

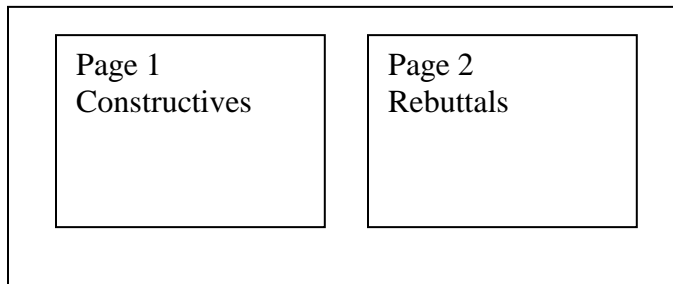
Flow Chart¹ of the Final Round: Yale Osterweis Tournament, April 7, 2013

This House would be vegetarian.

The final round of the 2013 Osterweis Tournament was between the Pomperaug team of Marlee Breakstone and Diya Nag as Government and Choate team of Nat Warner and Sarthak Agrawal in Opposition. The debate was won by the Opposition from Choate.

Format Key

I take notes on an 11” by 14” artist pad. The two pages below are formatted to print in landscape mode on 8 ½ x 11 paper. The first page covers the four constructive speeches and the second page covers the rebuttal. The pages are intended to be arranged as follows, which is how my actual flow is arranged:



Note that the first page containing the constructive speeches always 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.

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Prime Minister Constructive	Leader of the Opposition Constructive	Member of Government Constructive	Member of Opposition Constructive
1) Statement of the motion. 2) G1: Vegetarianism brings health benefits a) Less fat than in meat b) Meat is often unidentified—pink slime, mystery meat, hot dogs, sausages i) Sinclair Lewis described this 100 years ago in <i>The Jungle</i> c) Vegetables have more nutrients and a wider variety d) Help to avoid the Freshman 15 i) Stay away from KFC and McDonald's 3) G2: There will be a positive environmental impact a) Energy used in transport and refrigeration b) Vegetables don't require refrigeration and can be produced locally c) No middleman, so food production is more efficient i) E.g., cows eat grass to produce meat 4) G3: Vegetarianism is ethically responsible a) Spares the lives of animals b) Lessens chance of extinction of rare animals i) E.g., rattlesnakes, ostriches ii) Chickens and cows would be protected.	1) We would like to thank Yale for having us. 2) G1: KFC has vegetarian options a) Gov doesn't recognize moderation b) They assume all meat eaters are obese, eat lots of fat c) Meat can be eaten responsibly i) eat the chicken patty but not the special sauce 3) G2: Can eat local produce 4) G3: Why do animals have rights? a) They aren't conscious, so they have no rights b) Any rights they did have wouldn't outweigh human rights c) We don't need to eat endangered animals	1) "I love meat. It's so tasty!" (Said loudly, with a sarcastic tone.) 2) G1: Meat in moderation is still less healthy than vegetarianisms a) Vegetarianism is most healthful, most moral 3) G3: Animals do have moral rights a) POI: Why do animals have rights? i) They are conscious of themselves, other species, humans b) It's wrong to eat another organism.	1) G1: The argument isn't intrinsic to eating meat a) You can avoid the harms by selecting the meat you eat carefully b) POI—declined 2) G2: Transport meat? a) How much difference does one vegetarian make? On hamburger not shipped?
	1) O1: Pragmatic a) Vegetarians don't get to enjoy meat i) I'm not a rabbit b) There is a social stigma vegetarians i) they are seen as self-righteous c) Leads to awkward situations i) E.g., you visit your girlfriend and have to ask for a special meal ii) POI: Wouldn't your girlfriend know you are a vegetarian? iii) We can leave my personal relations aside iv) Suppose it's a business dinner and you have to ask for a special meal d) Hard to pursue athletics i) Need meat for protein 2) O2: Ethics a) Humans evolved to eat meat, it's an integral part of the human experience b) We have an obligation to ourselves i) Treat our bodies well to interact with the world ii) Meat doesn't have to be from KFC	1) O1: There are many who are vegetarians voluntarily a) There is no reason to force them to eat meat b) It is ridiculous to say that vegetarians don't enjoy life i) They enjoy it as much as others c) Social stigma is less of a concern than the ethics issue d) POI: Shouldn't we weigh the practical considerations? i) They are less important e) There are many vegetarian options for protein: protein shakes, nuts, etc. i) This isn't a serious practical limitation 2) O2: Opp says humans evolved to eat meat? a) Why do we talk about "breaking bread"? "drinking wine"? b) Many social situations do not involve eating meat c) Vegetables are better than meat, and there are sources for all missing nutrients	1) O1: Little reasons add up a) Vegetarianism harms day-to-day life and appreciation b) We aren't talking about vegetarians, but the average college student c) College is a rite of passage, where you become an adult i) Awkwardness and stigma deserve consideration 2) O2: Our lives are shaped by biology a) We have an obligation to satisfy our bodies b) Can't easily get benefits of meat from other sources c) Can't afford special foods to meet protein requirements on a college budget

Leader of Opposition Rebuttal	Prime Minister Rebuttal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Thanks for a great tournament 2) Gov world <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Meat eaters could fall into bad straits b) But Gov never shows harms are intrinsic c) College students could make good decisions d) Fat in moderation is good for you e) Environmental impact is unclear f) Never show eating meat is immoral or that animals have consciousness 3) Opp world <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) We have fun <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) We enjoy meat, no awkward vegetarian moments, no search for vegetarian options b) We can afford to properly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Opp says we are biologically evolved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Does that mean all we do is satisfy the body? b) What about sexual urges? 2) Opp says we will live life to the fullest? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To what purpose? To be corpses? Or for memories? 3) Budget? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Organic meat is significantly expensive b) How would a college student cook it? 4) Animal consciousness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) You can call a dog by name b) Gorillas have learned sign language c) There are various levels of consciousness 5) Moderation? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Two-thirds of the population is obese, no self-control b) There are not obese vegetarians 6) Vegetarians are healthier, ethically better