

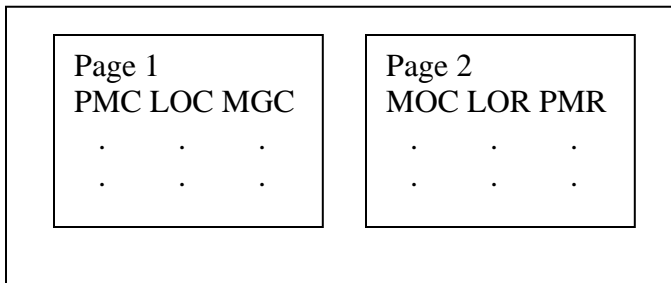
**Flow Chart¹ of the Final Round
Connecticut Debate Association
Stamford High School, March 25, 2023**

This House supports a policy of containment with respect to China.

The final round at Stamford was between the Wilton team of Sid Suneja and Shawn Gregory on Government and the Ridgefield team of Gabriel Uceda-Sosa and James Cox-Donovan on Opposition. The debate was won by the Government team from Wilton.

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
1) Introduction 2) Statement of the motion 3) Definition: “containment” as stated in the packet a) Stop geopolitical expansion into sovereign, free nations 4) Framework: which side best supports democratic values a) Premise of US b) E.g., support Taiwan, Ukraine self-determination 5) G1 ² : China presents a direct threat to the United States a) Supply chain, leads in 37 of 44 technologies i) Used by hospitals, in commerce b) Holds US debt 6) G2: US duty to uphold democratic ideals a) US was founded on principle of democracy for the world b) Won’t force democracy on anyone, rather support self-determination c) E.g., support Taiwan, prevent what happened to Uighurs 7) G3: Containment is the best policy a) We realize USSR was not the same as China i) USSR suffered great losses in WWII ii) Containment was a process of waiting them out iii) No boots on the ground, fewer than 4000 US military deaths b) For China we need to fund nations around China i) E.g., Taiwan, Hong Kong, Ukraine POI: Is your plan to “wait out” China? ii) Not just wait, as China is economically strong iii) We have to limit expansion in Asia, e.g., Taiwan, deter Russian in Ukraine c) Success means the following: i) Limit China’s power over the US and the world economy ii) Prevent harm to the Uighurs iii) We wouldn’t take any Chinese territory iv) Work on protecting supply chain v) Self-determination is the crux of the debate	1) We accept the Gov definitions 2) Observations: a) Taiwan is an unofficial ally of the US i) This is unrelated to containment, support not opposed by Opp b) Containment must consist of measures beyond simply supporting an ally 3) G1: Unless Gov is suggesting a trade war, no containment a) China strength is economic b) Gov “plan” is not containment 4) G2: We agree we should uphold economic ideals a) That isn’t what sending weapons to war does b) Ukraine is not a China issue 5) O1: China is a major economic power a) Taiwan is about an historic injustice, not regional dominance b) Ukraine has nothing to do with China c) Issues with other countries are economic i) Belt and Road program has led to excessive debt d) How to best deal? i) Expand US economic power with domestic investment POI: Hasn’t this failed in the past? ii) It worked for most of the 20 th century, China was a closed economy iii) US/allies together will have more success 6) O2: Containment is an expensive, losing policy a) Chinese influence has not been met with hostility i) Public opinion outside of the West favors China and Russia b) Western economic revival is more important i) Best to develop global power with allies 7) O3: Change won’t come from containment a) Hostility will ultimately increase hostility and enmity i) Increased Chinese determination to resist ii) E.g., WTO turned China away	1) Intro 2) Taiwan: allies, but not to any extreme a) We will argue both ways 3) G1: China has a chokehold on supply chain a) Letting China grow without hindrance let’s threaten us and do what they want b) Motion prevents expansion, increased power 4) G2: We can’t stop the problems withing China, e.g., Uighurs a) Can prevent it from happening elsewhere b) Help defend against China, Russia 5) G3: Containment avoids conflict a) Conflict is inevitable b) Containment minimizes the lives lost c) Ensures democratic ideals 6) O1: Economics a) US investment in itself and other countries is a form of containment b) It resists a sphere of control, therefore part of Gov case c) Removes dependence on China 7) O2: Gaining local support is also containment a) E.g., providing money reduces China’s sphere of influence 8) O3: Cooperate with China is unrealistic, as US/China on different paths a) China authoritarian, totalitarian b) US democracy and freedom c) These are irreconcilable POI: Hasn’t China become more capitalistic? d) Yes, but also more oppression e) Everyone agrees US and China differ on ideology f)

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Member of Opposition Constructive	Leader of Opposition Rebuttal	Prime Minister Rebuttal
1) Intro/Motion	d) Taiwan? Gov can't limit the debate to Taiwan	j) Framework was best support democratic values
2) Containment and investment	i) Containment has to be a more general policy	i) No mention by Opp in last 12 minutes
a) Reinforcing your own economy is not containment	e) Trade w/allies?	k) Opp mis-characterizes Gov case, abusive
i) No harm to China or Chinese influence	i) Indirect behavior is not containment	i) Containment defined in packed
b) Better to strengthen US economy than confront China	ii) Containment means directly stopping China in the region	ii) Nothing about intent
c) POI: Investment isn't unique to either side, can be done on Gov?	iii) Gov doesn't do this	iii) Anything that inhibits China is containment
d) Investment isn't the Gov's plan	(1) Selling arms? Done on Opp too, not containment	l) Taiwan?
i) Investment isn't containment, better policy	(2) Often leads to coups	i) We fund Taiwan military
3) Gov would have to force "freedom of choice"	f) No warrant explaining how Gov will limit Chinese power	ii) Saved their semiconductor industry
a) We didn't just ask Russia to break up	i) E.g., saving African countries from debt trap	iii) Not just investing in allies: giving to Taiwan
b) Opp works with economies	g) Opp funds US, invests in allies	m) O1: no link to economic and democratic values
i) E.g., worked w/Japan to rebuild their economy	i) Puts US in position to respond if necessary	n) O2: We never talked about attrition or tariffs
ii) Economic development is a policy throughout history	ii) Ready for containment, trade wars, etc.	i) Gov not trying to trip China but make US faster
4) G1: We agree there are supply chain issues	iii) Best policy isn't containment but to strengthen US influence	o) O3: Change came in the case of the USSR
a) Need to expand trade with other sources	h) Gov argues for self-determination	i) It also works with Taiwan
b) Trade war is just attrition	i) This doesn't stop Chinese power	p) Investment in the US is quantitative easing
c) Containment with respect to China means inhibiting trade	ii) Opp prepares US to act	i) Can invest in US economy to prevent Chinese expansion
d) Expanding trade is not containment	i) O1, O2, O3	q) We have to prevent harms like those to Uighurs or anyone with faith in God
5) G2: Investment helps democracy		i) Prevent China from forcing Taiwan
POI: Doesn't investment resist Chinese influence?		
a) There is no direct harm to China		
i) Spending on our military or investing is not containment		
ii) Containment requires we directly oppose China		
b) In the Cold War we directly opposed the USSR		
i) It is not the same world now		
ii) China is much stronger economically, can't starve them out		
6) G3: Gov wants to force China to change its ways		
a) China was closed off for most of the 20 th century		
b) China isn't going to become democratic		
c) China has moved to economic competition		
7) O1: Gov wants to prevent Chinese power from growing		
a) Tariffs and sanctions didn't work under Trump		
8) O2: A war of attrition is not good policy		