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## Call to action: Vote for or against this resolution

## Say: I am now open to cross-examination and points of clarification

# Read the article carefully and thoroughly.

# Highlight important information in the article

# Limit to 3-4 passages

# Highlight Pro/Affirmation= yellow

# Highlight Con/Negation= any other color

# On binder paper

# HEADING

# Write MLA heading—including your name in left margin

# Centered at first line write the topic (NAFTA, Prisons, Cuba, etc)

# Write the title of the article and underneath, the citation information

# EVIDENCE

# Transcript accurately the best evidence from this article

# Transcript accurately the second best evidence from this article

# REASONS/CONTENTIONS

# Give 2-3 reasons why the evidence you choose supports/does not support the resolution.

# Staple your work to the article. *Your work on top!*

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