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2050 National Security Council Application

1. What is your past Model UN experience?

This is my fourth year in Model UN - I’ve participated in PMUNC, Yale and Cornell. At PMUNC, I was awarded an honorable mention last year for representing Janet Napolitano at the National Security Council. At Yale, I’ve won both Best Delegate for representing Google CEO Larry Page at the World Economic Forum and an honorable mention for representing India at EcoFin.

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

Energy. With the world’s reliance on fossil fuels, the reluctance to diversify, and increasing energy demands - a conflict is bound to erupt. Or a religious conflict. Perhaps an energy conflict masqueraded as a religious conflict, for that matter.

3. What is your favorite utopian future and why?

My favorite utopian future is perhaps along the lines of the one outlined by Satoshi Nakamoto - the creator of Bitcoin. By transitioning away from fiat currency, we can create an economy - and a future, that is more fair, equal, and less malleable by governments.

4. What is your favorite dystopian future and why?

Probably dystopia in an Orwellian sense. That government will control and police every aspect of one’s life. It’s hard for me to call this my “favorite” - but I believe it’s the most likely to happen. With increased government spying, and secret warrants - as we’ve seen with the NSA, we’re not very far away. Usually, when an Orwellian future comes up for discussion, people reject the notion, based on the principle that we’d never accept as a society the instillation of cameras in everyone’s homes, and microphones absolutely everywhere. Not only have we accepted it - we’ve *paid for it, excitedly.* Things like camera-in-your-livingroom Xbox Kinect and “always listening” Google Now - even the iPhone monitors your location at all times.

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

them.

In all likelihood, one will eventually lead to the other. Seeing that the entire controlling class (those involved in government and corporations, perhaps) of the capitalist world would like to see it continue, even in some mutilated socialist form (that benefits themselves, of course) - I think it would be a total collapse of our society, brought on by a tragedy such as war, famine, or illness that would bring an end to capitalism.

6. Where will you be in 2050?

In 2050, I see myself in one of two places. The first is being fabulously successful in the finance world, possibly as a CFO of a Silicon Valley corporation that I received options in when I joined the company in it’s formative years. Part philanthropist, part titan of industry. The other is in a dystopian, post-apocalyptic world after the Great War of 2041, fought between the United States, Russia, China, and ISIS. Once one shot is fired, it’s all over - the downward spiral has begun. Hopefully, there will be enough bunkers for everyone to take shelters in. But that raises another question - where would people get their food in a post-apocalyptic nuclear wasteland? I’ll perhaps be solving that question.