

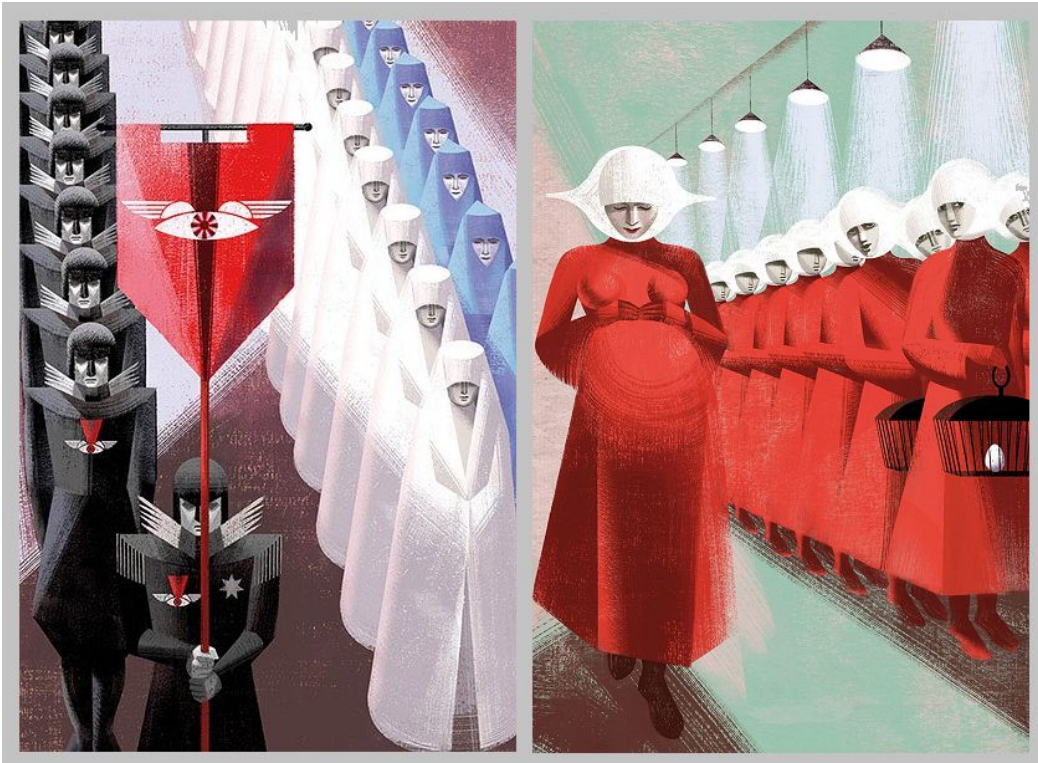


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Hello Delegates,

My name is Annemarie Alms, I'm a junior, and while this is only my second year of Model U.N., I am delighted to be serving as your chair!

Outside of Model U.N., I'm a 'book-mad' girl, which are my (more eloquent) terms of saying that I'm a bookworm. Oftentimes, I feel as if I don't really live in the real world, in-so-much as fully, emphatically breathing through literature.

A year ago, I picked up a little book called 'The Handmaid's Tale,' and being pleasantly surprised, I was hooked.

In the interest of keeping this short (Not to birth a full-blown essay, which, trust me, I have done before) I'll only say that it's an amazing read.

I'm excited about working with ya'll (I wrote 'y'all,' and no, I'm not ashamed) and in empowering ourselves, subsequently hosting a sense of hope for the world, through intelligent, well-mannered diplomacy. Also, and this is the important bit: Have fun!

Hello Delegates,

My name is Sabiq Kennedy, I'm a junior and this will be my 2nd year in model U.N and I will be serving as co-chair for this wondrous committee.

The reason I joined Model U.N. was due to the fact I love how international relations are like a minefield, the wonderful passive aggressive/ somewhat insane discussions in Model U.N. make it all the more fun and this all gives me an excuse to act passive aggressive. A little about myself I'm a tech nerd and gamer. Name a triple A I probably played it also I made the Imunc website complain to me if somethings bad.

I picked up Handmaid's Tale around my last year at middle school due to a friend's recommendation and by recommendation I mean incessant screaming. It was good read and kept me preoccupied for about a week and a half. I remember when I did read it my Banshee of a friend and I would discuss what we just read , what happened, logically how it could have happened, etc.

I'm pretty excited to be working with all of you. I'm sure that you will either be able to make a magnifect discussion or keep me entertained on a Saturday, either way I win. I wish you all the best and hope you are equally entertained as I am by this letter.



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Dear Delegates,

The iSchool Model United Nations Conference specializes in creativity and uniqueness. By participating in our year long club we had the opportunity to create iMUNC for you to have an incredible model UN experience alongside members from all 5 boroughs, we are able to build and run an engaging and educational conference to help you become better delegates.

iMUNC was created last year and was a resounding success so we felt we should continue with what we did then: Chair and delegate independence. We pride ourselves on giving massive delegate freedoms in order to make sure that a story is told not just by the chairs but by delegates. Our theme this year of diplomacy under pressure will create an environment where delegates will be interacting with the world and act in its chaos. We hope to give delegates the opportunity to react to high stakes high risk situations where they are the deciding factor.

With seven committees with OC, Shows, Movies, and books we pride ourselves on our creativity. iMUNC 2019 will embody leadership skills, collaboration skills, diplomacy, Creativity (and a tiny bit of chaos).

A special thanks to our entire Secretariat for making this possible!

Sincerely,

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Committee Overview: A Brief History of Gilead and *The Handmaid's Tale*

(DISCLAIMER: The following information details both given context for 'The Handmaid's Tale' novel, and our own speculation and ideas concerning what follows after the events of the novel, that of which will be of great importance to this committee)

This committee will take place, as can be expected, in the *The Handmaid's Tale* universe. In the near future, the United States is ravaged by the effects of a nuclear war, technological stagnation and a fertility disease that has caused most women to become infertile causing a drastic decrease in the world population. Subsequently, an attack kills the President and the entirety of Congress. In a state of panic, the army takes emergency control and a government coup arises; they take total control of the media and suspend the Constitution. Essentially, the U.S. is quickly transformed into the Republic of Gilead— A theocratic regime that breaks families apart and controls its people to the extreme; especially its women. This system of government was discussed and initiated by a group of privileged white men— The 'Sons of Jacob.'

Wealthy women in approved marriages become 'Wives' to their 'Commanders'; fertile women are forced into 'Red Centers' to become 'Handmaids,' who in turn go to various households as a kind of sex-slave, bearing children for the innumerable infertile wives; older, infertile, and desperate women either become 'Aunts,' those that teach and train Handmaids-to-be at Red Centers, also facilitating various bizarre, gut-wrenching ceremonies, or 'Marthas,' the maids and cooks of a household; poor, infertile women are 'Econwives,' a kind of 'Wife'- 'Martha' hybrid for the lower class; finally, there are the 'Unwomen,' women despised by the regime, and forced to clean up toxic waste at the colonies. Any of the subtypes of women mentioned, via criminal activity, are to become 'Un Women.' Nice, isn't it?

To emphasize this disgustingly oppressive atmosphere, Gilead also enforces the following ceremonies:

- 'The Ceremony': A monthly sexual act that Commanders, with their Wives and Handmaids undergo to conceive children.
- 'Salvaging': Public executions.
- 'Particution': A specific type of Salvaging, in which Handmaids carry out the act of executing.



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- 'Prayvaganza': Mass prayer meetings, often held in celebration of marriages, which are arranged and take place in a mass wedding, with many couples being married at once.
- 'Redemption': A practice in which Handmaids convicted of crimes are forced to undergo a clitoridectomy (the removal of the clitoris), also referred to as circumcision.

Besides the systems implemented above, the Republic of Gilead also sends all people of color, referred to here as the 'Children of Ham,' to internment camps in Utah, segregating them from the general public so that Handmaids and Commanders may produce "ideal" offspring. On top of that, while the Republic also forbids Judaism, they allow as many Jews as possible to flee to Israel (Verified that their Jewish, of course). However, Judaism practiced within Gilead itself is met with severe punishment. As can be imagined with any intense, theocratic regime, lots of other things are also punished: Homosexuality ('Gender-Treachery'), Handmaids reading, fleeing, rebellion, etc.

While it is true that Gilead was able to install many of its ideas into its government, many of the new country's ideals weren't looked upon kindly by the public, as, as can be easily imagined, they weren't too fond of the idea of giving up their rights as human beings. The discontent with Gilead's theocratic regime led to many rebellions throughout its territories, and due to this, Gilead's young government saw fit to create the 'Eyes of God.' The 'Eyes of God,' more commonly referred to as the Eyes, were a division of government which took the role of the C.I.A for Gilead. They would systematically annihilate all forms of rebellion to the point that even thinking of rebellion could be considered a crime; the Eyes would go as far as to commence government purges if they believed certain officials were not loyal enough. Even though the Eyes were extremely successful in their ability to put down rebellions, two rebel cells would come to escape them. These two cells were later named the Baptist and Mayday. Both of these rebellions would become a constant thorn in the side of Gilead as the Baptists actively waged war against Gilead, on the other hand, Mayday was a shadow rebellion that had would still actively fight Gilead but also try to help those oppressed by its regime. One of the people that Mayday saved was the narrator of *The Handmaid's Tale*, Offred, or, as we later discover her actual name to be, June Osborne. Citizens that manage to escape likely come to Canada, which openly receives/ accepts refugees. Others go from Canada to the U.K. which, similarly, accepts and supports Gilead refugees. These two continuing rebellions stood as a testimony to the fact Gilead could be defeated.



CURRENT STATUS: In the future for the Handmaid's Tale that we will host our committee in, the theocratic regime of Gilead has been severely weakened by years of infighting, rebellions and old government hold outs. This fall from grace of Gilead's influence paved the way for Mayday to take control of large portions of Gilead's territory and becoming a power in its own right, not only a rebellion; although when Mayday grew ever stronger it began to splinter as multiple smaller organizations under the name of Mayday; yet not following the same leaders, sprang forth causing chaos. These splinter groups became a liability and was denounced by the main Mayday body, however this failed to stop them from growing and became internationally believed to be a part of Mayday. Mayday was not the only one that benefited from Gilead's incompetence though as the Eyes choses to separate themselves from Gilead and became a major threat as they know the secrets of all the world. Basically, they are the CIA if they went rouge. Currently, Canada and some other powers, namely the U.K., are desperately trying to make a peace between the powers, if not for the good of humanity, like Canada usually does, it is for commercial reasons.

But there are questionable ties between these three nations, trade-wise, that would make it in Canada's and the U.K.'s interests to appease Gilead. Thank God for the pressure placed upon them [Canada and the U.K.] by anti-Gilead protest groups, that of which are quickly and powerfully spreading across the free world: Peacefully demanding that their countries wage war and end the Republic of Gilead.

At the other end, various far-right movements are also rising. *Violently* rising, and demanding that their governments adopt Gilead's theocratic regime and aid the Republic of Gilead in all its aspects. They have ties to some pretty powerful people.

In a nutshell: It's complicated.



Problems to Address/ Questions to Consider

1. Humanitarian/ Human Rights Issues
 - a. Slavery in Gilead (a.k.a. Unwomen, Econwives, Guardians etc.)
 - b. While the Republic of Gilead commits all these wrongs, they are, however, in the fragile process of integrating the previously enslaved 'Children of Ham' into society. Dismantling Gilead could mean disturbing this, and causing more harm to the 'Children of Ham' than good. How should the anti-Gilead and Canada/ U.K. Representatives deal with this?
 - c. Mayday's inability to control it's populace resulting in purge like scenarios.
 - d. Riots and other violence incited by the far-right movements of the free world.
2. Stability Issues/ Rebellion
 - a. Mayday taking control of large portions of Gilead's territory.
 - b. The rapid decrease in fertility and population, while being addressed by the Republic of Gilead, isn't an issue to be ignored quite just yet. How should other countries address this issue and come together to find a solution?
 - c. The growing tensions in the free world between far-right and anti-Gilead movements, not to mention the questionable ties they have with politicians, and on top of that, the general public's opinion of the aforementioned politicians.
3. The Eyes
 - a. Secret Documents about other countries.
 - b. Its splinter cells, a.k.a., Mayday and the Baptists.



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Bloc Analysis/ Delegate Positions

Canada

President Walmsley

The President of Canada, who attempts remaining neutral as much as humanly possible, has lead Canada for six years previous to this present day, avoiding conflict with its neighbor: The Republic of Gilead, for both humanitarian and business (trade) reasons. While being generally well-liked, things are beginning to get complicated. The Republic of Gilead is pressing Canada to send any refugees back to them, and Canada blatantly refuses. Tension is also rising with numerous “anti-Gilead” movements [in Canada] that want him to be more openly opposed to the Republic of Gilead, and the polar-opposite far-right movements spreading across, not only Canada, but countries like the U.K. too, who pressure their governments to give suitable aid to Gilead and adapt their policies, via direct implementation. President Walmsley, as well as numerous other powerful Canada politicians, aim to eventually take the port cities of the north-east in favor of better trade with empire and as a “liberation war” but also realizes the trouble this would cause with both anti-war and pro-Gilead parties. He also does not wish to hinder the cure for the fertility disease to much.

Olivia Brown

A spokesperson for the central anti-Gilead movement, Canada-based Olivia Brown pressures her government to more openly oppose the Republic of Gilead, and ideally, would wage war on it. She believes in operations to free the children of Ham in order to gain an army but she despises the rebelling mayday factions. She has gained much power controlling nearly half of the anti-gilead resources (\$1,000,000,000), she hopes to ally herself with the United Kingdom and launch to try and entice a offensive but she realizes that may cost to much. She believes in the cure Gilead is working on and hopes to get her hands on it.



Aaron Maybe

A Canadian Gilead supporter, Aaron Maybe represents the Canadian Gilead support front, which hopes to aid Gilead in its time of need. While not necessarily wanting to implement Gilead's style of governance, Aaron Maybe holds great sway over the resources of Canada. He was funding Gilead's science campaign behind the scenes and hopes to convince everyone that the possible benefit of Gilead outweighs the detriment.

Miranda Keyes

Head of the Canadian Navy, the only navy in the world that can give Gilead a fight. Keyes is a strong opposer to Gilead but a strong help to Mayday. She has launched a multitude of key strikes on Gilead territory without declaring war and has given Mayday the ships required to, at least, defend its coasts. She hopes to force the Canadian government into an intervention or at least an outside strike against ports in Gilead. She hates the Children of Ham and wishes for an authorized maritime strike against their location to prevent the Gileaden Government from exploiting them.

Gilead

Gaius Octavian

This is the general leader of the Republic of Gilead. Obviously one of the original Sons of Jacob, he rose to power through violence and corruption. Currently, Gilead is in a really fragile situation. Domestically and internationally, things are crazy. Octavian, and the greater Gileadean government, want to strengthen their state and possibly gain some land back. He also aims to gain some sort of relief whether it be military or economically from any possible allies as well as secure trade. Octavian has also been working tirelessly with top scientists to find a cure to the diseases that caused the infertility of people across Gilead. Due to Gilead's extreme power, the cure is within arms reach— Could this spell a possible cure, or new biological weapons? If Gilead was to lose anymore power or fail this research could forever disappear eliminating any hope of saving the human race. Gilead has also been decimated from years of war and rebellion hence, Octavian hopes to use the Children of Ham as a workforce by integrating them into Gileadean society and hopefully save Gilead. While this hasn't been met with much support from the rest of Gilead Octavian's influence alone has been helping sway public opinion and political opinion. This symbolizes a sway with a rather progressive leader in Gilead, if cards are played



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right this could mean a peaceful integrated Gileadean society as well as massive addition of manpower to Octavian.

Lepidus

A staunch fundamentalist of Gilead who believes in the continuation of the Handmaids and the continuation of Gilead's legacy as a whole. Lepidus has a large hold on the Military of Gilead and has been seen as a incredible general and political figure having a unwavering loyalty to the previous rulers before Octavian. He sees the loss of territory due to failed military tactics and believes a full offensive is required and if Mayday advances any closer to the holding for the Children of Ham then a extermination is necessary. Seen as a master diplomat he was able to secure aid from Japan and other more questionable sources that has kept Gilead alive. He is a large public and military figure in keeping Gilead alive but is also part of the leadership crisis.

Marc Antony

The third and final head of Gilead, Marc Antony is the financial backer of Gilead holding large sway of the smaller higher ups of Gilead and their vast resources. He has been funding Lepidus campaigns while desperately trying to keep the logistics of Gilead in check. He has been the main backer for “THE CURE” and the push for peace with the rebels. He also believes that the children of ham should be mobilized into a cohesive military force but fears the backlash from the world from such a action. Antony is the main opposer to Octavian and his rise to power seeing him as illegitimate and leads the new age of Gilead's elite. Without his leadership chaos would ensue not only in Gilead but the world as the elite begin their own ploys.

Pompeius Davros

The naval commander of the Gilead fleet, the largest fleet on the planet. Pompues Davros is Octavian's close friend and ally. They share many of the same reformist views of Gilead and Pompeius hopes to finally eliminate the Handmaid system. He however is against Octavian on freeing the children of ham seeing them as a new slave workforce. If Monday were a dance to close to the children of Ham’s location Pompeus could bombard it to oblivion. He is still one of the most powerful men in the world with uncontested power of the seas.



Baptist Church

“John Ernst” (leader of the Baptist Church)

The leader of the Baptists, which are one of two splinter cell groups to escape from the grasp of the Eyes. They’ve invited numerous riots and other violent acts across Gilead as of late. John Ernst wants, ultimately, Gilead’s downfall, and the rise of the Baptist Church as a new power in the world by setting up a new empire in the ashes of Gilead with baptism as a enforced religion. His view is unfavorable for anyone who isn’t a part of Mayday as his new nation is viewed as just a resurgence of a even more barbaric Gilead. Mayday supports them due to many favors owed to them as the Baptists would send aid to Mayday over the decades of rebellion. Mayday also wishes a new ally to arise as a buffer between them and Gilead. The Baptists have also made some alliances with Anti-Gilead forces receiving supplies from both Canada and Mexico making a point of tension.

Cleetus Gamble

A high ranking official in the Baptist church, Gamble is a General for the army. He is well beloved and seems to be a more progressive leader for the baptists. He wishes to establish elections and free the children of Ham as civilians. His ideals conflict with the main baptist ideals but due to his leadership in the offensives against Gilead he has been tolerated. He is seen by outsiders as a more open baptist leader.

Mayday

Damien Hughes

The main branch of Mayday feared for their leaders lives as in many previous apparent “peace talks” Gilead had assassinated Mayday Leaders in an attempt to destabilize Mayday. This has led to Mayday being skeptical of Gilead and sending a representative to talk for them as the numerous splinter cells of Mayday make its current leaders a high value claim to legitimacy. The representative sent has been ordered to try and secure liberated land from Gilead and to somehow free the Children of Ham as they can be a huge untapped manpower reserves and economic relief. If possible the representative has also been told to seek relief supplies from any friendly powers in the committee as this war with Gilead has put a huge strain on the coffers of



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Avery Johnson

Main General and face of Mayday, an escaped children of ham member Avery Johnson helped thousands find freedom by creating Mayday. Johnson was explicitly told not to arrive but came anyway accusing the rest of Mayday for Cowardice. He wishes for a end to the war or even a union of states of Glead and Mayday reforming under a new banner of peace. He wishes nothing more then to see his fellow children of hap free and the Baptists destroyed. He is man who sees the baptists as a greater threat to the freedom of Mayday then even Gilead.



Mexico

Miguel Ángel

Overall the country of Mexico flourished over the years. With the nuclear war that occurred in Handmaid's Tale the country was in a desperate situation as the country was falling apart. However Miguel Ángel had saved the country by being a fierce leader that executed dissidents and came to this commitment to try and help salvage what is left of the USA. Being a Baptist Miguel greatly supports the Baptist church in its conquests of America. Mexico had been funding the Baptists with not only money and weapons but troops. He has been a close advisor to the John Ernest and shares many ideals, expects the complete destruction of Gilead and the Children of Ham. He wishes to save them and add them to the Baptist ranks also to keep Gilead alive until such a time the cure is prepared. He hopes to convince the other Baptist leaders to his view.

Ferris Manis

A reformist inside the current Mexican government Ferris Manis wishes to reform to a democratic government. He also wishes to help Mayday at all costs. He sees the Baptists as worse than Mayday due to most views on the Children of Ham and near theocratic state. He wishes to convince Gilead and Mayday to take a stand against them by making a temporary truce between each other. He has amassed a critical force inside of Mexican territory and a vast sum of funds he hopes at least one of the American successor states will side with him.

United Kingdom

Sir William Wambold

A delegate from the U.K., Sir Wambold advocates for the country's various interests: Gaining land/ the colonies from Gilead, and, theoretically, dismantling it in the near-future to regain the might of the British Empire. However, Sir Wambold has deep ties and interests with companies profiting from Gileaden trade, and, recently, Sir Wambold's ties with various far-right movements surfaced. It is known now he may be an ally to Gilead.



Daniel Barchard

A prominent leader, member, and spokesperson for the pro-Gilead movement, Barchard nearly demands that his country, the U.K. aid and defend the Republic of Gilead. He has deep ties with Sir Wambold (He is the main financial backer of Wambold), and similarly possesses many of his interests, only Barchard ultimately wants the U.K., Canada, and the rest of the free world, to eventually follow Gilead's model for a country should be run. He believes that the men, the scientists, and Octavian of Gilead must be preserved in order to implement this society.

Japan

Akako Hasu

Prime Minister of Japan, Akaki Hasu is a strong advocate for the restoration of Gilead. With Mayday now controlling the west coast of America making trade harder with the Republic of Gilead, Hasu has supplied Gilead with many supplies in order to restore Gilead to its former glory. Hasu wishes to see a profitable trade with Gilead reoccur to help Japan's economy.

Midori Suzuki

This powerful businesswoman, based in Japan, has quite the dilemma. She values the success of her company, which relies on oil and other fuels from Gilead, immensely, while still being a major part of a feminist protest group, which has, as of late, started to deem her a hypocrite for her role in business. She remains conflicted, still wanting to be loyal to both sides. She many times has tried to get the resources from Mayday in order to support the rebellion while keeping her company afloat but Maydays distrust of her placed her into a peculiar spot.



United Arab Federation

Rashad Aldin Sha

The representative of the United Arab Federation, the conglomerate of middle eastern states that control the largest amount of oil in the world. The UAF has been supplying all sides of the Gilead war from beginning to end. The Delegation is to find a way to either continue the war to a point of near exhaustion or to help make peace in the area although with all sides having trade with the empire.

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AL Hasin Ahmed

A large corporation owner who has accompanied the other two delegates to this conference Al Hasin wishes to destroy Gilead seeing it as an affront to islamic teaching and morality. He represents the business that wish for this war to end. He comes hoping to send funds to Mayday mainly and to find a way to cure the fertility disease. He cares little for the children of ham seeing them as a chip to be played in a larger bargain.



East Asian Coalition

Akash Islam

The delegate of the east asian coalition, the formation of a united state between the the asian region(mainly china and india.) Having the largest country in the world but technologically lacking. The east asian coalition delegation is from the indian region with the largest industrial capacity. The indian sphere of the coalition has been in large support of Mayday being seeing as it poses the most value and likelihood to the indian continent for survival and defeating Gilead which was notorious in the continent for being against the coalition and the brutality against southeast asians that were labeled as children of Ham. The delegation is to help mayday with supplies to a degree and if possible find a resolution that would result in the destruction of Gilead without direct conflict as well as the freedom/salvation of the children of Ham.

Lin Gi Ping

A second delegate from the east asian coalition that is representing the chinese. This delegate has been given explicit orders to help Gilead at all costs. The fertility disease had hit china and india the hardest resulting in a massive population reduction. The nuclear fallout had also severely limited habitable land in china The chinese state is to provide help to Gilead in a decent price is negotiable the west coast. The chinese see the cure as a ultimate savior of the world and wants to help with research if at all possible. They care little for the children of Ham seeing them as a nuisance in direct contrast to their indian partners.

Iberian Federation

Caio Afonso

Leader if the Iberian Federation. Afonso is a dictatorial leader with large ties with Mayday and Gilead. However with the beginning of this conference he must decide who he chooses for survival. Afonso has large financial ties with Mayday with large amounts of trade of weapons, food, etc. He also has played a role in the cure of the fertility disease by sending researchers. He is also a supporter of the freedom of the Children of Ham no matter the alignment, simply the improvement from the current living standards.



Germanic Peoples Republic

Alexander Richter

A leader of the Germanic Peoples Republic, Richter is a large backer of a military expedition into Mayday through Gilead. He believes Gilead is the last hope for humanity in survival of the fertility disease. He represents the union of France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Belgium, Lucumborg, and the Netherlands collective opinion that the survival of the human race at the moment outweighs any need for humanitarian rights in a world that will soon make humanity existent.

Wilhelm Ferrari

A Military leader of the Germanic Peoples Republic. Wilhelm is seen to follow his own goals. He has seen the want for his country to side with Gilead for survival and despises it. He wishes to remain moral even if it means to go against his country. At the moment he is loyal to his country and his people but it is seen he was sending weapons and finances to mayday. It is unknown if he will support his country's opinion or Mayday.

Non- country Speakers

June Osborne (Escaped Handmaid)

A former Handmaid, June escaped via Mayday and its Underground Femaleroad (Cheesy? Yes, we know) to Canada, where she became finally reunited with her husband. Thereafter Words, she became a spokesperson for various anti-Gilead movements, and represents them and their goals (Namely, get Canada and other world powers to wage war on Gilead, thus dismantling it), besides shedding a humanitarian light on this otherwise political issue. She had in fact become such a large influence on Canada's anti Gilead sphere that she is suspected of being the middleman transaction between the anti- Gilead forces and rebels. She is the dealer of weaponry constantly traveling from anti-Gilead forces to the rebels in Gilead. She hopes to see the war continue if not for the downfall of Gilead and her previous master, for a profitable experience.



William Gibbons

This much admired journalist has revealed the depth and horrors of the Republic of Gilead. Targeted by many governments, Gibbons constantly travels around the world, anonymously publishing articles and essays that emphasize the nature of Gilead. Gibbons also claims to be neutral when it comes down to his own opinion concerning Gilead, but that he is only interested in the pursuit of the truth.

Alster Flint

Escaped from the 'Sons of Ham compound' in Utah, Flint is a rarity in enlightening the public as to this other aspect of the Republic of Gilead, that being the systemic separation and violent suppression of black people within Gilead. He has published some articles, and done a handful of TV interviews, but for the most part, he prefers to remain out of the public's eye. It is believed he still has many connections to the remaining children of Ham and may be supplying a uprising to form a third rebel faction. Although he is unsure who he would aid seeing the benefits of an alliance with mayday with supplies, The Baptists with the possibility of a two pronged assaults or Canada to avoid further bloodshed.



Research

To rock this committee, you ought to read the amazing ‘Committee Overview’ in this document. You know the one. The one we poured a lot of hard work and love into.

Of course, being this far, and being the awesome people we assume and hope you are, you’ve already carefully read through it, and understand the all-important context of this committee. Well, read it again! And a third time, if you’re up for it. Take notes, analyze, and ensure your understanding.

Of course, this fantabulous section of this incredible background guide isn’t just meant to reidorate the obvious. It’s there to give you some further research pointers:

- This is a big one, but its helpfulness cannot be understated: Read Margaret Atwood’s *Handmaid’s Tale*. Only being in the *Handmaid’s Tale* universe with a Handmaid herself will allow you to thoroughly understand the horrific nature of Gilead, and to address it accordingly. Also, it’s an amazing read, and you should probably read more.
- While the TV show **DOESN’T** pertain to this committee AT ALL, a few episodes might give you a more lucid idea of the *Handmaid’s Tale* universe. A warning, however: **It isn’t easy to watch. It’s explicit, gruesome, and horrific. The book is too**, for that matter. If that fact concerns you, you’d better leave both the novel and Hulu series alone, and check out ...
- The *Handmaid’s Tale* Wiki (See Bibliography)!!! A general overview might do you some good.
- If you’re not up to reading the ‘*Handmaid’s Tale*’ or don’t have the time to go binge watching the show, then there is always the cheat to reading any book: Sparknotes. Sparknotes provides a splendid overview on the events that occur in the *Handmaid’s Tale*. Seriously— It’s actually amazingly impressive and detailed.



Documents

This committee may utilize the following documents:

- Directive: A formal action taken by committee members and, which must first be voted on.
- Communiqué: A formal message from a committee or delegate to be communicated to other bodies, and must have a majority vote.
- Press Release: A statement from a committee or delegate that they want expressed to the public. If sent from the committee, press releases must first be approved through a vote.
- Individual Action Order: Actions that are taken by an individual delegate that is reflected in their portfolio powers.
- Crisis Notes: A note that is the dominant medium for taking individual action in committee by using your portfolio powers.



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