

CRISIS COMMITTEE APPLICATION QUESTIONS 2014

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Topic: Mao's Yan'An Red Base

1. What interests you about China?

China is one of the world's oldest civilization with more than 4000 years of history and now currently the most populous countries in the world. Moreover, Chinese economy has doubled every eight years since 1978 and the country is currently has the fastest-growing economy of this planet. Apart from all of those interesting facts, China is one of the few countries which still follow Communism and is the most powerful Communism Country (with market-oriented mixed market) exists at the moment. The history of China has its ups and downs with many interesting events, especially in the Chinese Revolution which is a big step to the foundation of Chinese Communist Party at present. Understanding this period help me know more about the development of Chinese Communist Party, the Mao Zedong's thought, the establishment of his leadership and method of control that later lead to the victory of the Communists over the Nationalists in 1949.

2. What interests you about Communism?

I was born and raised in Vietnam, a communist country and I've experience what is it like to live in a country that believe Communism. Ever since I was a little kid, I was taught at school how wonderful and beneficial Communism was and will be to the country. However, as I grow up, I know that there're other sides of Communism that the adults were never allowed to tell me and those information can never be taught at school. Looking at Communism from a perspective of an insider in my country and an outsider when I come to the US, I can see many conflicts in the definition and effect of this system. That's the reason why I want to learn more about Communism in different perspective and know more about the truth. I want identify the differences between the ideology of Communism and its realistic development nowadays. The Chinese Communists believe they are democratic, believing that "Democratic government is the Chinese Communist Party governing on behalf of the people." Somewhat irony about the claim of this Communists and the myth of its structure make me really interested in gaining more knowledge about Communism.

3. Explain your experience doing role-play, in Model UN or any other activity (including acting, etc.).

I came to the US at the beginning of my Junior year and has participated in Model United Nations club since then. I have been to two MUN Conferences in Boston: the 2014 Harvard Model UN Conference and the Boston College Model UN Conference. I was the delegation of South Africa in the first conference and the delegation of Mexico in the second one. This October, I will also participate in a MUN Conference in the Boston State House.

4. Do you have a particular interest in a certain time period, type of government, etc.? If so, why?

I am particularly interested in time from 1980 to about 2000. Although there's no crucial or significant war at this period of time, we can see very clearly many political strategies and twists of different countries in the world that have significant impact on the shape and relations between nations today (A prime example is the Cold War period of 1985-1991 resulted in the Dissolution of the Soviet Union). I am not particularly interested in any type of government, but rather I enjoy comparing the pros and cons, differences and similarities of each government system in the world today. That's also one of the reason why I am attracted more to the very modern history of the world, as I can see more clearly the effects and results of each type of governments.