2050 National Security Council

1. What is your past Model UN experience?

* + - * 1. I have no past Model UN experience, but my brother had done it in the past and since hearing about it from him, it’s something I’ve always wanted to do.

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

The next major global conflict has already been unfolding. It will be based on the threat coming from extremist Islamic groups such as ISIS. ISIS is a global threat and the response has also been global. The United States successfully gathered a global coalition of European and Middle Eastern governments to fight ISIS. This fight is currently limited to airstrikes but these may not be sufficient. Troops on the ground may also be needed and the war may expand. In addition, ISIS fighters are present all over the world and they may attack innocent civilians in their own countries in the same brutal way they have done with their American and British hostages.

3. What is your favorite utopian future and why?

* 1. My favorite utopian future would be one with peace and stability in every country. Personally, this would be the epitome of a “utopia” but, given the current events and the human nature, this idea is unnatural and the chances of it happening are less than 0.00000000001%.

4. What is your favorite dystopian future and why?

* + 1. My favorite dystopian future is from the book series, *Divergent*. In *Divergent*, the people are part of an experiment in Chicago where they are isolated from the “outside world” which they don’t even know it exists. They are split up into factions where they must have a certain personality trait to be part of, and if they have a balance of all the traits, they are considered dangerous and called “divergent”. Serums are invented that make people live through their worst fears and even make you control a person. The idea of a planned society is one that is so unnatural and frightening but yet so compelling to read about.

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

Personally, it is easier to imagine the end of the world. There are approximately 16,300 nuclear weapons, which are attained by the most powerful countries in the world; United States, Russia, Britain, China, etc. There is so much conflict and threats between countries that one day they may use their nuclear weapons against each other with as result, the end of the world as we know it. This seems more likely than the end of Capitalism, which will always be there and even flourish.

6. Where will you be in 2050?

In 2050, 36 years from now, I will be 51 years old and will hopefully be doing something I love.