

## DISPUTATION CL

May 5, 2016

Dear Peucinians,

It burdens me to say this, but this week we will be having our final disputation of the year. Although this will be the very last disputation for many of the graduating Peucinians, I know that the torch of intellectual curiosity will be in good hands. Given that its the final disputation, I also expect to hear some memorable diatribes and impassioned appeals to virtue.

Without further ado...

### **RESOLVED: VOTING IS SUFFICIENT FOR GOOD CITIZENSHIP**

**Affirmative:** Εὐκλείδης '16

**Negative:** Joachim of Fiore '16

I did not choose the state that I was born in, nor did I endorse or approve any of the laws and taxes imposed on me because of this association. However, I still benefit from the system and owe much of who I am today thanks to the guidance of those in power. This being the case, what actions should I be compelled to take if I want to pride myself in being a "good citizen?"

As a democratic society, we pride ourselves in being a nation by and for the people. Voting is one of the ways in which we prove and demonstrate this point. Although far from being perfect, the act of voting makes evident that we, as citizens of this state, are responsible for shaping its leadership and direction.

But is this act alone sufficient for good citizenship? Perhaps there is more that we can do than just submit our ballots when summoned for the occasion. Should we be more publicly and actively engaged with our country's political process? Do we, by only privately and tacitly making our voices heard, fulfill our full potential as good citizens?

As usual and for the last time.

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

Sincerely,  
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Pinos Loquentes Semper Habemus