

**iMUNC 2019**

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Dear Delegates,

Welcome to iMUNC 2019! My team and I are so glad you have decided to attend and we hope you have a wonderful time. My name is Mia Piazzzi and I am a senior at the iSchool. I have been doing Model UN for the past two years and love it. Outside of school, I am a huge fashionista but I also code and write.

In this committee, delegates will be assigned roles of the president's cabinet or representatives of Communist Party USA as communism has successfully taken over America. Delegates will either try to restore democracy back into the country, come to reason with the party, or have a different outcome. I am excited to see what you guys come up with and how many of you bring the Communist Manifesto with you. Please email me if you have any questions.

--- Mia

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(P.S. I may or may not bring in communist cupcakes)

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,

Carmen Simons

Lucas Kulin

Alliyah Logan

Lily Krug

Secretary General

Secretary General

President

President

The date is July 2019. It is a time of revolution, advancements and a new era. It is now the third year of Donald Trump's presidential term and things are becoming tumultuous. A seemingly never ending trade war between the United States and China drags on, economists are worried about a possible recession, and the government is slowly becoming less powerful. A new political party is increasingly becoming more favorable among the American people, Communist Party USA. Their hopeful promises in becoming a "United Nation" once again attracts the young and old. As more and more protests continue it seems as though a coup may be afoot....

## Background

### **Communism In America**

The Communist Party USA (CPUSA) was founded in 1919 and has fought for equal rights for labor workers, women, racial justice, and peace for the past 99 years. Heavily influenced by Marxism, they have helped fight Jim Crow laws, fight fascism, and more. Of course the criticism and skepticism of communism has made it difficult for them to become more popular but they do have a large following throughout the country.

Communism in America is a split topic. The Red Scare in the late 1920s spread fear among Americans that communism would arise in the country. During the Cold War in the 1940s and 50s there were concerns that some leftists and communists in America were actually undercover spies for the Soviet Union leading to many many witch hunts. Named after senator Joseph McCarthy, McCarthyism was a campaign designed to make accusations against alleged communists even though most of the time those accused were not communists. As a result these people were blacklisted, lost their jobs, and were looked down upon from others.

As time went on, though, more nations became communist such as China, North Korea, and Vietnam, which made Americans fear that their country was next. Though, more than 50 years later, communism in America is still an unpopular idea. In the 2016 election when senator Bernie Sanders was running as a democratic nominee, his new ideas of democratic socialism

appealed to many, mainly millennials, while many accused him of being a communist. Communism in America has become more popular among the younger generations while the older generations have still been impacted by the Red Scare and other events.

### **The President**

Currently, Donald Trump's presidency has America divided. While a majority of Americans disapprove of his ideas and things he has done, some still are very heavy believers in "Making America Great Again". In 2018 there were two short government shutdowns—the first time this has happened in 20 years. The third one, which had been going on since December 22, 2018, ended in early February. The economy experienced a major growth in the beginning of the year but is slowly trickling down. America is losing more and more allies and the nation's debt is rising faster and faster. While the government is still in charge of the nation, a new revolutionary party has slowly become the center of attention: the Communist Party USA. In late January 2019 the CPUSA initiated a protest in Washington D.C for federal workers and others who were affected by the shutdown. It attracted more than 700,000 people and kicked legislators and the president into action, virtually ended the shutdown overnight. As the CPUSA gained national recognition, more and more people around the country became intrigued about this group and joined after reading their mission online.

John Bachtell, the current chairman of CPUSA, has made numerous statements about what they are trying to do and how. He has also gotten rid of any claims of a "communist takeover" in America. But as time goes on it feels as though there might be. With the current situation in America and the nearing 2020 election, the American people want something revolutionary, something that's modern and new. In late February, the CPUSA held another rally to fight for stronger gun control laws, this time in New York City where their headquarters are located. This drew a large crowd of 500,000 and even more attention towards the CPUSA making more people interested in what their goals were.

## **CPUSA**

What makes CPUSA so different from the Republicans and Democrats, is that they attract both sides. The CPUSA focuses on a range of issues from climate change to food stamp cuts, so many people from all around the country are interested to see what they can provide. Liberals were instantly drawn to their revolutionary ideas especially in the current Trump era. Although it was difficult to convince most conservatives to join a communist group, after reaching out to those who were affected during the government shutdown and helping rural farmers, more of them were inclined to join. CPUSA has also helped with cleaning up destruction from two major hurricanes in 2018. Some of their members volunteered and donated money to those in need after both of them hit.

## **Current Status**

Donald Trump filed to run for re-election in 2020 the day after he was inaugurated, but he began earnestly campaigning in early April via Twitter. His base was ecstatic and fully supported him, but after the prolonged shutdown in January many federal workers were anxious about what could happen if he won again. Then in June, Trump travelled to Des Moines, Iowa where he was to do a small campaign rally and give a speech which would formally announced his candidacy. At this time, the CPUSA had grown from around 1,000,000 members to at least 20,000,000. This was due to multiple rallies and events CPUSA had organized along with support from other activist groups. Trump's first campaign rally drew a crowd of 500,000 but also a protest from the CPUSA telling him not to run again and pointing out the damage he had already done to the country for the past three years. The protest was held the night before Trump was supposed to arrive in Iowa but escalated into a full riot after some Trump supporters started to protest against them. Several people were arrested and by the next morning everything was calm. At 10:00 AM, Trump started his campaign rally and at 10:45 AM he started his speech. At 3:30 PM, Trump was scheduled to leave Iowa and head back to Washington D.C, when he was suddenly shot at Des Moines International Airport. As he was walking towards Air Force 1, a bullet struck him in back. Immediately, the Secret Service moved to secure the area and find the

suspect while others rushed to carry him back inside the plane and alert officials in Washington.

Unfortunately, once he arrived in Washington, Trump was pronounced dead and the news spread among White House staff, Congress, and Senate. In the face of mounting tension and even revolutionary protests from the CPUSA, it was decided that they would not make the President's death public yet. Vice President Mike Pence, has called upon this cabinet meeting to figure out how they shall continue government operations during this time, how can they manage the CPUSA and rising threats of a government overthrow, and finally how long they can fake President Trump's life?

## Bloc Analysis & Delegate List

### Committee Members

Each delegate will be representing either a member of the president's cabinet, a federal official, or another important member of the President's inner circle.

#### Director of National Intelligence **Daniel Coats**

The director of National Intelligence serves as the head of the intelligence community and acts as the principal advisor to the President, National Security Council, and Homeland Security in matters related to national security. Daniel Coats strongly believes that CPUSA is a threat to national security and has made this his number one priority.

#### Director of the Central Intelligence Agency **Gina Haspel**

The CIA collects national security information and works on stopping any major crimes in the country. Gina Haspel is working with Daniel Coats to

keep track of the protests led by CPUSA and see if they pose as a threat to the American people. She is not very focused on them at the moment.

Secretary of Commerce **Wilbur L. Ross, Jr.**

The Department of Commerce's main jobs are to create jobs, promote economic growth, and encourage sustainable development while improving standards of living for all Americans. Wilbur Ross believes that CPUSA will harm the American people and will crash the stock markets if they do take over.

Secretary of Defense **James Mattis**

The Department of Defense is responsible for providing and looking over the U.S military forces and to protect the security of America. Although James Mattis left the White House in December, there has been no replacement yet and so he has still been put on- call in case there is a crisis. Mattis believes that the CPUSA is not a threat at all, but will use military forces to intervene just in case something does arise.

Chief of Staff of the United States Army **Mark A. Milley**

Mark Milley is a four star general commanding the U.S Army. He has been called upon by James Mattis to discuss if there is a need for military intervention if a situation occurs.

Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force **Mark A. Welsh III**

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Chief of Staff of the United States Navy **John M. Richardson**



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Chief of Staff of the United States Marine Corps. **Robert B. Neller**

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Chief of Staff of the United States Coast Guard **Karl L. Schultz**

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Secretary of Energy **Rick Perry**

The Department of Energy is in charge of advancing the national, economic, and energy security of the United States. They also focus on maintaining a secure and effective nuclear deterrent and reducing the threat of nuclear proliferation. Having lived through the Cold War, Rick Perry believes that communism is a harmful ideology and will ruin the country if implemented.

Secretary of Health and Human Services **Alex Azar**

The Department of Health and Human Services serves to enhance and protect the health of all Americans. This includes making improvements and advancements in medicine, public health, and social services. Alex Azar believes that communism does not help people but harm them and poses CPUSA as a threat to the American people.

Secretary of Homeland Security **Kirstjen Nielsen**

The Department of Homeland Security is a federal agency designed to protect the United States against threats. This includes aviation security, border control, emergency response and cyber security. Kirstjen Nielsen is known to be a loyal supporter of President Trump and is mourning his loss but believes that CPUSA is a threat towards the American people security.

Secretary of the Interior **Ryan Zinke**

The Department of Interior looks all the national parks and monuments in the United States. They use science to manage and sustain America's wildlife, rivers, lands, and water. They are also responsible for the tribal nations and America's island communities. Ryan Zinke believes that CPUSA will ruin America's land and does nothing for the people.

Secretary of Labor **Alexander Acosta**

The Department of Labor promotes and develops the welfare of wage owners, job seekers, and retirees. They work to improve working conditions and assure all work-related benefits and rights. Alexander Acosta believes there might be room for compromise with CPUSA and is a little more lenient on them unlike his other colleagues.

Secretary of State **Mike Pompeo**

The Department of State takes care of diplomatic matters of the federal government and handles foreign affairs with other nations and international bodies. Their main job is to promote American foreign policy throughout the world. Mike Pompeo believes that the only right way to run a country is to have it be a democracy and allow the people to run it. He does not support CPUSA at all.

## Secretary of the Treasury **Steven T. Mnuchin**

The Department of Treasury is in charge of the U.S economic and financial systems. They also are responsible for promoting economic prosperity and ensuring the financial security of the U.S. Steven Mnuchin believes that if the United States becomes a communist nation, the economy will plummet and that communism will never work in the U.S.

## U.S. Trade Representative **Robert Lighthizer**

Robert Lighthizer is responsible for developing and coordinating U.S international trade, commodity and direct investment policy. He also oversees negotiations with other countries. Mr. Lighthizer believes transforming America into a communist nation would immediately cut off all trade deals with nations and that communism is an ineffective idea.

## Director of the Office of Management and Budget **Mick Mulvaney**

As director of the OMB Mick Mulvaney serves the President in overseeing preparation to the Federal budget and supervises admins in the Executive Branch. Mick Mulvaney believes that a communist take over is virtually impossible but will back up Mike Pence in whichever way he goes.

## Senior Advisor to the President **Jared Kushner**

Jared Kushner is not only Donald Trump's son-in-law but is also one of his top advisors which communicates the President's message to the American people and does other various tasks. During the January shutdown, Trump appointed him to negotiate a deal with Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer to reopen the government. Even though he was not successful, Jared Kushner believes that he might be able to make a deal with the CPUSA and figure something out.

### Senior Advisor to the President **Stephen Miller**

Stephen Miller is a far- right political activist and acts as Trump’s policy advisor. He believes that CPUSA is just like the “radical left” and that they are trying to turn America into a third world country if they implement communism.

### Vice President **Michael R. Pence**

In the case that the president can no longer serve, the vice president falls into succession of them. Michael Pence is now in charge of all presidential duties while also pretending that the president is still alive. He will not allow a communist takeover of the country and will use military force if necessary but will try to negotiate if he has to.

### White House Chief of Staff **John F. Kelly**

Although John Kelly recently left the White House, he has been called upon to work on this issue with the cabinet. His main focus is not CPUSA but how they will manage to pretend Trump is still alive.

### United States House of Representatives Minority Leader **Nancy Pelosi**

Nancy Pelosi was elected House Minority Leader in November of 2018. She has proven to be a woman who stands her ground and an efficient leader. She has been asked to join this cabinet meeting because Mike Pence believes that if they include a democrat, it might be easier to compromise with CPUSA and stop an overthrow of the government.

### United States Senate Majority Leader **Mitch McConnell**

Mitch McConnell has been Senate Majority Leader since 2015. He has been a long time senator for the state of Kentucky and received a lot of criticism during the shutdown for not doing his job. Mike Pence has invited him to

this meeting as another negotiator since he was the one who helped resolve the 2013 Obama shutdown.

#### Chairman of the Federal Communication Commission **Ajit V. Pai**

The Federal Communication Commission is an independent government agency that regulates the radio, television, and internet. They also regulate all interstate communication both wire and signal. Ajit Pai has proposed to use a fake dummy or an impersonator to act like Donald Trump just in case he is needed to make a press release to the public. He is also working to make sure his death is impossible to find out online and has blocked all news corporations from broadcasting the news if they do find out.

#### Former Communist Party USA Chair **Sam Webb**

Sam Webb served as the CPUSA chairman from 2000- 2014. He has been asked to represent the party during this cabinet meeting in order for them to get an idea of what the CPUSA wants and what their plans are for the future. Sam Webb believes that the CPUSA can help those who don't have a voice and can help all Americans be equal.

### Questions to Consider/Committee Mission

- Can revolution from the CPUSA be prevented?
- How can the image of a living president Trump be maintained?

- How can order and balance be restored to the American public?

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## 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.