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Futuristic Security Council

Topic: Discussing the implementation of the model of ‘merit for survival’ at a world-wide scale to fight off overpopulation and crime in 2045

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I. Committee Background

The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) was founded on October 24, 1945. Its main objective is to maintain international security and peace. They seek to achieve such peace and security through investigations of any conflict or scenarios that could cause international friction; the committee then acts upon these situations imposing sanctions, authorizing the use of force, including peacekeepers missions, and fostering negotiations (*United Nations Security Council* n.d.). The Council is one of the United Nations’ (UN) six main organs which consists of five permanent members: China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom (UK), and the United States (US), also known as the P-five, who can veto any resolution. Additionally, the General Assembly selects 10 non-permanent members for a two-year term (*United Nations Security Council* 2021). The Security Council meets at any needed time: when there are conflicts which escalate to a point where it is deemed by the committee that intervention is necessary to restore peace. The UN Security Council goes through a voting process to implement resolutions. Each member is entitled to a vote, and all procedural decisions are finalized with at least nine votes (*Voting System Security Council* n.d.).

II. Introduction

Description and Definition of the Topic

Soon after the end of the former United States (US) President Joe Biden's term in 2024, the US was left under political and economical distress; nonetheless, with the transition of power to the infamous musician Kanye West, the nation began to shift towards a new direction. Apart from the reforms of racial equality and abolition of the jail system that he proposed, the policy that was mostly attributed to the positive trends in the US was the model of merit for survival, which he found would create everlasting order and profound fairness among all American citizens. Oftentimes, he would mention during his presidential rallies at the US Capitol that it also had the potential to determine what citizens would be able to provide most for the country and eliminate those that were deemed weak; therefore, had no future in his plans for a high-functioning nation. It was said that this model was based on the *Hunger Games*; however

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President West denied this statement, saying that it was his original idea to reform the government the way he did.

Fundamentally, the model of merit for survival consisted of a governmental system where all the goods produced by the country would be administered by the government and distributed in accordance to the ranking of each state at the end of a yearly event which, for all sakes and purposes, is quite similar to that seen Suzanne Collins' *Hunger Games*. Also, depending on the rank each state had, the population needed to be below a certain maximum number. These states did not have governors nor senators that represented them anymore, as Kanye was the sole leader of the whole US. Several countries around the world have adopted this system, especially those that were suffering from overpopulation. However, there were some exceptions, for instance China, a country with well over 3.5 billion citizens did not adopt the system as they called it a genocide of their own people. The world was practically divided into two different methods of dealing with this system; on the one hand it gave more control to the government over their people reducing illegal activity, meanwhile people would lose several of their rights. The committee needs to decide if the implementation of such a system would be worth implementing at a worldwide level.

The Problem

Currently, the US, a nation that had been prospering for the past decade, is now in chaos after the system started taking a toll on the same five states for three years straight during an economic crisis. As a result people from these states started to riot and attempted to break free from the 'merit for survival' model. Shortly after, Dictator West was assassinated and the country's organization declined from that point forward. Meanwhile, in other countries this model was implemented and used to target a specific group of people; some called the use of this method immoral or a systematic way to eradicate a group of people, a genocide. However, in other countries many of the problems in the nations would decrease: there was an increase in access to health services, an increase in education, there was an end to drug trafficking in these countries, gender gaps were non-existent, and people for the most part led happier lives.

Meanwhile, the countries that did not implement this method would still deal with the same problems they had; all of them a variation of overpopulation. China, for instance, had hospitals full, a huge problem with the distribution of illegal drugs, human trafficking, statelessness, and more social problems. However, China's economy was stable due to the freedoms its citizens had; moreover, they were advancing their space exploration program to colonization phase in order to start freeing up space over on earth. Finally, many countries started to fuse into larger countries to protect themselves from the pressure the US was imposing on other countries to adopt their system. As a result, there was more territory for people

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distribution and the population density of all countries drastically decreased, reducing worldwide chaos. Still, the one problem, still apparent all over the world, was the largest refugee crisis the world has ever seen. With people trying to flee the ‘merit for survival’ model while others trying to get into it, there were displaced people all over the world. To address such a crisis, the UN Human Rights Council proposed an adaptation of a single system to reduce the incentive of people who wanted to move from one place to another.

III. History of the Topic

Chronological History of the Topic

The problem started in the US during October of 2029: President Kanye West was facing multiple problems in the country, starvation, famine, violence, overpopulation, and an increase in crime to name a few. People were rioting frequently all over the country, in an effort to maintain order, congress declared him dictator of the country. With this new power, he sent the military all over the country to restore order. Once this goal was achieved, all forms of state and local government were dissolved in an instant by Dictator West. He declared that starting that December, the first American ‘Games for Survival’ would be carried out with each state supplying two participants. This activity would go in accordance with his new governing model of ‘merit for survival’. Dictator West also stated that all of the countries resources would be administered by his government and redistributed to the states depending on their ranking on the games. Likewise, he also stated that depending on the rank each state had, they would need to maintain a maximum population; if this number were to be above, the oldest in the state would be executed.

December arrived and the games were a success. Each state was forced to give up their two participants which were selected at random and the games were broadcast all through the world. A year later, there was less civil disobedience and people had gone back to their daily lives. Moreover, the government was able to provide greater medical assistance and education to several states, as well as there was a greater control on drug trafficking nationwide. The number of states whose quality of life increased would just increase during the following years. However, there had been an outrageous number of deaths in the districts who got the lowest score on the games due to the executions and lack of resources; regardless, for the most part, people were not unhappy with this method. A decade later near the end of 2039 the US was no longer suffering from any issues and since they now had a greater GDP per capita, even though some states had less resources than others, the lowest districts would still live decent lives. As the success of the US became evident, more western countries would join the effort to reduce the population this way. By 2039, around 50% of the nations in the world had adopted this system.

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In the process of adaptation, many small European nations would join with others: Andorra with Spain, Monaco with France, San Marino and Vatican with Italy, the Republic of Yugoslavia reemerged, all of Oceania became one nation with Australia, as well as other fusions of countries. Nevertheless, there were some nations who would willingly combine in order to prevent being annexed into nations with the ‘survival for merit’ model in place. For example, Mexico joined with Central American and Caribbean nations into The Republic of Central Mexico and the Caribbean, China joined with Taiwan and Mongolia—China kept its name, as well as others. For some nations, this adaptation worked with ease, for others not quite: especially those with weak and easy-to-bribe armies, seeing as this would prevent total control from the government. Also, some countries, such as the Republic of Yugoslavia, decide to adopt this form of government as a way to justify and simplify ethnic cleansing; since all of these countries were already resenting each other, this attempt to create a genocide led to another civil war within the country.

Three years later, in 2042, the US suffered from a shortage of resources. At this point, the only state with living conditions had barely enough food to give its people one ration of food a day, electrical power also became scarce, and the country had no gas at all. Even though Dictator West assured his people that the country’s economic situation would get back to its original state, the situation continued for two more years. With little resources, people from all states, especially the same five states who had been getting the lowest ranking for the past couple of years, started to riot against the government. The federal army was no longer enough to control people in all of the districts, so they retreated back to the capital at Washington D.C. to protect the dictator. However, these efforts were not enough seeing that on the night of July 3rd, 2044, Dictator West was assassinated in his sleep. With no regulations in place, all of them undone by the late dictator, the US had no leader: the army generals felt like they were the ones in power; however, the people did not want them, the friends of the Dictator all started to betray themselves trying to fill the vacuum of power. At this point, the US was predicted to fall into anarchy in the coming years, people were fleeing towards Canada and Mexico; both countries who refused this system.

Historical Case Studies

Republic of Central Mexico and the Caribbean

When Dictator West implemented the ‘merit for survival’ model in 2029, the Mexican nation was the first to criticize the new governing model, deeming it “injust, inhumane and unethical”. After Mexico called the United States out, Dictator West issued a statement saying that Mexico is doing its people wrong by turning its back on his model, “they will forever live to regret it” he added. Nonetheless, Mexico’s refusal also encouraged other nations to step forward,

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also calling out the US for their system. Two regions that particularly stood out were the Central American and Caribbean nations, both of whom praised Mexico for being the first nation to question the US' actions. Seeing that the three countries had similar views, Mexico held a meeting between the nation leaders in order to voice their concerns. After the meeting, Mexico issued a statement saying that the country will be joined with Central American and Caribbean nations. In the process the US had to withdraw its previous pressure on these nations as their joint power would be enough to create a big enough conflict. Hence, in 2033, the three nations officially joined, formally changing their name to the Republic of Central Mexico and the Caribbean. Ever since then, the newly formed country has maintained its viewpoint unchanged.

Republic of Yugoslavia

During the early 1990s, Yugoslavia decided to break up as a result of a series of political upheavals and conflicts. Following its dissolution, the republic began the process of integration with the rest of Europe. The breakup created seven countries: Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, and Slovenia. However, after the provinces of Slovenia and Croatia declared independence, war quickly occurred between Serbia and the breakaway republics. Neighbors turned against each other and ethnic tensions were created; Serbia set out to ethnically cleanse Bosnian territory by systematically removing all Bosnian Muslims. Even though the ethnic cleansing came to a stop after the NATO strikes in 1994, the tension amongst the groups still persisted. In 2030, the same conflicts that drove the Bosnian War ethnic cleansing resurfaced; Serbia, together with ethnic Bosnian Serbs, decided to attack Bosniaks with former Yugoslavian military equipment. After the 'merit for survival' model gained popularity, the seven individual nations decided to reunite in order to implement such a model, forming the Republic of Yugoslavia once again. However, the Bosnian Serbs decided to use the games to their advantage; even though the participants were supposedly chosen at random, the leaders of the country fixed the model to systematically target Bosnian Muslims. Hence, Yugoslavia used the games as a cover up for an ethnic cleansing in hopes of removing Bosnian Muslims and Croatian civilians from the country.

The State of Oceania

Australia began battling with the issue of overpopulation shortly after 2030. Despite having one of the lowest population densities in the world in early 2020, the country became a popular migration destination due to the country having significantly low unemployment and death rates. With an all time population peak in 2035, Australia knew that they needed to implement a change in order to reduce the number of citizens. However, their efforts to tackle the issue remained insufficient; regardless of countless tries, the country did not achieve its desired

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population goals. It was not until 2036 that the country decided to implement the ‘merit for survival’ model in hopes of reducing its population count. Seeing as many neighboring nations were dealing with the same issue, Australia became one nation with all of the countries in Oceania which is now known as The State of Oceania. Shortly after its implementation, the State of Oceania saw a decline in civil disorder, an increase in life quality all over its nation, and crime rates decreased significantly. Adding on to adopting the model proposed by the US, the State of Oceania also reformed their electoral system; they followed the US’ example and started using the Electoral College and would assign a specific number of votes depending on the ranking of each of the member States of Oceania.

United States of America

Fearing that the country would fall into chaos due to the rising population and economic decline, American citizens decided to appoint American rapper and record producer, Kanye West, as president of the nation. However, this decision met the nation with many more problems; in October of 2029 the country was full of starvation, famine, violence and overpopulation. In an effort to maintain order, congress declared President West the dictator of the country. With this new power, he sent the military all over the country to restore order and implement his governing model of ‘merit for survival’. While greatly criticized at first, this model of governing brought economic stability to the country, fought off over population and even helped deal with many of the problems the nation had been previously facing. People now had access to free universal healthcare and free education all over the country. Moreover, illicit activity and crime rate plummeted seeing as the dictator had complete control over the country. For the first years, shortly after its implementation, the US experienced a level of peace and prosperity it had not seen in decades.

People's Republic of China

US-China relations have long suffered. In 2016, Donald Trump transformed the entire narrative on China from strategic partner to a strategic competitor. Ever since then the Cold War sentiments that had long been resolved resurfaced. In 2028, Influenced by Trump's strategies, Kanye West fully adopted an anti-China campaign-speak to resonate with voters. In his campaign he acknowledged America’s competition with China as a struggle between freedom and despotism. Once he won the elections, President West publicly accused Chinese leaders of being tyrants in need of global domination once they fused with Mongolia and Taiwan, even bringing up arguments from the Cold War. All of these actions further damaged the relationship between both nations; in 2030, US-China relations were at their lowest point in decades. Because of the animosity between the two countries, China refused to adopt the ‘merit for survival’ model

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in refusal of supporting America. Also, their recent fuse with Mongolia allowed for a better distribution of Chinese citizens reducing several of the rising problems due to overpopulation. In response to the US' model, China publicly faulted Dictators West's actions and even rallied other nations to believe the same. In 2035, China closed all of its borders to US citizens and said that the country will not help the US under any circumstance. China's main priority is to finalize their Mars colonization program to be able to fight off the growing population. Although both countries have previously stated that they want to avoid a current Cold War, they are diving into an increasingly ideological battle that shows no sign of settling.

Past UN Actions

In the early stages of the overpopulation problem, the United Nations (UN) attempted to solve this problem by providing emergency humanitarian packages to the countries that needed them the most. In the long-term, strategies included the restructuring of infrastructure and the increase of sexual education. However, these packages were often insufficient and many nations would choose not to fund these as they were trying to solve a threatening overpopulation within their borders. Meanwhile, countries that still did not have an overpopulation problem started experiencing massive refugee waves coming into their countries. As a result, these countries, mostly developing countries, were trying to handle thousands of refugees while dealing with their own problems. The UN dealt with this refugee crisis like it did with all the others in the past; however, this time the UN's resources were spread thin since it was a phenomenon that was seen all over the world.

When the US reformed its government, the UN called their methods of population control "unethical and atrocious". However, it was hard to argue with the fact that the government that adopted such a model would be dealing with most of their current and past problems with an efficiency never before seen. Moreover, the civil order that this method brought to these countries increased their economy and they were able to support the UN's initiatives. Still, the UN kept their stand against the US' model since it would violate several of the rights set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Shortly after the assassination of Dictator West, the Security Council approved the deployment of peacekeeping troops in the country to restore order. Several camps were set throughout the country as 'safe spots' for the victims of the riots in the country. Meanwhile, the same scenario was seen in Yugoslavia, where the UN was trying to protect as many civilians as possible from the ongoing conflict in that nation. While, most of the action the UN has taken is minimal due to the different problems arising being spread all around the world.

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IV. Key Players and Points of View

The United States of America

The US is currently suffering from a socio-political crisis as government leaders are trying to restore order after the assassination of the dictator. Currently, there is a debate on whether or not to continue with the 'merit for survival' model or not within the nation. Meanwhile, there are UN peacekeepers all over the nation trying to protect all the victims of the revolt in the country. The future of the nation is unsure, however the current trend looks to restore the current system and make modifications to it in order to prevent another crisis from happening again in the future. Currently, the US is economically unstable and can barely maintain order within its borders; thanks to its great military it has been able to calm down all of the riots in the country. Due to the instability in the country, problems such as drug and human trafficking have restarted, there are tens of thousands of missing persons reports all over the country. For now, the country is in the process of rebuilding its society to its glory before the uprisings.

The Republic of Yugoslavia

The Republic of Yugoslavia, is in total favor and believes the new and modern system is organized and capable of bringing together a nation and solving overpopulation. In fact, the inspiration of applying the merit for survival model brought together all seven individual countries: Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, and Slovenia. Therefore, together, they were determined to make the new system successful to make the alliance triumphant. However, it has been found that the nation was using this system to enforce an ethnic cleansing of the population: the Bosnian Serbs were once again trying to eradicate Bosnian Muslims and Croatian civilians from the country; their system was rigged to make sure that the same ethnicities would always end up last. As a result, the country has fallen into an ongoing civil war. Regardless, government officials report minor uprising to the system, even though they say that for the most part, people within Yugoslavia are in favor of this new governing model. While the whole situation within the country is confusing, some facts that are known by all countries are: Yugoslavia has been on the verge of an economic crisis for the past couple of years, and there has been a massive flux of immigrants attempting to flee the country.

People's Republic of China

The People's Republic of China, are in total disagreement with the adaptation of the 'merit for survival'. As both nations, at the moment, are on bad terms, they are trying to avoid a cold war. But, unavoidably they are still in a battle as their ideology differs. Currently China's borders remain closed to the US, and they refuse to help out the immigrants left by the chaos in

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the country. The country has been working on innovative city infrastructure to help maintain order within its borders. Moreover, they have also sent their first group of colonizers to Mars in hopes of being able to expand their country over on the red planet. China is currently one of the leading countries in the world in space colonization and population distribution. Regardless, the country still faces multiple issues of human trafficking, drug abuse, public unrest, and censorship. The country has strong economic and political relations with both the Russian Federation and The Republic of Central Mexico and the Caribbean, which is why China has been supporting the Mexican government to deal with the immigrant crisis.

The Republic of Central Mexico and the Caribbean

The Republic of Central Mexico and the Caribbean has been in total disagreement with the US' new governing model since their government first proposed its implementation. Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean all joined together in hopes of taking a strong stance against US Dictator West, while at the same time fighting off the pressure he was exerting in all nations to implement his system. The Republic of Central Mexico and the Caribbean believe the method is "injust, inhumane and unethical" and should be eliminated from use. As Mexico was the first country to formally and publicly oppose Dictator West, other nations were encouraged into doing so. Taking a stance against the US did take an economic toll within the nation; however, the country increased commerce with its Asian neighbors including China and Russia, and kept on trading with Canada, even though transportation of goods from one country to the other became increasingly difficult with the US in the middle. Shortly after chaos started in the US, México started to receive massive immigrant waves from the northern nation. The country was not prepared to deal with the amount of people incoming and established emergency camps all throughout the Mexico-US border. Most of these countries were in territories controlled by drug dealers boosting the amount of disorder in these camps. Central Mexico is still dealing with several problems in the nation and the worsening refugee crisis is not helping.

The State of Oceania

The state of Oceania has been one of the most successful modern countries in implementing the 'merit for survival' model. Oceania's crime rates and unemployment rates have plummeted once again; meanwhile, school graduate rates, life expectancy, and overall happiness has been increasing since the implementation of the model. Oceania has been one of the major supporters of the system ever since it decided to implement it along with its democratic system. As a result, it started having better political and economic relations with the US, increasing commerce between the nations. The country has been actively helping the US recover from the economic crisis and the riots it experienced. It has helped both Canada and Mexico in

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dealing with the refugees fleeing the US, meanwhile it has sent help to Washington DC to reinstate the federal government, this time in a more democratic fashion. Overall, the State of Oceania is a firm believer in the model of ‘merit for survival’ and is willing to help nations implement it.

V. Possible Solutions

It is unquestionable that this conflict requires a comprehensive, multi-faceted solution. To resolve this peacefully, all member-states should analyze the root of the issue— overpopulation and increasing crime rates. For decades, everything has been adding up to this moment, where the government finally understood that the exponential increase in population was getting out of hand. The simple empowerment of women would be a start. For example, women who work are more likely to find access to contraceptives and reproductive health services, thus becoming educated on the various types of birth control that exist today. In 2021, the United Nations Population Fund began running microcredit projects to turn young women into advocates for reproductive health, thus taking a step in the right direction to diminishing population rates (*5 possible solutions ... overpopulation 2017*). Although it's been over twenty years, the project still stands today and continually inspires others to create similar initiatives.

The following solution is similar but just as essential. Family planning consists of “the practice of controlling the number of children in a family and the intervals between their births, particularly employing artificial contraception or voluntary sterilization” (*family planning, n. n.d.*). Merely educating families about contraceptives, women can avoid unaccounted pregnancies. When Iran introduced a family planning program in 1989, its fertility rate declined from 5.6 births per woman to 2.6 in a single decade (*5 possible solutions ... overpopulation 2017*). Similar effects could be present now. Immigration plays a vital role in overpopulation. When people migrate, resources are depleted, and new families are usually formed, increasing population size. Reducing immigration numbers, resources will be utilized more sustainably and efficiently, and national populations will begin to stabilize (*Solutions to overpopulation ... do 2019*).

Moreover, the implementation of the governing model of ‘merit for survival’ should be discussed and the committee should determine if it is worth implementing at a world-wide scale. The benefits of this method have been shown, as greater control over the people in the country have allowed governments to tackle pressing issues within the countries. However, it is also important to note that this method has been called a violation of several fundamental human rights and freedoms. Moreover, the consequences that this model may have can be quite disastrous as seen in several countries including the US and Yugoslavia.

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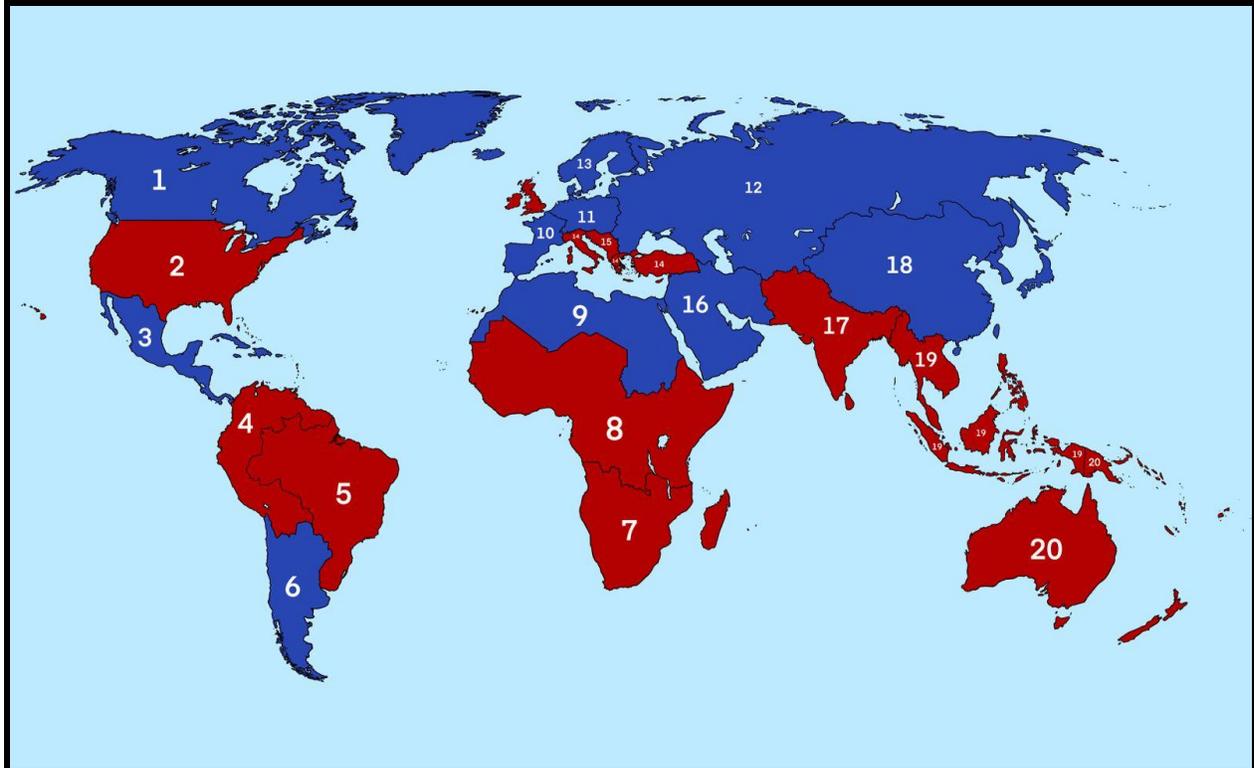
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VI. Current Status

At the moment, the US is currently in shambles, the streets are overrun with guerillas, families have been moved out of their homes, and it seems like there is no way to set things back to normal. México and Canada have currently closed their borders and are doing everything in their power to deal with the massive influx of refugees that they are receiving. Citizens of both northern Mexico and southern Canada have started to move out of their homes and move as far away from the war zone as possible. Countries beside the new nation of Yugoslavia have also begun to express fear over the ongoing civil war and have been forced to fortify all of their border security. Countries that did not adopt this model have been hit the hardest as they are receiving immigrant waves from places where the model failed, while also dealing with their own problems. Furthermore, due to the fact that the US is in complete disorder, the world economy has completely shifted balance. China, Russia, Oceania, and the UK currently hold the worlds' strongest economies. While several countries that have adopted the system have seen benefits, other countries have seen deficits; yet, none of these countries are dealing with overpopulation. Meanwhile, all countries that did not adopt the 'merit for survival' model are still dealing with overpopulation and all of the problems that came with it. Below there is a map of the world showing the countries that have and have not implemented this model, as well as more descriptions about their specific situations.



Map Created by Tania Van Der Linden

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1. Canada - Has been against the US' governing model. It is currently dealing with immigrants coming from the US and has remained economically stable: it holds ties with China, Russia, and Mexico.
2. **The United States of America**
3. **Republic of Central Mexico and the Caribbean**
4. The Great Colombia - Has adopted the US' governing model, it is quite a recent implementation so it is currently following the trends that most other nations have.
5. Brazil - The government adopted the US' governing model; however, its people are against this model and there have been numerous uprisings within the country.
6. The Argentinian Empire - Has refused the US' model and is currently dealing with immigration from Brazil.
7. South Africa and Its Territories, including Madagascar - The country has adopted the US' model and has decreased violence all throughout the region. So far, the model has been beneficial for the country although there is minor opposition. It has closed its border with the DRC & CA.
8. The Democratic Republic of Congo and Central Africa - The country has fallen into chaos after adopting the model as the same seven states have ended up in the lowest ranking for four years straight.
9. The Saharan Empire - The Empire has refused the US system and is currently dealing with a refugee crisis. Moreover, the country is dealing with corruption in the east with rumors of the west seeking independence.
10. The French-Spanish Republic - These countries joined forces after fighting off pressure from both the UK and the IGT Alliance. Moreover, their combination of territories allowed for a better distribution of people within their borders, the country still suffers from over population but at an overall lesser scale.
11. New Prussia - Despite stating a clear position against the new governing model, several people in New Prussia have looked at the benefits that this system has brought to other countries, creating strong debates between citizens.
12. The Russian Federation - The Russian Federation is taking a definite stand against the 'merit for survival' model, it is currently helping Canada receive several immigrants from the US.

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13. The Norse Kingdom - The Scandinavian countries merged early during the 2030 to distribute resources and population within their lands easier, as a result this country has been able to fight off overpopulation and it is maintaining a strong economy. It has not given any statement regarding its opinion on the US' model.
14. The Italy-Greece-Turkey (I-G-T) Alliance - The IGT alliance was created for the implementation of the US' model. This was the latest group of countries to implement the model, it has only had two years, however the countries no longer have problems with overpopulation and crime rates have been declining.
15. **The Republic of Yugoslavia**
16. The Arab League - Nations in the Middle East joined into the Arab League in an effort to clear out US influence within the nation. The League is strongly against the methods used by the US for population control and it is working on developing a space program to deal with overpopulation problems.
17. India - India adopted the model along with Pakistan and Afghanistan in order to reduce population. This nation suffered the biggest amount of deaths after the first implementation; however, quality of life in India has been better than it had been in decades. It is currently helping the US recover from its crisis, while facing minor opposition within its nation.
18. **The People's Republic of China**
19. Thailand's Empire - Southeastern Asian countries merged to adopt the US' model. However, due to high corruption in the region, the government does not have complete control of the countries resources, altering the amount of resources some people receive.
20. **The State of Oceania**
21. The United Kingdom - The UK adopted the US' model shortly after their success. The country was suffering from a high crime rate and had people fleeing the country due to overpopulation. Currently the UK holds one of the strongest economies in the world and it is helping the US recover from its crisis.

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