



IT'S TONGA TIME: TONGA'S TRANSITION TO DEMOCRACY, 2008

Barack Obama's successful Presidential Campaign wasn't the only shock of 2008. In the same year, the Polynesian kingdom of Tonga went through massive political upheaval when King George Tupou V, following generations of absolute monarchical rule, surrendered his absolute power. After this announcement, the various officials and leaders of Tonga had to decide how they were going to structure the country's new system of government. In our committee, delegates will be tasked with the immense responsibility of shaping the future of Tonga. In doing so, they must balance personal desires with national interests. Delegates will have to work together to balance political aspirations, societal concerns, economic incentives, and environmental dangers. Will the leaders of Tonga's future be able to concentrate power and appease the people, or will disaster strike?

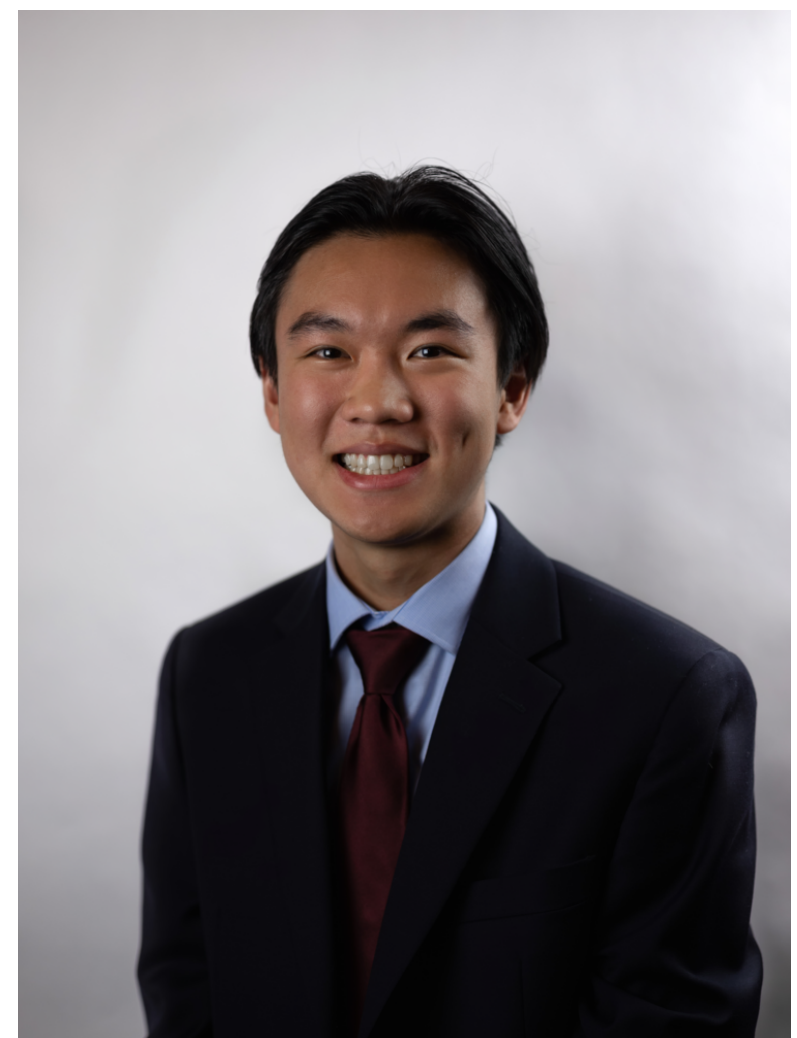
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