**SSUNS Position Paper- Cnaeus Tremellius Scrofus**

The Roman Empire has existed for nearly 700 years, a symbol of strength and power to the entirety of the western world. It was built by the hard work of brave men. We cannot allow for that to be destroyed by a few out of control slaves.

**Military Tactics**

Rome has a large, strong military, an asset that must be used to its fullest extent as we cannot underestimate the threat posed by Spartacus and his army. When considering the best way to do so, one must take in to consideration not only the differing size of the armies, but also skill sets. Spartacus’ men are trained gladiators, strong and skilled in hand to hand combat. They may be able to overpower a Roman soldier in a one-on-one match of pure strength, but they lack the proper training and mentality of a Roman soldier. With the enough men and the use of correct tactics, Rome will be victorious against the rebels.

We can use Italy’s geography to our advantage- we must try to push the rebels south, trapping them between the ocean and our army. Once we have trapped Spartacus and his army, we can either leave them to starve out over the winter, or call upon enough Roman soldiers to overwhelm and defeat them once and for all.

**Social Threats**

As more and more slaves rebel, Romans need to be conscious of the way that they treat their slaves. While signs of rebellion must be dealt with by a slave’s master as they see fit, loyalty might be rewarded as to encourage good behavior. Slaves must remember that they belong to the Roman Empire, not roaming the countryside like a pack of wild dogs.

There is no reason for Rome’s military to fall to anyone or anything, especially not something as easily remedied as poor hygiene or nutrition. It is imperative that our soldiers receive the food, education, and any treatment they need, to remain strong and healthy. It is also imperative that the military be made as large as possible. Everyone, regardless of wealth or status, should be encouraged to enlist. If anything, in fact, we should be recruiting more men from cities so that farms can continue to operate at maximum efficiency. As for the gangs of unemployed Romans roaming the city, they too should be recruited to join the military- a much more valuable use of everyone’s time and resources.

As for any class wars that may be going on in Rome, there is absolutely no reason for them. Citizens should be reminded that we are all working towards one common goal- for the Roman Empire to remain as great as it has ever been. We cannot expect to defeat the Spartacus’ army if we cannot unify to do so. Thus, anyone contributing to or causing conflict amongst Romans must be silenced before they can cause any real issues.

**Political Threats**

As we prepare for war against the rebels, there is no time to focus on. They must be quickly forgotten, as so not to allow any Roman to underestimate the threat posed by Spartacus and his army. As Romans, we must unite to defeat our common enemies. Any internal turmoil in the Republic, any whispers of disloyalty to the state, must be quickly quelled. There can be no tolerance for treason among Romans. Any rebellion against the empire, including or aside from the slaves, must be taken seriously and dealt with immediately, before anything else gets as out of hand as these servile revolts have.