

WHAT THE CONSTITUTION MEANS TO ME

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Find out what Alexander Hamilton would have done. It's as if we are being ruled by zombies. End zombie law. Thank you, Judges.

(Mike rings the bell. Rosdely steps into position.)

ROSDELY

Hello, Judges. My name is Rosdely Ciprian and I am the first opposition speaker to the motion that we should abolish the United States Constitution. I will first refute my opponent's points and then, if time allows, present points of my own.

START

My opponent quotes Thomas Jefferson, who said that the dead should not govern the living. But Thomas Jefferson himself is dead so WHY IS SHE LISTENING TO HIM?

The Proposition also says she wants to make an all-new Constitution. But who gets to make this new perfect utopian Constitution? Will kids be involved? Do you want me to go into another room and decide what's best for all of you? No you don't! This new Constitution will be made by politicians, and since Congress is still made up of mostly old white men, what are the chances they will write a better Constitution? I'll tell you what they are: about 10 scillion to 1—the same chance that the actual zombies from *The Walking Dead* will take over our planet.

Now for my first argument: "The Constitution Is the Key to Our Liberation."

We have the oldest active Constitution in the world. My opponent wants you to think this is a bad thing, but the reason

it has lasted so long is because it gives us, "We the People," the tools we need to free ourselves from tyranny, and we need these tools right now. It is undeniable that America is more equal and democratic than it was two hundred and thirty years ago. In fact, a hundred and fifty years ago it would've been illegal for you and I, as women, to be having this debate in public. It is because of the Constitution, and not in spite of it, that she and I can stand up here today and imagine a better future for our country.

The great abolitionist Frederick Douglass had more reason to hate this document than most Americans. And yet he supported it because it, quote, "contained the means to mount a critique of slavery from within." End quote.

Judges, a zombie is someone who has no connection to their past. They think about one thing: eating brains. If we throw away our own history, we are the ones who will become the Walking Dead. Thank you.

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(Mike rings the bell.)

MIKE

Abolish will have one minute for rebuttal.

HEIDI

Judges, my opponent's point that Jefferson is dead, so why should we listen to him? —I uh. I'm gonna give her that. I will also grant that I do not yet have a plan about who will create this new document, but I would like to say for the record, I would love for brilliant young women like Rosdely to be involved.