2050 National Security Council

1. What is your past Model UN experience?

The first and only time I’ve participated in Model UN was this year in the spring of 2014. I was the delegate for Niger in the Social Cultural Humanitarian Committee. I would like to have participated in more Model UN experiences, but the opportunity was never provided in my previous schools because they were all outside of the US. I would like to think, though, that my parents working for the UN has somehow made the Model UN scene a familiar one to me.

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

I think the next major global conflict will be caused by a fight for resources—either oil or water. There are not enough resources for the 7.1 billion people on the planet (a number that is steadily increasing), and with the speed at which we are using as well as polluting these resources there will undoubtedly be fighting over the scarce remnants.

1. What is your favorite utopian future and why?

My favourite utopian future is a world where everyone has equal and easy access to the four basic human needs: Food, shelter, water, and education. Some may say that education does not count as a basic human need, but I would argue that to sustain a civil society, it is a necessity. Having lived in both developing and developed countries, I have seen firsthand the continual struggle for access to these four human rights. I have also seen and lived with those who take these rights for granted and do not realize that not everyone has water, food, education, and shelter immediately available to them. I believe that there needs to be a balance of these two ways of living—a world where education is appreciated and not taken for granted, but where it is also available to everyone. My favourite utopian future would also include a mutual understanding and respect among nations, cultures, and people. *Nations* meaning that the interactions between governments are respectful of the boundaries and ideas of other governments to avoid unnecessary conflict. *Cultures* meaning that the interactions between different groups of people are deferential to allow diversity in lifestyles. *People* meaning that down to day to day interactions, everyone is accepted in the society regardless of race, religion, gender, and sexual orientation.

1. What is your favorite dystopian future and why?

My favourite dystopian future would be something akin to *Fahrenheit 451* because in shows, the most realistic version of a possible future. *Fahrenheit 451* reveals the consequences of our dependency on technology. The novel also demonstrates our inability to think for ourselves and how easily censored we are with all the propaganda which exists today. For example, commercialized television puts us in a mindset where we must consume to be happy without think about the value of what we are buying.

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

I think it is easier to imagine the end of the world than the end of capitalism for 2 reasons:

1. The idea and diffusion of capitalism is so ingrained in the mindsets of people and societies that to give it up would mean a complete change in way of life. I do not think the first world is ready for this change as it would most likely mean giving up many of the little comforts we have grown used to.
2. At the rate that we are polluting the planet and using up our resources, the “end of the world” may come sooner rather than later.

6. Where will you be in 2050?

In the year 2050, I will be thinking of retirement, and beginning to work for pleasure rather than need. I will have already finished my career as a diplomat and would be working with NGO’s in whatever third world countries remain. By the year 2050 I hope to also have played an instrumental role in international development, and traveled to at least 65% of the world’s countries.