

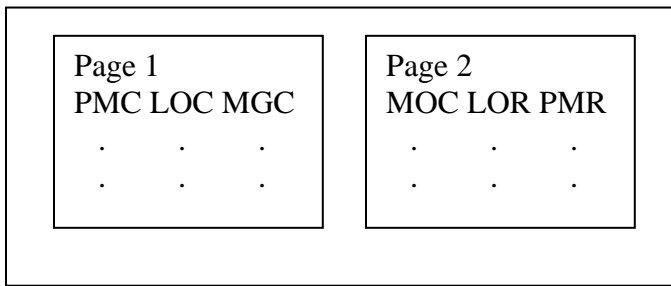
**Flow Chart¹ of the Final Round
Connecticut Debate Association
Online, March 4, 2023**

This House Would release all frozen assets to Afghanistan’s central government.

The final round was between the Bethel team of Max Allen and Ben Pawloski on the Government and New Canaan team of Ankita Kuttichirayil and Ryan Axon on the Negative. The debate was won by the Opposition team from New Canaan.

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 has arguments related to the Government contentions at the top, and those relating to the Opposition contentions at the bottom. This is not how the speeches may have been presented, in that often a speaker will deal with Opposition arguments prior to the Government. The “transcript” version of this chart presents the arguments in each speech as presented.

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) Introduction/Motion</p> <p>2) Definitions</p> <p>a) This House: US Federal Government</p> <p>b) Frozen Assets: \$7billion held in banks</p> <p>3) Plan: release 20% per year over 5 years, with later payments contingent on the earlier funds being spent properly</p> <p>4) G1²: Net benefits to the Afghan people</p> <p>a) Economic activity trickles down to benefit all</p> <p>i) Afghan economy is in bad shape, GDP has fallen by 30%</p> <p>ii) Power cuts, food shortages, etc.</p> <p>b) Giving all the money at once would result in it being spent poorly</p> <p>c) More funds will lead to more democracy and Westernization</p> <p>POI: Why will the Taliban comply with demands?</p> <p>d) So far they haven't been asked</p> <p>e) \$7bn is a big deal for Afghanistan, not for the US</p> <p>5) G2: Does not require military involvement</p> <p>a) 20 years of war had no effect on Taliban</p> <p>i) Deaths and destruction</p> <p>b) Afghanistan needs money to recover</p> <p>i) Successive payments will force them to follow the plan</p> <p>c) US left in 2021 for a reason; money isn't important to US</p> <p>6) G3: Stops Afghan collusion with nefarious forces</p> <p>a) E.g., land deals with China</p> <p>i) Part of Chinese attempts to gain influence in other countries</p> <p>b) Plan gives funds without Afghanistan having to sell resources</p> <p>c) US is acting like a police state enforcing international standards</p>	<p>1) Intro/Motion</p> <p>2) Plan: Taliban will not cooperate</p> <p>a) Pressure will only increase their extremism</p> <p>3) G1: Will \$ lead to Westernization?</p> <p>a) Taliban is extremely anti-West</p> <p>b) Do they need the money?</p> <p>i) It's been frozen for 10-20 years</p> <p>ii) We've seen no movement to the West</p> <p>c) Cutoff later payments?</p> <p>i) Still can use what they have received for their own purposes</p> <p>4) G2: Warrants rely on funds influencing the Taliban</p> <p>a) Taliban has thrived without the funds</p> <p>b) Taliban has options such as China</p> <p>c) Taliban won't bend to Western ideals</p> <p>POI: Aren't the Taliban different now?</p> <p>d) US pressure will push the to extremes to China</p> <p>5) G3: Taliban isn't inclined to stop working with others</p> <p>a) Rather than give up principles they would turn to China</p> <p>6) O1: Release poses a major security risk</p> <p>a) Taliban are connected to terrorism</p> <p>i) Under Gov at least \$1.4 billion will be misdirected</p> <p>b) Taliban controls gov't, including central bank</p> <p>i) Will support terrorism</p> <p>c) Taliban won't bend on women's rights</p> <p>i) Money they have goes to police, military</p> <p>ii) Release gives them even more</p> <p>7) O2: Taliban lacks the leadership skills to spend the money well</p> <p>a) Taliban leadership is fragmented</p> <p>i) Difficult for them to make decisions</p> <p>b) Taliban are fighters with no governing experience</p> <p>i) Violate civil rights, but illiterate</p> <p>ii) Military orientation</p> <p>8) O3: Release not needed to bring about change</p> <p>a) Better to work through charities and NGOs like UNICEF</p>	<p>1) Intro</p> <p>2) G1 and G3: money will influence Taliban behavior</p> <p>a) Better than relying on China</p> <p>i) Taliban can steal US aid money and use it for terror</p> <p>ii) Collude with China against West</p> <p>b) Disburse over time provides incentive to use funds properly</p> <p>i) Won't collude with Qatar, al Qaeda</p> <p>c) NGOs can only succeed with military presence</p> <p>3) O1: How do we know Taliban will comply?</p> <p>a) Opp conceded impact</p> <p>i) We are only releasing \$1.7bn initially</p> <p>b) Opp ignores different situation now</p> <p>i) Taliban controls gov't</p> <p>ii) Wants international recognition</p> <p>iii) Will fail without funds</p> <p>iv) Implies they will make some changes to get funds</p> <p>c) Chinese energy companies pose a threat</p> <p>i) Taliban can't thrive without funds</p> <p>ii) They are failing in the status quo</p> <p>4) O2: Central bank corrupt?</p> <p>a) Wall Street Journal quote says they are making strides with Western help</p> <p>5) O3: Charities and NGOs?</p> <p>a) Taliban won't let them in</p> <p>b) Taliban can seize aid and still commit human rights abuses</p> <p>c) Program needs US backing</p> <p>d) Funds spent through Afghan government will trickle down through the economy</p>

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Member of Opposition Constructive	Leader of Opposition Rebuttal	Prime Minister Rebuttal
<p>1) Intro/Motion</p> <p>2) G1: \$1.4bn is no incentive</p> <p>a) Taliban history shows it holds ideology above all else</p> <p>i) It will starve population, let economy fail, to fund it's own government</p> <p>b) Taliban will take the initial \$1.4bn, continue current policy</p> <p>i) Or it could take all \$7bn and just revert after 5 years</p> <p>ii) More infrastructure, more police, more oppression</p> <p>c) NGOs are a better option</p> <p>POI: Why is the Taliban asking for money?</p> <p>d) They want to fund terrorism and human rights abuse</p> <p>e) Won't change policy just to get funds</p> <p>f) Rather trade with China</p> <p>3) G3: The US trades with China</p> <p>a) China has an enormous economy</p> <p>b) No country can avoid working with them</p> <p>c) \$7bn is nothing compared to the value of working with China</p> <p>4) O2: Gov claims Afghan gov't is hitting stride with outside help</p> <p>a) The economy is collapsing</p> <p>b) Why will Taliban help people if they are harming them now?</p> <p>c) Give money to gov't, prolong the problem</p> <p>5) O3: UN provides \$billions for humanitarian crises</p> <p>a) UNICEF programs pay teachers</p> <p>b) Better than giving \$ to Taliban</p> <p>i) Taliban won't listen to the West</p> <p>c) Withholding money has had no impact so far</p> <p>i) With power, Taliban has more tools to enable it to ignore outside pressure</p>	<p>b) Intro</p> <p>c) Will the need for \$ pressure the Taliban?</p> <p>i) They might pay their debts</p> <p>ii) Taliban actions show they don't care about welfare</p> <p>(1) Treatment of women, starvation, human rights</p> <p>(2) The Taliban won't help the population</p> <p>iii) Will they bend to the West?</p> <p>(1) Only need is power</p> <p>(2) They will bolster the military</p> <p>iv) Taliban leadership in gov't have harmed women and human rights</p> <p>d) Will economic benefits trickle down?</p> <p>i) Taliban has no incentive to help the population</p> <p>ii) Taliban leadership has no expertise to run an economy</p> <p>(1) Afghanistan's infrastructure ruined by war</p> <p>e) Will Taliban turn to the West?</p> <p>i) It isn't plausible that they will give in</p> <p>ii) First tranche of Gov plan will be used for arms and to continue human rights abuses</p> <p>f) Opp doesn't enable terrorism</p> <p>i) No trickle down economic effects</p> <p>ii) Better to fund NGOs to work directly with Afghan people</p>	<p>g) Intro/motion</p> <p>h) G1: Motion benefits Afghan people</p> <p>i) G2: No military involvement</p> <p>j) G3: No collusion with bad actors</p> <p>k) Opp had no reply to our arguments about NGOs</p> <p>i) Only \$1bn in UN aid</p> <p>ii) NGOs turned away in 2021</p> <p>iii) No influence without military support</p> <p>l) The funds will be effective</p> <p>i) \$1.4bn, than another, etc.</p> <p>(1) Taliban needs money, best to release it slowly</p> <p>(2) Without money economy will fail</p> <p>(3) Taliban loses power goes back to being guerrilla group</p> <p>ii) Need funds to stop human rights abuses</p> <p>iii) Funds will be used to help the economy</p> <p>iv) Already okay with US central bank monitor</p> <p>m) Incentive to Westernize</p> <p>i) Welfare more important than military to Taliban survival</p> <p>ii) Women are already rioting, college students have walked out</p> <p>iii) Need elections, pay debt, to strengthen military</p> <p>n) Opp: Taliban relies on outside help from bad actors like Chinas</p> <p>o) Gov: Taliban changes its behavior</p>