the funds of US programs</p> <p>5) G1<sup>2</sup>: Tariffs will improve the US economy</p> <p>a) Wall Street Journal: 2023 trade deficit of \$1 trillion results in selling off US assets</p> <p>b) 1861-1913 US had high tariffs</p> <p>i) US produced 1/3 of world manufactures by World War I</p> <p>ii) US produced ¼ of world manufactures by World War II</p> <p>c) Since then globalization</p> <p><b>POI: Are there other changes since WWII we should consider?</b></p> <p>d) Population has grown</p> <p>e) Tariffs were the largest source of USFG revenue until 1913</p> <p>6) G2: Tariffs will help US diplomatically</p> <p>a) Sanctions increase the use of other currencies like China’s RMB yuan</p> <p>i) Tariffs keep a free market in operation</p> <p>ii) Countries have a stake in free trade</p> <p>iii) Sanctions have caused Saudia Arabia to move away from USS</p> <p>b) Sends a message on child labor</p> <p>i) Tariffs are the best solution</p> <p><b>POI: How will a 7% tariff eliminate child labor?</b></p> <p>ii) It is a perfect first step</p> <p>7) G3: Tariffs will resurrect manufacturing (“mfg”) in the US</p> <p>a) World Trade Organization (“WTO”) led to a small drop in prices but a large loss of jobs</p> <p>b) Result was to reduce domestic industrial output</p> <p>c) Loss of 4 million jobs, 1/3 of industrial output, many going to China</p> <p>8) Applying our weighing mechanism, we improve the economy, increase our security and increase mfg</p> <p>a) In 1933 US had its highest tariffs</p>	<p>1) Intro: pause to show brain freeze, freeze of commerce</p> <p>2) Weighing mechanism focuses on two issues:</p> <p>a) Domestic economic prosperity</p> <p>b) Foreign policy objectives</p> <p>3) G1: Gov never shows us how the trade deficit has harmed the US</p> <p>a) Quality of life much improved since WWII</p> <p>b) Why don’t we still produce 1/3 of world manufactures?</p> <p>i) Labor is expensive in the US</p> <p>ii) Tariffs will not bring mfg back</p> <p>4) G2: Tariffs will make the BRICs stronger</p> <p>a) China forced to unite with them</p> <p>b) Tariffs won’t end child labor</p> <p>i) Some goods become more expensive</p> <p>ii) Countries will just sell elsewhere</p> <p>5) G3: Compare to O2</p>	<p>1) Debates are about finding solutions</p> <p>a) Opp offers none regarding China, blue collar workers, the trade deficit</p> <p>2) We agree with the LO’s comments on the weighing mechanism</p> <p>3) G1: Is the trade deficit a problem?</p> <p>a) More than a number, it is like the national debt</p> <p>i) It will lead to increased inflation</p> <p>b) If we increase our exports we increase our influence and negotiating power</p> <p>c) With changes in the workforce and a more global economy we need to emphasize mfg</p> <p>4) G2: BRICs/China?</p> <p>a) These countries have only recently drifted from the USS</p> <p>b) Need to give them no other choice but to use USS, rely on US</p> <p>c) China can’t ignore US as a trading poartner</p> <p>i) They will be forced to lower prices to compete with US companies</p> <p><b>POI: How will a rise in tariffs influence China?</b></p> <p>ii) Higher tariffs will force China to lower prices</p> <p>d) On child labor, tariffs are a first step</p> <p>i) Opp offers no solution</p> <p>5) G3: vs O1</p> <p>a) Now blue-collar workers are being left behind</p> <p>b) Gov plan helps blue-collar workers and increases USFG revenue</p>
	<p>1) O1: Tariffs will hurt everyday Americans</p> <p>a) Tariff is a tax imposed by the USFG</p> <p>i) This will increase costs, and firms will raise prices to protect profits</p> <p>ii) The price increase harms, not helps, American consumers</p> <p>b) It also harms US workers by destroying jobs</p> <p>i) Many raw materials and parts are imported</p> <p>ii) As costs rise, companies cut wages or workers</p> <p>iii) Exports are more expensive so decline so no help to trade deficit</p> <p>2) O2: Tariffs harm progress</p> <p>a) E.g., Chinese-made electric vehicles become too expensive</p> <p>i) Limits our ability to solve the climate problem</p>	<p>1) O1: Will prices rise?</p> <p>a) Tariffs will increase US production and force foreigners to lower prices</p> <p>b) US workers helped by rise in mfg, see G3</p> <p>2) O2: Tariffs will force countries like India to work on climate change</p> <p>a) China is not the best example for a good actor on climate change</p> <p>b) Solar panels have seen a 60% decline in price in the last decade</p> <p>c) DARPA will have money to invest in US research</p> <p>3) O3: Status quo not all sunshine</p> <p>a) NAFTA/USMCA resulted in job losses</p>

<sup>2</sup> “G1” indicates the Government first contention, “O2” the Opposition second contention and so forth.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ii) Loss of access the Chinese technology</li> <li>iii) Only choice is to buy Tesla</li> <li>b) E.g., China produces most minerals needed for green energy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Solar, wind power growth harmed</li> </ul> </li> <li>3) O3: Tariffs harm US geo-politically <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Free trade lowers prices, binds trading partners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) E.g., Canada, Mexico, China, are alienated by loss of access to US</li> </ul> </li> <li>b) Tariffs cause our enemies to unite <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) E.g., sanctions on Russia has pushed it closer to Iran, North Korea</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li><b><i>POI: aren't there other differences</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ii) Yes, ideology, but trade dependency serves as a check, forcing countries to cooperate</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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Member of Opposition Constructive	Leader of Opposition Rebuttal	Prime Minister Rebuttal
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Intro/Motion</li> <li>2) Will cover Opp first then Gov</li> <li>3) Gov says Opp has no solutions               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The problems they raise are systemic</li> <li>b) They will not be fixed by a 7% tariff, e.g., child/slave labor                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Goods will be sold elsewhere, or workers will lose jobs and income</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>4) G1: Trade deficits will lead to inflation?               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Tariffs actually increase inflation                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) 7% increase in price of goods from China</li> <li>ii) Lower export of more expensive US goods</li> <li>iii) It will take 100 years to replicate lower costs in US</li> <li>iv) US firms won't pay low wages or use child labor</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>5) G2: Dollar and diplomacy?               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) BRICs interdependence will increase if we raise tariffs</li> <li>b) China has less incentive to listen to US</li> <li>c) E.g., China could invade Taiwan as it has nothing to lose</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Three questions</li> <li>2) What is the impact on consumers?               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Direct increase in prices of imports</li> <li>b) Long run harm to the economy                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Eliminates international competition</li> <li>ii) Why should firms compete internally?</li> </ol> </li> <li>c) US labor is not cheap</li> <li>d) Prices will increase in the US</li> </ol> </li> <li>3) What is the impact on labor?               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Maybe some new industries in the US</li> <li>b) Costs for all industries will increase                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Most or all rely on imports</li> <li>ii) Corporation will look to cut wages</li> </ol> </li> <li>c) Job losses from free trade were not permanent                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Manufacturing jobs were lost</li> <li>ii) There was no increase in unemployment</li> <li>iii) New jobs were created</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>4) What is the impact on geopolitics?               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Tariffs will strengthen the \$                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Costs will be passed on</li> </ol> </li> <li>b) Countries like Russia and North Korea draw closer together</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) I paused for 4 seconds to represent the 4 million jobs lost</li> <li>2) Three questions:</li> <li>3) Tariffs and everyday Americans?               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Wages go up</li> <li>b) US innovators don't have to compete with foreigners</li> <li>c) For homeowners and others with debt:                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Tariffs reduce the trade deficit</li> <li>ii) Revenues reduce the national debt</li> <li>iii) Interest rates decline</li> </ol> </li> <li>d) Opp praised trade agreements that have only weakened democracy</li> </ol> </li> <li>4) US on the world stage?               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) China can't disengage a symbiotic relationship                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) 5% increase in tariffs not enough</li> </ol> </li> <li>b) Moral impact is a significant signal to others</li> </ol> </li> <li>5) Compare using the weighing mechanism?               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Gov helps everyday American vs Opp job losses</li> <li>b) O1: raw materials issue disproved statistically</li> <li>c) O2: it isn't progress when foreign EVs flock to US with no competition</li> <li>d) O3: Additional revenues available on Gov side</li> <li>e) Gov: better economy, security, improved lives</li> <li>f) Gov provides a turning point to a better world.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) O1: Importers bear the costs of tariffs               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) They will pass it on in increased prices to consumers</li> <li>b) Will tariffs increase competition and production?                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) 1861-1913 was an era of monopolies and decreasing competition <b>POI: Weren't monopolies due to lax antitrust measures?</b></li> <li>ii) That was a factor</li> <li>iii) High tariffs provided the opportunity to raise prices and lower wages</li> </ol> </li> <li>c) Any returning jobs likely to be low pay and hard work</li> <li>d) Prices of imported raw materials will increase, e.g., cobalt                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) If product prices don't go up, firms will cut jobs, e.g., Pennsylvania</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>2) O2: US will miss out on advanced tech, e.g., Chinese elec. Vehicles               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Forced to buy expensive Teslas</li> </ol> </li> <li>3) O3: Did NAFTA/USMCA lead to job losses?               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Some, but they tied Canada and Mexico to the US</li> <li>b) Boosted all our economies, improved relations</li> </ol> </li> </ol>		