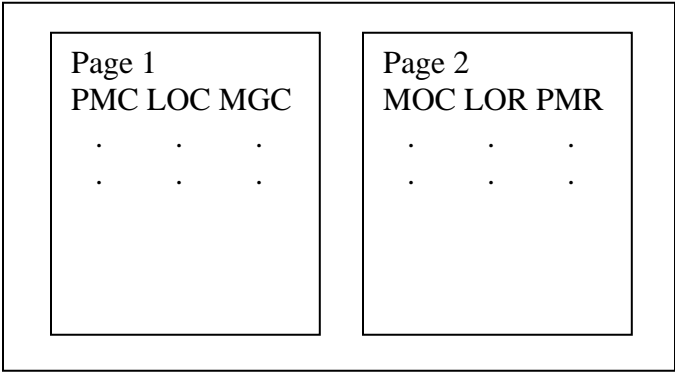


Flow Chart¹ of the Final Round
Connecticut Debate Association
Farmington High School, December 7, 2024
THBT Google should be broken up.

The final round at Farmington was between the Joel Barlow team of Griffin Speck and Cade Fravel on the Government and the Bethel team of Jack Woleck and Willa Zelaznick on the Opposition. The debate was won by the Government team from Joel Barlow.

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 have arguments related to the Government contentions towards the top, and those relating to the Opposition contentions towards the bottom. Some debaters draw a line across the middle to separate the Gov and Opp, but it is hard to judge how much room you need for each until you hear the debaters. I adjust the top and bottom halves best I can.

This flow organizes the arguments logically, not necessarily in the order in which they were presented. Some speakers will deal with Opposition arguments prior to the Government. Some speeches will be completely disorganized, and I place the arguments to best illustrate clash. Accompanying this is a “transcript” version of the debate which presents the arguments in the same order as each speech proceeded.

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
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Introduction 2) Statement of the motion 3) “This House”: people of the US 4) Definition: “broken up” Alphabet’s divisions as separate companies 5) Weighing mechanism: benefits to consumers and companies. 6) G1²: Google violates antitrust law <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Holds high percentage, 90%, of ads and search online <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Supported by control of data ii) Unfairly limits competition b) Integrated services—pixel, chrome, android, youtube <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Convenient for consumers ii) Permits data sharing across apps iii) Unfair as other companies lack access 7) G2: Benefits of <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Outlook email is just as good <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Many prefer gmail for its convenience ii) POI: Isn’t “convenience” a benefit to “This House”? iii) One company leaves no viable options iv) Competitors don’t have the data 8) G3: Solvency <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Microsoft pre-installed Internet Explorer <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Antitrust forced MS to unbundle, enabling competition ii) Google services the same b) Google pays Apple to be iPhone default search c) e.g., Standard Oil in early 1900’s <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) broke Rockefeller monopoly into smaller companies, Exxon, Shell d) Bell/ATT broken into small companies 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Intro/motion 2) Accept the definitions 3) G1: Data storage is part of all new tech <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The way social media works b) Other ways to deal with harms c) Gov admitted to convenience d) Americans want efficient, fast apps 4) G2: Outlook? People prefer gmail <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Google could share metadata 5) G3: MS/IE? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Not comparable to breakup of Google b) Bell system? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Out of date, not reflective of today’s tech 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Intro 2) G1: We explained how breakup could still cooperate 3) G2: People like gmail? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Do they choose? Or have choice made for them <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Convenience forces a choice they don’t need to make b) Separate Google <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Prioritize compatibility ii) Choose best of each application iii) Result more competition 4) G3: Solvency <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) MS/IE settlement enabled Google/Alphabet! b) Google more integrated than MS 5) O1: Saying FD would worsen the situation is a contradiction
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) O1: A breakup is futile <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Most disapproved MS settlement <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) MS still a major player b) Google deal w/Apple saved Apple \$20bn <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) This benefits people as per the weighing mechanism c) If Google broken up: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) How to we choose who leads which division? ii) How do you deal with dysfunction when apps don’t work together? d) There are issues, but not solved by a breakup 2) O2: Other approaches have lower resource costs <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) e.g., make Google share meta-data <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) fix specific problems b) MS recovered within 5 yrs c) Public supports growth of technology <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Trump won on support for tech ii) Compare to Congress trying to legislate FaceBook 3) O3: US is better off if Google is big, integrated <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Integrated services are convenient to use b) May not be available after breakup c) Things will take longer, may not work 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) O1: MS/IE? Ineffective? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Why is IE only 10% of market now? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Show antitrust works b) Apple paying Google means even less competition c) Breakup difficult? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Each division already has people in charge ii) Not a problem if we lose some top executives 2) O2: Resources? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Opp does not offer any solution <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) No mechanism to share data ii) Gov offers effective solution 3) O3: Unity/Efficiency? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Apps now stuck in one company b) Breakup would create multiple companies c) Independent companies could work on compatibility <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Why not MS email, Google word processor, another website host d) Multiple companies would increase services, efficiency, integration

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