

DISPUTATION CXLIV

February 4, 2016

Hello Peucinians,

Hope you all had restful breaks, and you've gotten back into the swing of things. Here is to another great semester.

Before I get into the content of this week's disputation, I have an important announcement to make.

This Sunday (2/7) at 12pm in the Peucinian room (basement of Sills) we will be having a declamation session. If you aren't already aware, this is an opportunity for undeclared members to formally enter the ranks of the society. All that is required of you is to answer the following in a 5-6 minute oration: What is the Peak of Human Virtue. If you have any questions, feel free to email me. Send your RSVPs to me by Saturday.

RESOLVED: ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OUGHT TO OBEY THEIR CONSCIENCE OVER THEIR CONSTITUENTS

Affirmative: Robert F. Kennedy '16

Negative: Cesare Borgia '16

At long last our beloved Cesare returns from his semester working with Congresswoman Louise Slaughter, and will offer us the view that representatives ought obey the will of those who elected them into office. This, in effect, asks the person in office to work towards best serving the aggregate interest of his or her supporters. The opposite position, taken by our favorite defender of political elitism, RFK, will argue for the legislative digression of the representative. The question at hand asks us to think about how our democratic system ought to function.

How should those we entrust to represent us best serve us? Do we, as sometimes uninformed voters, know what's best for us? What do we defer to our representatives when we collectively entrust them with legislative power?

As usual.

*7:45 PM Thursday February 5th
Massachusetts Hall Faculty Room (Top Floor)
Semi-Formal Attire*

Sincerely,
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Pinos Loquentes Semper Habemus