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2050 National Security Council

1. What is your past Model UN experience?

I have participated in conferences held by Johns Hopkins, where I was named Honorable Delegate, Westminster, Duquesne, University of Pittsburgh, and my high school, Riverview.

1. What do you think will cause the next major global conflict?

I believe that we may see a huge conflict spurred on by America’s ongoing war against the idea of terrorism, which has been massively amplified recently by ISIS.  The United States has always been prepared to police that actions of those in other countries, particularly Middle Eastern ones, so I should expect that there might soon be a great arising conflict.  The United Nations have obviously condemned the actions of ISIS, and I expect that they may take some action soon as well.

3. What is your favorite utopian future and why?

My favorite utopia is Walden Two.  It depicts a lax society in which the people are self-governing and use no forms of violent control.  There is stress on a greater community rather than the self, and all of the laws are based on human psychology with councilors to help assist the community.  I enjoy how both the positives and negatives of a society such as this one are explored, with it ultimately being seen as a good community in the eyes of the 1,000 residents.  However, I do not, as am sure most people do not, believe that there is such a thing as a true utopia.  This type of utopia would only work if a pre-selected group of people from similar backgrounds with similar viewpoints were point in a community together.

1. What is your favorite dystopian future and why?

My favorite dystopia is the one depicted The Giver by Lois Lowry.  I enjoy how the society originally appears as a utopia, but is then is revealed to the main character, and in turn the reader, as a dystopia.  It was the first dystopian novel I read as a child, and it really shaped the way that I thought about the future of the world.  It was after reading that book that I began to think about the future of the world and strict government control.

1. Is it easier to imagine the end of the world or the end of capitalism? Briefly imagine one of them.

For capitalism to truly end, people would have to stop trade.  I do not think that this could ever happen, especially in the increasingly connected world that we live in.  Although society may move towards a form of socialism, and capitalism may not live on in its purest form, I believe that it will exist into the future, especially because many Americans seem to feel extremely anti-Communist due to the effects of the Cold War.  Therefore, I would imagine the end of the world would happen before the death of capitalism and the takeover of a purely socialist society.

1. Where will you be in 2050?

In 2050, I will be 52.  I will live with my successful life partner in our mansion and will be a world-renowned psychologist.