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1. This is my fourth year participating in PMUNC, and I've loved it every time! My first two years I was a member of the DISEC committee, but switched over to a smaller crisis committee in my Junior year. I very much prefer the crisis committees to the general ones, as the quality of conversation and atmosphere are vastly superior.
2. I believe either radically religious groups (not only Islam!) will cause the next major global conflict. Of course, we can already see this beginning to happen in the past decades with groups like Al Qaeda and ISIS, and it has not been slowing down very much at all.
3. I like the idea of reaching the singularity and having all of our consciousness put into computers. I've always been interested in the idea of defeating death, and I believe that we not only have the ability to do so in the future, but also that we can do it within my lifetime if we can focus more resources into it.
4. The "dystopia" presented by Aldous Huxley in *Brave New World* is probably the one I would most prefer to live in as everyone was always so happy on account of the drugs. For this reason I don't necessarily consider it a dystopia. I would probably consider Orwell's *1984* as my favorite dystopia to theorize about, as a future such as that one does not seem implausible.
5. I can easily imagine the end of the war before the end of capitalism. With the nuclear weapons in existence, it is easy to imagine the entire population dying at the push of a button. In actuality, I do not believe that will happen before the end of capitalism, but it is easier to imagine.
6. I hope that in 2050 I will be a successful chemical engineer developing more efficient alternative sources of energy.