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On behalf of the faculty of the Department of Political Science at the University of Denver, I wish to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Seattle Seahawks on their recent Super Bowl win and to the Department of Political Science at the University of Washington, Seattle, which no doubt contributed greatly to this victory. Jermaine Kearse, the only UW graduate on the Seahawks, deserves praise for scoring one of the team's many, many touchdowns against Denver, drawing upon lessons he undoubtedly learned in his undergraduate political science classes: the importance of organization, the value of hierarchical governing structures, the appropriate strategies to employ in non-cooperative, simultaneous games, and the basic mathematical principle that $43 > 8$. And he clearly imparted those lessons to his teammates, disseminating information in a way that can only be done in a dense network with many strong ties. The result was a lopsided outcome not seen since Ronald Reagan's 525-13 Electoral College rout of Walter Mondale in 1984.

We continue to be inspired by the examples set by graduates of the University of Washington, including Bruce Lee (who revolutionized the martial arts), Rainn Wilson (who has been a shining example for angry nerds), and Lisa Conant (who was hired at and tenured by the prestigious Department of Political Science at the University of Denver). The Seahawks and the UW Political Science Department deserve to be proud of their recent victory and many fine achievements. We look forward to future encounters with them and promise to never again fumble on the first friggin' play.

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