

SEASON 18 STOA LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE

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This list of resources was released for Monument Members during Season 18, or the school year of 2017-2018. Monument members enjoyed these weekly releases, gathering content throughout the season on Stoa's Lincoln-Douglas debate resolutions. The weekly analysis and kick-off materials were meant to help keep competitors sharp.

Resolved: Preemptive warfare is morally justified.

Summer Releases

- Stoa Lincoln-Douglas Release #01: "To Preempt or Not to Preempt" (INFO) (7/3/2017)
- Stoa Lincoln-Douglas Release #02: "Wording of the Resolution" (INFO) (7/10/2017)
- Stoa Lincoln-Douglas Release #03: "Philosophies of the Resolution" (INFO) (7/17/2017)
- Stoa Lincoln-Douglas Release #04: "Applications of the Resolution" (INFO) (7/24/2017)
- Stoa Lincoln-Douglas Release #05: "Government Legitimacy" (AFF) (7/31/2017)
- Stoa Lincoln-Douglas Release #06: "Governmental Legitimacy" (NEG) (8/7/2017)
- Stoa Lincoln-Douglas Release #07: "National Security" (AFF) (8/14/2017)
- Stoa Lincoln-Douglas Release #08: "Life" (NEG) (8/21/2017)

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- Stoa Lincoln-Douglas Release #09: "Anti-value of Tyranny" (AFF) (8/28/2017)
- Stoa Lincoln-Douglas Release #10: "Suicide Mission – Life" (NEG) (9/4/2017)
- Stoa Lincoln-Douglas Release #11: "Prevention" (AFF) (9/11/2017)
- Stoa Lincoln-Douglas Release #12: "Categorical Imperative" (NEG) (9/18/2017)
- Stoa Lincoln-Douglas Release #13: "Oxygen Mask – Self-defense" (AFF) (9/25/2017)
- Stoa Lincoln-Douglas Release #14: "National Security" (NEG) (10/2/2017)
- Stoa Lincoln-Douglas Release #15: "Life as a Moral Imperative" (AFF) (10/9/2017)
- Stoa Lincoln-Douglas Release #16: "Security of Our Soldiers" (NEG) (10/16/2017)
- Stoa Lincoln-Douglas Release #17: "Global Peace" (AFF) (10/23/2017)
- Stoa Lincoln-Douglas Release #18: "It Depends – Resolutional Kritik" (NEG) (10/30/2017)
- Stoa Lincoln-Douglas Release #19: "Self-defense" (AFF) (11/6/2017)
- Stoa Lincoln-Douglas Release #20: "Predictable Abuse" (NEG) (11/13/2017)
- Stoa Lincoln-Douglas Release #21: "We the People" (NEG) (11/20/2017)
- Stoa Lincoln-Douglas Release #22: "The Proof of the Pudding" (AFF) (11/27/2017)
- Stoa Lincoln-Douglas Release #23: "Just War" (AFF) (12/4/2017)

- Stoa Lincoln-Douglas Release #24: “Give Peace a Chance” (NEG) (12/11/2017)

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- Stoa Lincoln-Douglas Release #25: “Vigilant Protection” (AFF) (1/1/2018)
- Stoa Lincoln-Douglas Release #26: “Genie in a Bottle” (NEG) (1/8/2018)
- Stoa Lincoln-Douglas Release #27: “Six-day War” (OPP) (1/15/2018)
- Stoa Lincoln-Douglas Release #28: “9/11” (OPP) (1/22/2018)
- Stoa Lincoln-Douglas Release #29: “National Security” (OPP) (1/29/2018)
- Stoa Lincoln-Douglas Release #30: “Just War Theory” (OPP) (2/5/2018)
- Stoa Lincoln-Douglas Release #31: “Pearl Harbor” (OPP) (2/12/2018)
- Stoa Lincoln-Douglas Release #32: “Cold War” (OPP) (2/19/2018)
- Stoa Lincoln-Douglas Release #33: “Patriotism” (OPP) (2/26/2018)
- Stoa Lincoln-Douglas Release #34: “Global Peace” (OPP) (3/5/2018)
- Stoa Lincoln-Douglas Release #35: “Inherent Moral Legitimacy” (NEG) (3/12/2018)

Season 18 Authors

Joseph Abell was the NITOC Tournament Champion in 2015, and the NCFCA Sweepstakes Champion in 2016. Now he’s the coach of a college team in Dallas and dozens of competitors across Stoa and NCFCA. With an undying passion for the activity, Joseph plans to remain at the cutting edge of speech and debate for as long as possible.

Taylor Belyeu. This is Taylor’s 6th year of competition in the NCFCA. She has competed in both LD and TP, in addition to Apologetics, Extemp, Impromptu, Informative, and Persuasive, qualifying to Regionals every year and in all categories, and Nationals in LD for three years.

Nathaniel Braswell has been competing in speech and debate for 5 years, and is thrilled to be writing for the Monument Publishing Team! He enthusiastically believes that debate prepares students to be beacons of truth in a dark and convoluted society. Nathaniel has competed in all 3 forms of debate, including parliamentary, which he placed 3rd in at NITOC 2017.

Micah Chapman is a homeschooler from Keller, TX, who has competed in Stoa for 5 years now, participating in all 3 forms of debate, and many various speech events. He has had 1st and 2nd place finishes at various tournaments, and placed 3rd in Parli at NITOC 2016.

Mark Csoros competitive history includes top awards in policy, Lincoln-Douglas, parli, extemp, and apologetics in NCFCA and Stoa. He is currently an honors student at the University of Texas, dual-majoring in the Plan II Honors Program and the School of Business. Through his connections with forensics and writing for Monument, Mark earned an internship at the Texas Civil Justice League,

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Alexis Dryjanski is a third year Stoa debater with experience in Team Policy, Lincoln-Douglas, and Parli. She qualified to NITOC 2017 in LD, DI, and Cold Reading. In her spare time, she enjoys reading the Economist and learning more about politics and the world.

Joel Erickson consistently won tournaments or advanced deep into elimination rounds in NCFCA speech and Lincoln-Douglas debate. As a collegiate forensics competitor, he has enjoyed similar success with parliamentary debate and mock trial. Currently, Joel studies philosophy at Wheaton College and coaches debate for multiple organizations.

Shoshanna Howey. In three years of speech and two of debate, Shoshanna has qualified to nationals every year and holds several first, second, and third place titles, all of which are now usefully collecting dust at the back of her bookshelf. She is eager to see what the future holds as she learns to use these skills with wisdom. When not wandering the halls of a tournament, she loves drinking tea, listening to soundtracks, and teaching adorable young children how to explore our beautiful world.

Drew Magness believes in the empathy that good communication should foster. All communicators must learn to be open-minded to new points of view while learning to defend truth. As a competitor and coach, Drew fosters this understanding in all he does. Drew has had success with this approach, holding over 25 first place titles and 50 top 3 placements in speech and debate.

Chris Ostertag. Following an illustrious debate career in the NCFCA, Chris enrolled at Grove City College in the Fall of 2016, where he currently holds a fellowship to study philosophy. He coaches for and competes on the Grove City Parliamentary Debate Team, for which he secured a national speaking title in March 2017. In his spare time, he enjoys playing gigs as a member of the GCC string quartet.

Tobias Park started competing in Lincoln-Douglas debate with NCFCA in 2014, earning 1st place at the New London, CT (SHINE) qualifier, 2nd place speaker at Regionals, and qualifying to Nationals twice. He's passionate about debate, but also has a hobby of amateur radio, giving him the pleasure of talking with people from all over the world.

Thomas Sargent. As a native Coloradan senior with almost six years of experience, Thomas has been in the top 8 competitor positions well over 50 times, winning numerous awards in both speech and debate. Out of more than 1800 competitors nationwide, he has consistently presided in the top 2% of speechranks listings. When he's not working on speech and debate, you can find him studying Christian theology, composing music, drinking smooth coffee, or belting out lines from theater productions.

Shaylea Sawyers is an NCFCA Lincoln-Douglas debater entering her 3rd year of competition. She ranked 17th in Lincoln-Douglas at the NCFCA 2017 National Championship in St. Paul, Minnesota. She's enthusiastic about Lincoln-Douglas debate as a tool to enhance students' understanding of the philosophies that shape our world.

Sydney Travis competed in NCFCA for 5 years in both speech events and LD style debate. She regularly advanced to out-rounds and iron-manned nationals in 2017. Sydney is currently majoring in Philosophy and English at Grove City College and is an active member of the debate team on campus. She loves debate because it teaches how to both communicate well and understand multiple perspectives and philosophies.

Benjamin Vincent secured finalist awards in limited-prep and Lincoln-Douglas at qualifiers, Regionals, National Opens and Nationals itself. His latest and greatest success is 1st Place Apologetics at NCFCA Nationals 2017. Benjamin is excited to continue sharing his ideas with current competitors and future champions!