Flow Chart[1] of the Final Round: CDA, Joel Barlow High School, October 7, 2023
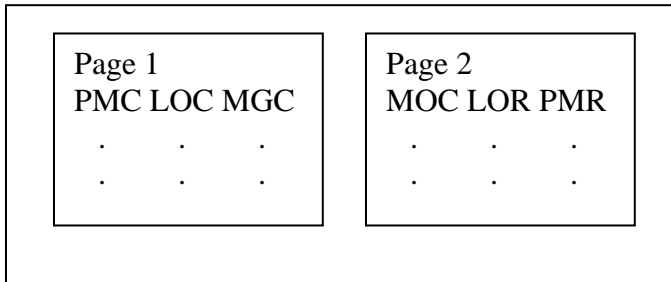
THW set maximum age limits for elected office.

Gov: Joel Barlow, Griffin Speck and Cade Fravel
Opp: Joel Barlow, Owen Fellows and Siddartha Gupta

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:

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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.

Prime Minister Constructive	Leader of the Opposition Constructive	Member of Government Constructive

1) Introduction: cognitive decline is a fact
2) Statement of the Resolution
3) Definition: TH=USFG, elections at the federal level
   a) Set a maximum age limit, to be determined
4) Framework: what is best for future of country
5) G1[2]: Age limits help insure competency
   a) Common, e.g., air traffic controllers, police, etc
   b) Politicians make similarly important decisions
   c) Older pols struggle, e.g., McConnell, Feinstein
6) G2: Age limits lead to more diverse representation
   a) Old over-represented relative to share of older voters
     i) Avg age pols 60+, population 38
   b) Limits lover average age of elected officials
   c) Future depends on the young
   d) Representation should match voters
   e) POI: If Opp provides more diverse representation should Opp win the round?
   f) Can't answer until we see Opp proposal and compare to weighing mechanism
7) G3: Older pols give power to unelected individuals
   a) Abilities decline with age
     i) Less energy, so depend on staffers
   b) Old can stay involved in other ways
     i) Agree on value of experience
     ii) Need to prevent harm from cognitive decline
     iii) Act as mentors/advisors
   c) This logic applies to the power of cabinet members of an older President
     i) State, Department of Defense
   d) Age throws off checks and balances, threatens democracy
	1) Intro/motion
	2) Def: Gov gives no age, assume 70-75 years
	3) FW: Gov is too broad
	   a) Elected officials should match constituents
	4) G1: Gov examples (pilots/police) are not elected officials
	   a) Jobs require quick reaction/decisions vs politicians
	   b) With CV, fewer elected officials at risk
	     i) E.g., Steve Scalise and cancer
	5) G2: Our POI shows no agreement on diversity
	   a) Opp CV provides more diversity for elected officials
		1) Intro
		2) FW: we agree to consider the Opp metric in addition to ours
		3) G1: diplomats have to travel, meet, decide
		   a) Air traffic controllers are not physically active
		     i) Similar to Senators
		     ii) No age given for Steve Scalise cancer
		   b) Agree 70-75 likely limit
		   c) Gov can't prevent illness
		   d) Does better than Opp in dealing with age-related decline
		4) G2: Opp ignores the incumbency effect
		5) POI: CV brings in new voters, new representation?
		6) Will deal with CV later in speech
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	1) O1: Candidates are not representative
	   a) Many are old and out of touch
	   b) Age limit doesn't always fix this
	   c) POI: Are you denying cognitive/physical ability declines with age?
	   d) No, but people age differently
	2) O2: Current system for elections fails
	   a) Only 30% of the young vote
	   b) Minority voter turnout also low
	     i) E.g., Asian Americans
	3) Counterplan: Compulsory voting (CV)
	   a) No consequences for missing work
	   b) E.g., Australia
	     i) Elected officials average age in 40s/50s
	   c) Older can still participate
	   d) Young won't vote for a Diane Feinstein
	   e) POI: Aren't there many other differences between US/Australia
	   f) Yes, but compulsory voting is the primary factor for age differences
		1) O1: issue isn't the lack of young voters
		   a) Gov solves issue of age of elected representatives
		   b) Australia? Better to root out old officials
		   c) POI: How does Gov increase the youth vote?
		   d) Will discuss CV later
		2) O2: Opp doesn't really solve
		   a) Issue is elected officials, not number of voters
		3) CP: CV ignores good reasons why some don't vote
		   a) Protest against both candidates
		   b) Dislike the system itself
		   c) Forced voting doesn't imply informed voting
		     i) Dilutes impact of informed voters
		   d) Problems with Australia as an example
		     i) Parliamentary democracy vs US Presidential democracy
		     ii) Different populations have different views
		     iii) Where is the link to solving cognitive issues

Member of Opposition Constructive	Leader of Opposition Rebuttal	Prime Minister Rebuttal

1) Intro/motion
2) G1: pilots are not like the President
   a) Pilots/police have to make split second decisions
   b) POI [refused, no time]
   c) McConnell/Feinstein elected, clearly show decline
      i) California voted for Feinstein, low youth voter turnout
3) G2: Opp agrees there is a lack of age diversity
   a) CV forces young to vote and focus on candidates
   b) Raises 18-30 year vote
4) G3: everyone declines w/age, but at different rates
   a) E.g., Nelson Mandela, Mahatma Gandhi
   b) Age-ist to dictate max age
      i) Let the voters decide
      ii) E.g., youth enthusiasm for Bernie Sanders
	1) Intro
	2) Consider 3 key questions
	3) Will CV work?
	   a) Gov's problem is ideology, not age
	   b) Bernie Sanders is old but he was the young's candidate
	   c) Solve by getting young voters voting
	4) What is the most important argument in the round?
	   a) Opp gets more voters to vote
	   b) CV yields a more diverse set of representatives
	5) Weighing mechanism
	   a) Gov just removes politicians
	   b) Gov does not address under-representation by voters
		1) What if CV works?
		   a) We can just "do both", CV and age limits
		   b) CP is not mutually exclusive with motion
		2) Which side is better for our country?
		   a) Gov plan better represents constituents
		   b) Opp CV dilutes the vote of informed/intelligent voters
		3) Which side increases competence?
		   a) Opp ignores cognitive decline
		      i) Gov provided many examples
		      ii) Danger of incompetent decisions
		   b) Australia is a multi-party democracy, very different from US
		4) Which side stays true to the American philosophy of government?
		   a) US is a democracy
		   b) Age limits already exist in the Constitution
		   c) Opp denies the right to not vote

1) O1: If you make it easy, most will vote
   a) E.g., election day as a Federal holiday
   b) Long-term benefit to having young voices heard
   c) POI: How will you enforce CV?
   d) Like Australia, a heavy fine
   e) No reason voting need conflict with lives or result in loss of work
2) Is Australia different?
   a) Gov reply disregards human nature
   b) People vote for candidates similar to themselves
   c) Electoral system not the issue
   d) POI: Where is your evidence linking CV to age of elected representatives?
   e) People elect those similar to themselves		

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