

## **NEGATIVE CONSTRUCTIVE SPEECH: BILAL MALIK, JAMES LOGAN HIGH SCHOOL**

I'd like to take a minute to thank everyone who has helped me get this far. Moments like this are very rare and I think that given the rarity it's important to acknowledge everyone who has helped me get this far. I was thinking about this yesterday and I realized that since the early stages of my debate career, debate has been really good to me. I have been surrounded by people that I wanted to emulate. For example, my two former coaches were two former national champions, Adam Preiss and Oscar Shine. And from them I learned that if they were willing to put in hard work into me all I had to do was to follow through. I also want to thank some of my former teammates, people like Michael Joshi, Bonan Zhou, Paul Baldo, and my current LD coach, Justin Hinojoza. Justin, I hope that this is proper compensation for all of the red-eye flights and the caffeine that we drank together. And, also, I want to thank my family as well for their love and support and the NFL for providing me with this opportunity. I also think it is important for me to thank my second family, the James Logan High School forensics teams. I know that they care for me because all of them are here sitting in the audience listening to two teenagers talk about morality for 45 minutes. Also I'd like to thank Mr. Lindsey, the head honcho of the family at James Logan High School. I don't know what words I can find to explain how grateful I am for him and what he does for his students. A few years ago a student explained that even when we don't put 100 percent into ourselves, Mr. Lindsey puts 110 percent into us. So thank you for everything you've done for me Mr. Lindsey, and I hope that I can make you proud.

So with that, I'm going to read over the negative case and then go on to refute the affirmative.

Nonviolence is the answer to the crucial political and moral questions of our time—the need for mankind to overcome oppression and violence without resorting to oppression and violence. Because I agree with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. that violence is not the answer, I negate the resolution that “on balance, violent revolution is a just response to political oppression.” Since the resolution questions the justness of violent revolution, the highest value for the round must be justice, defined as giving each their due. All humans are fundamentally due basic rights and liberties, the clearest of which being the freedom from unjustified harm. We would never condone that an innocent person be subjected to a violation of freedoms, just as we would object to excessive sanctions meted out for petty crimes. Human beings, as the ultimate component of morality and justice, are intrinsically due dignity and respect. This is why it is permissible to use violence to fend off a dangerous mugger, but I am not justified in torturing her after she has been subdued. By causing unnecessary harm I have fundamentally disrespected the rights and humanity of the person I attack. Respect for individuals, thus, requires that we