

APPENDIX B

LINCOLN-DOUGLAS FINAL ROUND

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Resolved: On balance, violent revolution is a just response to political oppression.

Affirmative: Taarini Vohra (Hockaday School, Coach: Stacy Thomas)

Negative: Bilal Malik (James Logan High School, Coaches: Tommie Lindsey, Jr.; Robert Marks; Randall McCutcheon; Tim Campbell; Chris Marianetti; and Justin Hinojoza)

AFFIRMATIVE CONSTRUCTIVE SPEECH: TAARINI VOHRA, HOCKADAY SCHOOL

Before we begin, I want to thank the National Forensic League for this incredible opportunity and for my debate education over the past four years. Thank you to the Lincoln Financial Group, whose sponsorship of this tournament and great league have made this learning possible. Thank you to the NFL President Billy Tate, Executive Secretary Scott Wunn, and the NFL Executive Council for their tireless dedication. Thank you to the LD tournament chair, Pauline Carochi, as well as Vickie Fellers, Dalvin and Becky Yager, and the entire Derby/Wichita Steering Committee for making this tournament an unforgettable one. And to the city of Wichita, Kansas, we appreciate you opening your doors to us. I'd also like to congratulate my opponent as well as all of the other competitors who've made this a wonderful experience.

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With that, I would now like to present my affirmative case.