ExMUN Study Guide

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Issue: The Boo-nited Nations (Drinks & Diplomacy)
Committee: United Nations General Assem-boo-ly

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Drinks and Diplomacy is designed to be a lighthearted event based on a fantasy topic; however, the expectations of professionalism in regular debates still apply. We ask delegates to read the study guide below to make informed, relevant speeches on the topic while remaining mindful of other delegates in the room. In this topic there is opportunity to bring up certain controversial historical figures- we ask that sensible discretion is used and that problematic figures are not brought up.

If you would not repeat something to the Guild, please do not say it in the first place.

Please remain sensible within this topic. If you have any issues or concerns before, during, or after the debate, please speak to our Vice President and Welfare representative, Connor (cjlw201@exeter.ac.uk), or you can message us on Instagram (@exetermodelun)

Topic Introduction:



In a development that has shocked the international community- over the past week increasing numbers of people have begun to see ghosts. This phenomenon started slowly and as such some are suggesting that the ability may develop in the remaining 20%, however this is merely conjecture and unproven by any at the UN or within the scientific community. Furthermore, it appears that a percentage of the ghosts seem to be able to affect the physical world around them. Whilst it appears that in most cases these 'powers' are limited to small individualised circumstances, the effects these could have on the world, and the uncontainable nature of ghosts brings great questions to the UNGA.

Whilst the majority of the ghosts appear to be communicative and friendly, providing humanity with a fascinating window into the past, this has led to many historical locations being flooded with historians, students and the general public all hoping that they can gain clarity on the past. However it has been well established by the UN that not all historical figures have returned with many whom could have become problematic rallying points not having come back from the dead. However a question on everyone's mind is - are all ghosts as cooperative and friendly as the living would wish.

Rumours have been heard of more menacing ghosts being found in castles, graveyards ruins and other places of old and creepy significance, and dialogue with these apparitions appears more difficult, if possible at all.

Key information:

Over this past week 80% of the global population (by UN estimates) have begun to see ghosts. It appears that some small percentage of humanity remains behind on Earth after their death - staying where they die. At the start of this situation only a small number of people were able to see these apparitions, and the majority were ridiculed and disbelieved with the majority highlighting fears around AI psychosis or suggesting a social media issue. Yet as the week developed, increasing numbers of the population have been able to see and communicate with these ghosts.



This has been brought to the United Nations as an issue which must be dealt with. Whilst approaches and views differ internationally nations have come to accept this as an existent situation which must be addressed.

Current Issues:

The sudden appearance of the supernatural

Unsurprisingly, with the sudden appearance of ghosts, for many of whom the manner of their death clearly apparent, public confusion, shock and chaos has become a

natural state of affairs in many nations across the globe. At the first wave of ghostly sightings crowds, civil unrest and panicked masses flooded into the streets of cities and towns around the globe with overwhelmed law enforcement - with some of their own numbers similarly affected - attempting to deal with this unprecedented event.



Cities such as Lyon, Pretoria, Los Angeles, Birmingham and Milan, among others, are all still recovering from the overwhelm of the first few days of this shocking supernatural event. Whilst panic and discord runs rampant globally it remains for international bodies such as the UN and national governments to maintain a facade of calm to prevent any further chaos.

Government belief

While the UN estimates that 80% of the global population is now able to see these ghosts, it appears that this propensity may be unevenly balanced, a statistically significant lack of global leaders appear to be able to interact with the ghosts. For some political leaders they have been advocating for the rights of ghosts with whom they are unable to communicate. Other leaders have outright stated that there must be another explanation for this phenomenon, such as mass hallucinations, delusions and are heavily doubting the validity of this situation. In one interesting case study, Javier Milei - the leader of Argentina - has used his record of communing with spirits, in particularly his advisor Conan (his dog who passed away in 2017) to propel himself to the forefront of the global stage, styling himself as a truth teller who was saying the truth before it became acceptable. Interestingly enough despite his claims, Conan is yet to be seen by the public since the developments began.

This diversity of thought amongst global leaders has led to a shake up of positions on the global stage and many politicians fear that their power and positions are being doubted due to the uncertainty the world has been plunged into.

The issue of ghost powers



One of the most key issues facing this committee is that of ghosts who have the ability to interact with their environment. There have been reports of ghosts who can, among other abilities, manipulate electricity,

touch and move objects, cause altered mental states and reportedly in certain extreme circumstances possess humans. Whilst often these ghosts are limited to a specific location, the question of what to do with these ghosts who may cause harm to others or otherwise commit a crime. This raises the issue of how to tackle criminals who literally cannot be contained by walls but may be contained by a boundary.

Rumours of other ghosts



In addition to the main form of ghosts reported there have been whispers internationally of less friendly ghosts, people have different tales and names for these ghouls, some say poltergeists have been spotted and caught causing mischief and disturbances. These have been mostly reported in nations such as germany, Brazil, Australia and the majority of European nations. Otherwise nations such as Lithuania, the UK, Mexico have reported disturbances in ruins with hikers returning rapidly reporting great fears when approaching ruins and abandoned historical monuments. Similar reports are heard from France with people who live near the Paris catacombs reporting many unnatural occurrences

Problems a resolution should address:

1. **How do these ghosts fit into the concepts and obligations of human rights?**
2. **How should the United Nations approach the problems caused by ghosts and their powers?**
3. **How does the UN tackle the potentially less cooperative mystical beings who may also be a part of our world?**
4. **How should the UN work with the scientific community to understand this phenomenon?**

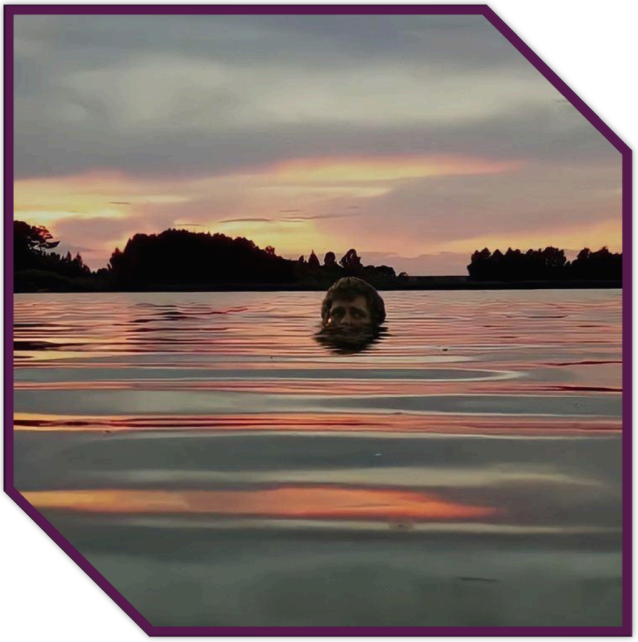


Bloc Positions:

The ghost advocates (the ghosty likers)

Many nations have taken the position, reflecting local customs, history, and cultural guidance and welcomed the ghostly figures into public and private life. These nations wish to foster a welcoming attitude both on a national and international stage for the returning spirits. They recognise that if the Ghosts are to remain on this earthly plane for unspecified lengths of time, they must be afforded similar rights to those humans who are alive. These nations are likely to seek to restore the identities, responsibilities and respect due to these members of their communities and advocate for them on the global stage.
These countries include: **Aotearoa New Zealand, Samoa, Mexico**

Nations maintaining public denial



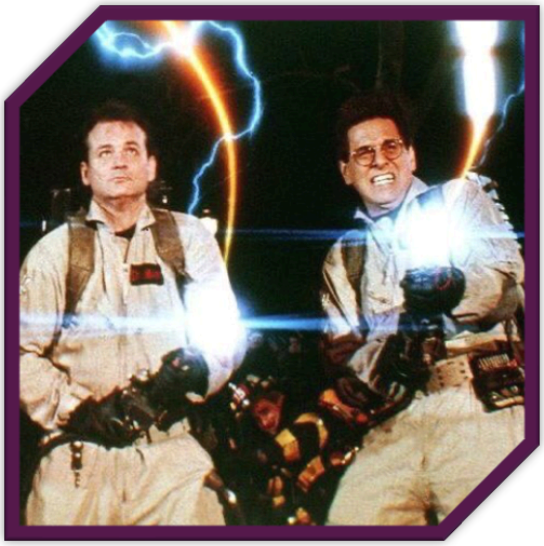
Other nations have decided to disregard the sudden appearance of ghostly apparitions as a mere conjuration of misinformation, yet interestingly each country publicly holds that position for a different reason. Some, such as China, have chosen to stand behind their government's incompatible principles, in this case communist atheism, highlighting that it is impossible on these grounds. Russia denies the ghosts claiming it a mass hysteria event following political failures in the West whilst the leaders of the DPRK and United Arab Emirates are maintaining a firm belief that all who claim to see ghosts are simply trying to cause dissent, conveniently leaving out whether or not they themselves have been affected by the situation or sightings of the ghosts as of yet.
These countries include: **China, Russia, the DPRK, UAE**

The Moderates

The unexpected nature of the ghosts' appearance poses many dangers, but also possible opportunities. These nations propose a cautious approach to handling the situation, recognising that attempts at diplomatic relations and the involvement of the scientific community are the best directions for understanding just how this

phenomenon has taken place, or in the worst case scenario- stalling whilst an effective response can be prepared.
Furthermore they may highlight how the scientific community should look at how this situation occurred in order to ease the fears of their populations.
These countries include: **United Kingdom, France, South Africa, Brazil**

The Ghosts present a serious threat group (the ghosty haters)



Fierce advocates for the elimination of all ghosts, these nations are likely to raise questions around the imminent danger that this supernatural phenomenon poses to the world, noting the threat to national security from ghosts with powers, and the unknown potential for other supernatural beings- playing on fast-spreading rumours of poltergeists. The ghosts' appearance has taken every defence measure by complete surprise, and they present an unknown and immeasurable risk. Any notion of co-operation will be received with suspicion.
These countries include: the **USA, Italy, South Korea, Holy See.**

The positions above are purely suggestions on directions and positions. Since this is a fictional topic, there is no requirement to stick to just these. Let your imagination run wild!