



SHUMUN XXV // February 24-25

Star Wars: The Clone Wars

Background Guide

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Welcome to the 25th iteration of SHUMUN, Seton Hall University's flagship Model UN Conference for high schoolers! This will be an innovative two-day simulation of the United Nations for high school students hosted by Seton Hall University on February 24th and 25th. It will push them through substantive debate and academic rigor and challenge them to the depths of their creativity.

SHUMUN's Mission

SHUMUN XXV is a model United Nations conference for high school students with a long history of engaging simulations and enrichment of the delegates in attendance. Our conference offers both General Assembly and Crisis-style simulations. SHUMUN aims to promote public speaking and collaboration skills among high school students while fostering an engaging environment to expand students' interests in international affairs. We seek to provide delegates with an educational and entertaining weekend acting as member-states in United Nations bodies, other multinational bodies, or as individuals in creative problem-solving crisis simulations.

Seton Hall University is a large proponent of their student body's interest in Model United Nations and also has a competitive collegiate team, SHUNA, in addition to SHUMUN. Many Senior Secretariat and Dais members also compete with our nationally ranked team, SHUNA, and we pride ourselves on our large amounts of Model UN experience. However, we also pride ourselves on our diversity of conference staff and the ability of individuals of all interests and experience levels to join and participate in running our conference.

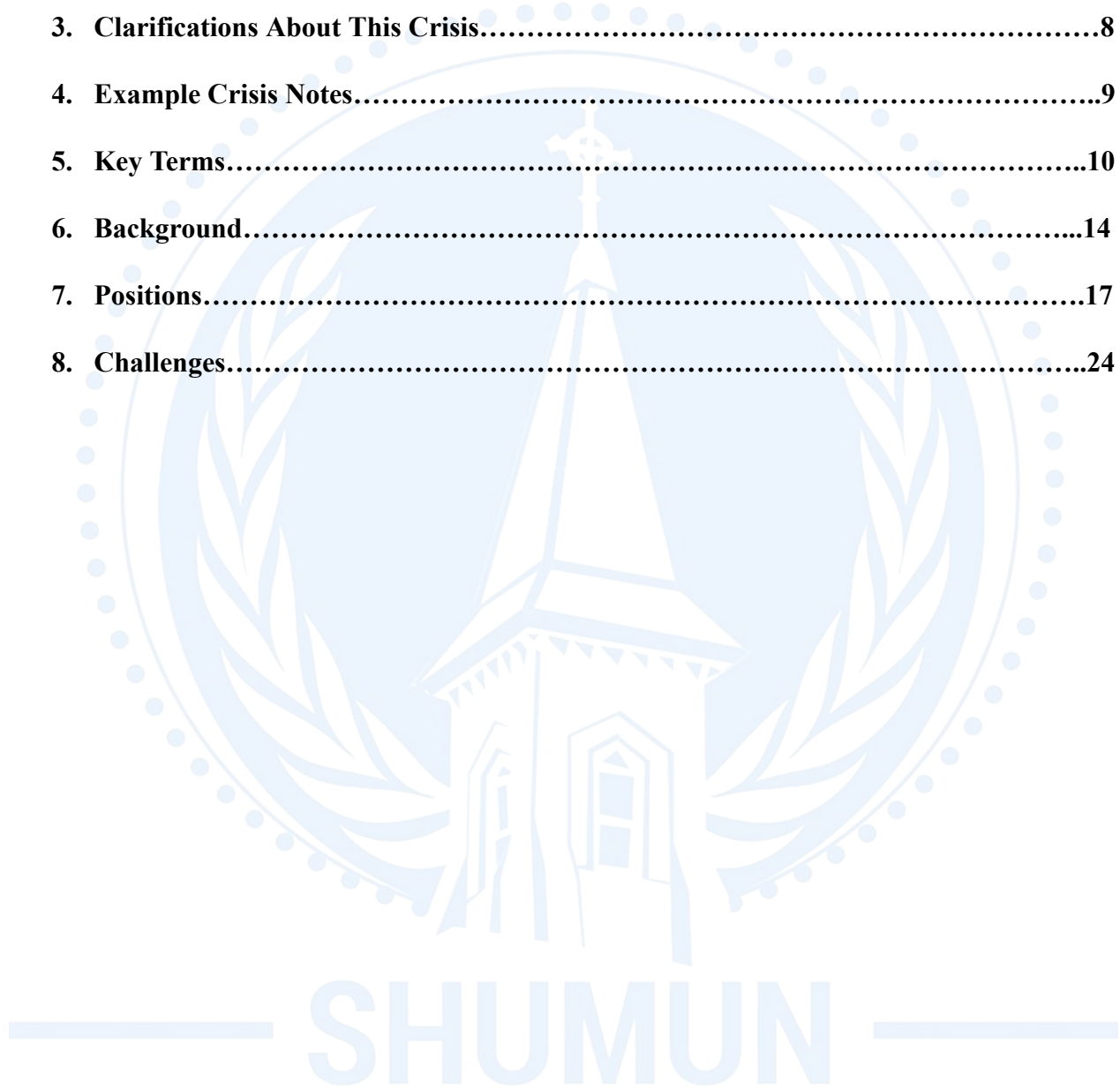
Hosted on Seton Hall University's campus in South Orange, New Jersey, SHUMUN is a constantly evolving conference looking to provide the best experience to delegates year after year. Since 1999, SHUMUN has been a staple of Seton Hall's Model UN scene which also includes a competitive collegiate team, SHUNA.

Our entire staff is more than excited to see delegates respond to crisis updates and navigate their curiosities for international affairs!

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Letter from the Chair

Hello Delegates,

Welcome to SHUMUN XXV! My name is Samuel (Sam) Thrasher, and I will be acting as the chair for this Star Wars: The Clone Wars committee. I am from Falmouth, Massachusetts, and am currently a sophomore here at Seton Hall majoring in Diplomacy and International Relations. I had no prior experience with Model UN before college, and have been a part of SHUMUN for two years now. I have some experience running simulations and staffed a crisis committee in last year's SHUMUN, but this is my first time chairing a committee. Regardless, I am excited to see where this committee goes.

I was originally signed up to help staff this committee, but when I was offered the chance to chair it, I figured "why not", and here we are. While I can't say I know a lot about Star Wars, I have of course seen the movies and some of the better TV shows, and I can't wait to see how you change the path of the story.

If you have any questions about the committee or the topic, feel free to reach out to either me or Bryan, the crisis director. I look forward to meeting you all, and welcome you to SHUMUN XXV!

Sincerely,

Sam Thrasher (he/him)

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Letter from the Crisis Director

Hello there,

My name is Bryan Scocco, and I am excited to be acting as Undersecretary of Crisis and Director for the Star Wars: The Clone Wars committee for this conference. I am from Mount Olive, New Jersey, and am currently a sophomore at Seton Hall majoring in History. I've been doing Model UN since high school and this is my second year participating in SHUMUN. I have been running crisis simulations both for our team's training since last year and during SHUMUN XXIV. Outside of Model UN, I love learning about history, hanging out with friends, working with animals, playing video games, and drawing.

I've been super excited to try out this committee, so much so that I began writing this background guide last year. I was introduced to Star Wars by my parents, both of whom had seen the original trilogy in theaters. I grew up watching the prequel trilogy and Clone Wars show. Since then I've grown to love animated Star Wars media, including Clone Wars, Rebels, and the Bad Batch. Nonetheless, I have tried to write the committee so intimate knowledge of Star Wars: The Clone Wars isn't a must. I am looking forward to seeing what direction the committee takes in front room, and how each delegate will use their character to take advantage of the war's situation to cause chaos through crisis notes. If you have any questions regarding the committee or crisis preparation in general, please feel free to reach out to me. Otherwise, I'll be looking forward to seeing you all here!

Best,

Bryan Scocco

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Letter from the Vice Crisis Director

Dear Delegates,

My name is Dillon Kantor, and I am very much looking forward to being your Vice Crisis Director for the Star Wars: The Clone Wars committee for SHUMUN XXV. I was born and raised here in New Jersey, from the very originally named Middlesex Borough in Middlesex County. Currently, I am a sophomore here at Seton Hall majoring in Political Science. I've been with Seton Hall's Model UN team for a year now, and this is my second year participating in SHUMUN. As a competitor on our team and as SHUNA's training coordinator, I have experience in both running committees and participating in them, having crisis staffed for SHUMUN XXIV and competed at NCSC L & CMUNNY XVIII. Outside of Model UN I'm also a member of Seton Hall's Mock Trial program, and in my free time, I like to read about history, play video games, and listen to music.

When I was told that we would be running a Star Wars committee for this year's SHUMUN, I knew had to get involved with it as much as I could. I was introduced to Star Wars by my parents when I was just a kid, though I suspect I grew to be a bigger Star Wars fan than either of them could've ever predicted. Though the Original Trilogy holds a special place in my heart, the Star Wars that I truly grew up with was the Prequel Trilogy. I've been hooked ever since – Revenge of the Sith truly blew my child mind away – and even now I keep up with the most recent Star Wars media, including Clone Wars, Rebels, Bad Batch, and all the live-action shows, even if some of them do suck – looking at you Book of Boba Fett. I'm looking forward to seeing how everyone will handle the tumultuous situation of the war to further their goals and desires, no matter how eccentric those desires turn out to be. With all that said, I can't wait to see everyone here for SHUMUN XXV!

Kind Regards,

Dillon Kantor

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Notes on Procedure

1. SHUMUN will be utilizing Google Docs and Gmail for the conference. For any questions contact our email: shumun.se@gmail.com. Delegates will communicate in-room with paper notes.
2. SHUMUN uses Parliamentary Procedure (often abbreviated as Parli Pro) to run committees. A Google search will give you more than enough information on how this is used in Model UN, and any other questions can easily be addressed in committee.
3. SHUMUN has a **zero-tolerance policy regarding bullying, offensive remarks, harassment, discrimination, or anything of the sort**. Model UN should be a fun activity for delegates to participate in and no one should feel excluded at any point during the weekend. If at any point the Senior Secretariat is notified of any violation of this policy, the delegate and advisor will be contacted and the issue will be discussed, potentially resulting in expulsion from the conference or disqualification from awards. In general, if you think even for a second that something would offend someone, do not do, or say that thing.
4. Profanity is prohibited.
5. Pre-writing is defined as any notes or directives written outside of committee time and is strictly prohibited. Delegates are allowed to bring research into the committee, but not pre-written notes or papers. Engaging in pre-writing will result in immediate disqualification from award consideration.
6. SHUMUN XXV Crisis Committees are **PAPER-ONLY**. We are utilizing a two-pad system for crisis notes, delegates will be expected to **arrive with 2 standard legal pads**, post-it notes, and additional scratch paper. For any questions, please contact the secretariat at shumun.sec@gmail.com.
7. If you need to use the restroom during committee, you do not need to raise your hand or ask permission.

Clarifications About This Crisis

- This background guide is meant to give delegates an outline of the committee and what delegates should expect. Do not feel restricted to the information presented here, delegates are more than welcome to use information from the Clone Wars show, movies, other media, or any reliable Star Wars databases to prepare for this conference.
- Delegates are not restricted to researching only prior events to the Clone Wars. Delegates are encouraged but not required to be versed in events that take place during the Clone Wars, as well as after.
- This committee will follow the canonized Star Wars universe which is shown in all three film trilogies, the Clone Wars movie and show, Tales of the Jedi, etc. Legends and Expanded Universe content such as comics and novels will not be applied to the committee. If you are unsure if something is canon, a Google search will tell you.
- This committee is a simulation **not** a reenactment. Delegates will not be forced to act in line with the events that actually unfold in canon. Front-room debate and the committee's directives can steer the story in any direction.
- Delegates can have their character take any actions they choose, even if they are not in line with what their character does in canon. Delegates should take advantage of crisis notes to develop unique personal story arcs, but will have to somewhat justify why and how their character will do so.
 - Remember, even if you have watched the series and know how events unfold, your character does not. You can use your foresight and be creative, but must organically justify it in character. Yoda cannot *randomly* decide to join the Dark Side and Anakin cannot kill the Chancellor *for no reason*.
 - If the backroom denies an action in your crisis note, consider either going more in-depth to justify and explain your note, or change course and try a different action.
- Delegates can die in committee both due to the actions of front room directives or backroom crisis notes. Should delegates have their character die, be arrested, or otherwise incapacitated, they will still be allowed to participate in committee, being given a new character to act as.

Example Crisis Notes

To Jedi Librarian

I wish to take out any Jedi texts related to the ability (Force Heal, Force Lightning, Lightsaber Combat, etc.) With these texts I will read and study them and begin training to learn this ability. Please inform me when I have completed training so I can return the texts. Please burn this note.

Thanks, 'x'

To My Secretary

I want you to use my personal funds to pay for more security. I want at least 2 personal guards stationed outside my residence and office to stop any attempts on my life. They will also accompany me while I travel. Please burn this note. - 'x'

To Bounty Hunter

I'm placing a hit on 'y.' I will pay you by having my finance handler transfer funds into a hidden personal account. I want you to DISCREETLY steal a guard's uniform. You will use it to sneak in. I'll also give you money to purchase some poison which you will put into their drink once you're inside. When you're done, I'll send your full payment. Contact me when you've obtained the uniform and poison and are ready to go. Also burn this note.

- 'x'

To My Finance Handler

Burn this note. Please put together a fruit basket to send to (backroom character). Have it delivered with a note from me expressing my desire for better relations. Thank you, 'x'

Key Terms

Political

- **Galactic Republic** - The primary governing body which encompassed the galaxy during the millenia leading up to the Clone Wars. A representative democracy in which planets and megacorporations are each given a single senator with an equal voice and vote in the Senate. This body is headed by a Chancellor which is nominated and elected by senators. Their capital planet is Coruscant. All members of this committee are in some way representatives of this government.
- **Chancellor** - A previously ceremonial position with limited powers, the current Chancellor, Sheev Palpatine, has been given executive powers by the Senate. This allows him to authorize the creation of soldiers and ships, appoint positions, and authorize invasions.
- **Separatist Alliance** - Also referred to as the Confederation of Independent Systems, this is a coalition of planets actively revolting to separate from the Galactic Republic. This body is run by a senate, though one with significantly less influence and power than that of the Republic Senate. Like the Chancellor of the Republic, the Separatists elected a leader, Count Dooku. Their capital planet is Raxus Secundus. This committee is currently at war with the Separatists.
- **Separatist Council** - An executive council secretly in charge of the Confederacy of Independent Systems. Count Dooku originally summoned this group of megacorporation representatives and wealthy politicians to the planet Geonosis where they formed a pact to create a governing body for the galaxy, though mainly to further their own goals.
- **Hutt Empire** - The only other recognized political entity besides the Republic and Separatists. The Hutts are crimelords with a slave empire that produces vast amounts of spices (Drugs) They maintain diplomatic relations with both the Separatists and Republic.
- **Megacorporations** - Intergalactic corporations that hold large power over, or have outright monopolized, various industries, businesses, and services of the galaxy. These organizations are responsible for much of galactic commerce. Some maintain neutrality in the war, and hold representation in the Republic Senate, given the same power as a planet's senator. Others have outright joined or sent representatives to the Separatists to fuel their war effort, in return being given seats on the Separatist Council.
- **Inter-Galactic Banking Clan** - Based on the planet Scipio, the Banking Clan is a commerce guild that handles the galaxy's funds. Though publicly neutral, they hold positions in the Senate and on the Separatist Council. Comparable to our World Bank.

Spiritual

- **The Force** - An abstract concept that presumably makes up the entire Star Wars Universe, both physically and metaphysically. While itself neutral, the Force can be divided into Light and Dark sides. The Jedi harness the Light Side, influenced by peace, tranquility, selflessness, and mercy. The Sith harness the Dark Side, influenced by conflict, death, jealousy, and anger. The Force is always working to achieve a balance between the two sides.
- **Jedi** - An ancient group of protectors especially powerful in the Force. They are trained from birth to harness their abilities in the Light Side. Though initially neutral guardians of justice, the Jedi have grown to support the Galactic Republic, acting as the government's enforcers and peacekeepers, and being given a temple on Coruscant to act as a base of operations. Currently, the Senate has control over the Jedi's position in the Republic and assigned the Jedi to act as Commanders in the army and navy.

Ranks:

- **Padawan** - A Jedi initiate selected to be trained as an apprentice of a Jedi Knight or Master.
- **Knight** - A standard member of the Jedi able to go on missions, command troops, study the Jedi archives to explore the Force, and train a Padawan.
- **Master** - A Jedi who has trained their own Padawan. They are given priority, able to join the High Council, and can explore the Jedi's restricted archives to learn more about the Force.
- **Jedi High Council** - The organizing body which commands the other Jedi. They are a group of Masters who can send Jedi out on missions, interact with the Senate on behalf of the Order, and make decisions about the Jedi Order as a whole.
- **Sith** - The opposite of the Jedi, the Sith are also an ancient order of beings powerful in the Force, though instead of adhering to the Light Side, the Sith follow the ways of the Dark Side. This has muddled their history with backstabbers, betrayals, and infighting which eventually led to their downfall one thousand years before the Clone Wars. They often work from the shadows to influence the galaxy and undermine the Jedi and Republic.

Non-Delegate Characters

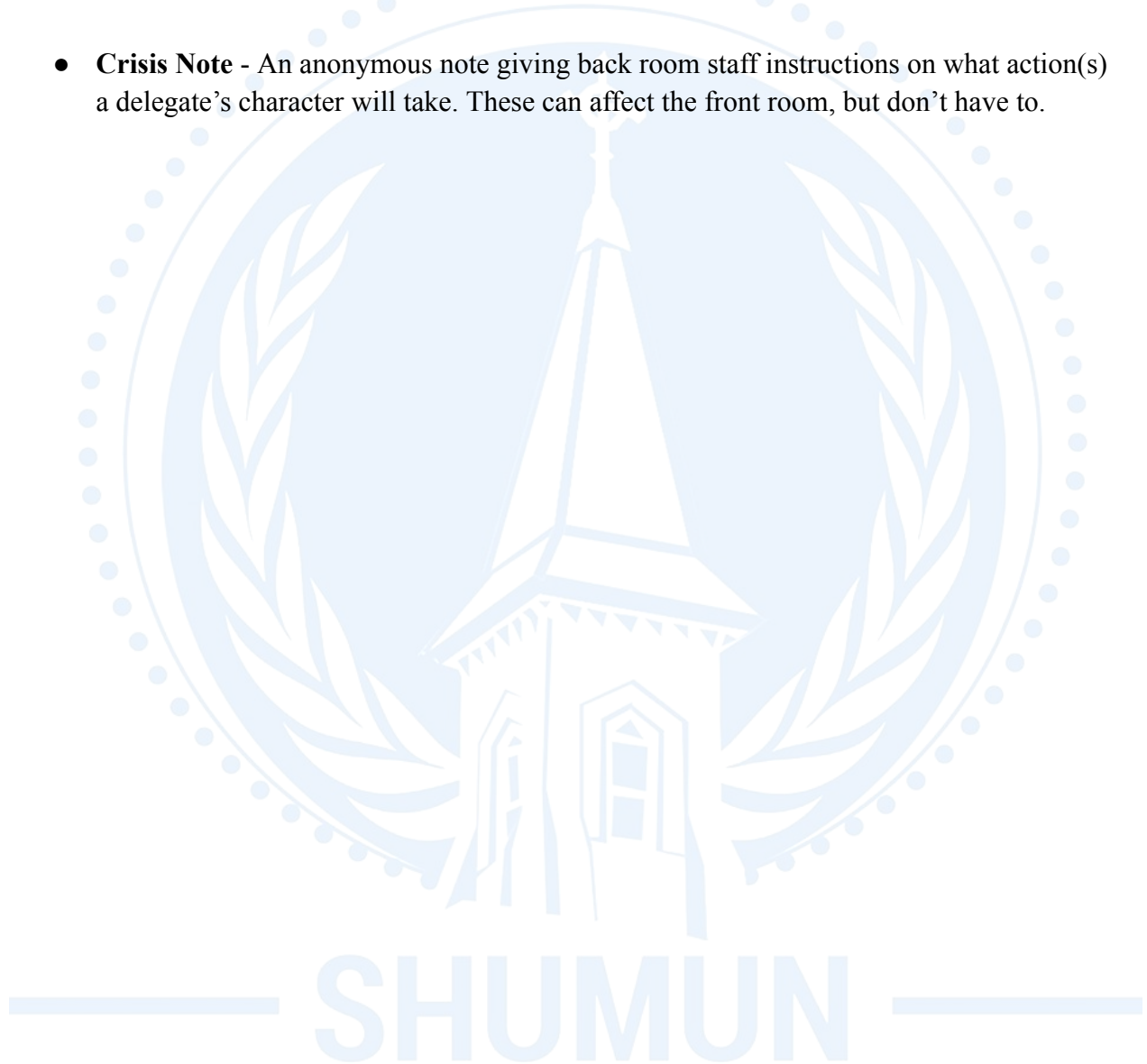
- **Count Dooku** - Dooku is a former Jedi who left the order after his former student, Qui-Gon Jinn, was killed during the First Battle of Naboo. He blamed his apprentice's death on the incompetence of the Jedi Council. Fed up with the Council's subservience to the Galactic Senate, which he viewed as equally corrupt and inefficient, Dooku joined the Sith. After leaving the Jedi, he returned to his home world, Serenno, where he became Count of the planet. He then publicly spoke out against the Republic and established the Confederation of Independent Systems. While the Jedi view the Sith as evil, the majority of the galaxy only see him as a politician.

- **Chancellor Palpatine** - Hailing from a rich Naboo family, Palpatine worked his way to the position of Senator for his planet. During the First Battle of Naboo, he voted out former Chancellor Valorum and took the seat of Chancellor for himself. Now, nearly a decade later, he has increased the executive power of his position to deal with the Separatist Crisis.
- **Asajj Ventress** - Once a Jedi, Ventress fell to the dark side after the death of her Master. She joined the Sith and was given training under Dooku, making her capable of using the Dark Side and dual lightsabers. She currently serves as an assassin for the Separatists.
- **General Grievous** - A formidable fighter capable of wielding four lightsabers at once, the cyborg General Grievous has already taken down his fair share of Jedi since the outbreak of the war. While he lacks the Force ability and Sith allegiance of Dooku and Ventress, he is an extremely capable field commander and admiral whose hatred for the Republic burns bright.

General Terms

- **Clone** - Though different species and races can be cloned in Star Wars, this committee will primarily use the term to refer to the Jango Fett Clones which make up the Republic's Army. Clones are all from the planet Kamino where they are produced and trained. They age at twice the normal rate of humans and are high-quality soldiers.
- **Droid** - Many different kinds of robots exist in Star Wars, from R2D2 and C3PO to the B1 Battle droids of the Separatist army. Overall, the term is synonymous with robot. Droids make up the majority of the Separatist army and will most often refer to them. Some droids also work as basic service units, such as security, janitors, or guards.
- **Army** - A fighting force made up of ground units. These can include foot soldiers, vehicles like tanks, and artillery.
- **Navy** - A fighting force made up of space travel capable vessels, some of which can act as battlefield support. This includes fighters, bombers, Venadors (Star Destroyers), flagships, and other vessels.
- **Original Trilogy** - The first three Star Wars films, "A New Hope", "The Empire Strikes Back", and "Return of the Jedi"
- **Prequel Trilogy** - The second three Star Wars films, "The Phantom Menace", "Attack of the Clones", and "Revenge of the Sith"
- **Canon** - Events that take place in the official Star Wars storyline. Alternatives would be the Expanded Universe or Legends. All movies and TV shows are considered canon.

- **Front room** - The setting where delegates participate in debate with each other, write directives, and vote. Where delegates decide what the committee will do.
- **Back room** - Private interactions between delegates and staffers done through sending notes. Where delegates develop a personal story arc and have their character take actions.
- **Directive** - A written set of directions on how the committee as a whole will respond to a conflict the front room has to deal with.
- **Crisis Note** - An anonymous note giving back room staff instructions on what action(s) a delegate's character will take. These can affect the front room, but don't have to.



Background

Pre-Clone Wars

During the millennia leading up to the Clone Wars, the Galactic Republic disbanded their military and began internally reforming during an era of peace. Yet after centuries of progress, the Republic began to fall into a state of status quo. The Senate began abandoning reform in favor of political corruption, human domination over other races, and economic monopolization. These issues began to spread dissent among developing planets and peoples, sparking widespread outrage against the Republic. This manifested in many ways, from protests to political kidnappings and assassinations. In response, the Senate began asking Jedi to investigate and suppress these anti-Republic actions, creating a hatred for the Republic and Jedi alike by these groups and planets.

The Separatist Crisis

After years of public opinion waning against the Republic, the powder keg finally burst following a speech made by former Jedi, Count Dooku of Serenno. He publicly denounced the Republic Senate and Jedi Order for their corruption, exploitation of developing worlds, and lack of resolution for these problems. He finished by announcing the planet Raxus was to formally withdraw from the Republic along with his home world Serenno. Following this speech, many other planets immediately declared independence from the Republic, and Count Dooku was elected leader of the new Separatist Alliance, or Confederation of Independent Systems. This body presented itself as a rival government to the Galactic Republic.

Outbreak of the War

The galactic situation remained peaceful yet tense until a bounty hunter, Jango Fett, failed to assassinate Republic Senator Padme Amedala. Jedi Knight Obi-Wan Kenobi tracked him to the planet Kamino where he discovered an army of Jango Fett clones being trained to fight as an army for the Republic. While these clones swore loyalty to the Republic, the real Fett attacked Kenobi and escaped to Separatist-controlled Geonosis. Kenobi, his at the time Padawan Anakin Skywalker, and Padme Amedala followed Fett there but were captured by Count Dooku and the Separatists. To save them, the Republic Senate authorized emergency powers to Chancellor Palpatine, who immediately proclaimed the Clones on Kamino would serve as the Republic's new army. Many Jedi and a large portion of the clone army were immediately dispatched to rescue the prisoners and retake Geonosis, culminating in the Battle of Geonosis which marked the beginning of the Clone Wars. These events all take place during *Star Wars: Attack of the Clones*. **The committee will begin just after these events, starting during season one of the Clone Wars television show.**

Geopolitics of the Star Wars Galaxy

Despite the galaxy being politically unified under one government until the Separatist Crisis, there existed a prior division into three geographical regions: The Core Worlds, Mid Rim, and Outer Rim. Each of these locations has its own distinguishing characteristics.

The Core Worlds - Located closest to the center of the galaxy, these planets make up a large portion of humans in the Galaxy, with most Core planets dominated by them. The tolerance these planets have for non-humans varies on a case-by-case basis. Core Worlds are most often highly developed and self-sustaining, though this does not stop them from taking advantage of other planets for materials and markets. These worlds have been the most politically influential in the Senate, with the Republic's Capital, Courisaunt, being a Core World.

Mid-Rim - Further from the Core, this region makes up the planets deemed within the middle ring of the Galaxy but not too far out. Because of this, they are often more moderate in their galactic standings. While they can be human-dominated, many are also home to large populations of non-human, or entire non-human civilizations like the Gungans and Pantorans. Their level of development is mixed, with some being more developed than others, but most generally being less so than Core Worlds. While represented in the Senate, they are often overshadowed by the Core.

Outer Rim - The rest of the Galaxy, sometimes called Wild Space, planets here are either mixed race or home to non-human civilizations. Development is scarce, with Core and Mid-Rim worlds, as well as megacorporations, often dominating the Outer Rim's economy. These planets have no real policing or military defenses, and frequently fall victim to pirates and criminal empires like the Hutts. They have had no real say in the Senate and are the major backbone of the Separatist campaign against the Republic.

Factions in the Galactic Republic

- **The Senate** - The legislative and judicial body of government in the Republic, the Senate has the final say in passing new galactic laws, authorizing invasions, imposing taxes and embargos, and creating new military troops. These are all proposed and voted on by the Senate and can be influenced by the Chancellor (executive branch) as well. Each Senator is given a voice in the Senate they can use to influence galactic politics, as well as access to the wealth and resources of their home planets. Senators can each also interact with the Republic's criminal underworld, able to hire bounty hunters and give out bribes to further their own goals.
- **The Military and Navy** - The Grand Army and Navy of the Republic are the backbone of the war effort. While the Jedi are often assigned units to lead, the military and navy are still made up of a small number of predominantly human officers who orchestrate battles on a grand scale, alongside Clone commanders who lead troops during the fighting. Both officers and Clone commanders have the first say in the Republic's battle strategy, and can interact with the rest of the army and navy. Each member of the committee also has armies and/or navies at their disposal, which they can train, deploy, and use to further their own agendas.

- **The Jedi** - Having been aligned with the Republic for so long, the Jedi have become nearly inseparable from the Republic government. Still, the Jedi Council independently manages the Order and maintains complete control over its internal affairs. When acting externally, they can do as they please with matters of the Force, but oftentimes require Republic permission to act in any way that may drastically affect politics, especially with the war. Each Jedi in committee can engage in combat with their lightsabers, have access to the powers of the Force, and can interact or train with the Force as they please.



Positions

Senators

- **Bail Organa** - One of the most popular voices in the senate, Senator Organa of the planet Alderaan holds vast sway over the senate. He is dedicated not only to ending the war, but spreading peace and prosperity to the rest of the galaxy, even after the Separatists' secession from the Republic. As such he is firmly against expanding the army, preferring to instead provide aid for struggling planets and communities. While wary of the Chancellor's increasing efforts to centralize government control, he is loyal to the Senate and Galactic Republic. His closest ally in the Senate is Padme Amedala, and he is also aligned with Jar Jar Binks and Riyo Chuchi. He is also friends with Obi-Wan Kenobi.
- **Padme Amedala** - Naboo's Senator Padme Amedala is the most dedicated person in the Senate to re-establishing peace. Aside from being an able senator, her skills include both acting as a spy and being willing to cross political lines to reach out to Separatists. While not explicitly anti-war, she is opposed to the expansion of the military and wants a diplomatic resolution to the war. Being from Naboo, she has a history with Chancellor Palpatine and though wary of his power, she will never be denied a request to speak with him. She is closely allied with Senator Organa, Riyo Chuchi, and Representative Binks. She is friends with Obi-Wan Kenobi and Ahsoka Tano, and is secretly married to Anakin Skywalker, an arrangement which potentially threatens both their positions if made public.
- **Orn Free Taa** - Representing the planet Ryloth and Twi'lek people, Senator Taa finds himself in an elevated yet precarious state. He is the richest member of the committee and can use his wealth as he pleases, himself frequently interacting with the criminal underworld. However, his popularity among the Twi'lek people has begun to wane, especially as he spends more time in his luxury home on Coruscant. Nonetheless, he is a devout loyalist and jingoist who wants nothing more than the complete destruction of the Separatists, many of whom have historically attacked, exploited, and enslaved his people. This attitude has received much praise from the Chancellor, who will always offer to speak with the Senator. He often aligns with members of the military and Vice-Chancellor Mas Amedda.
- **Mas Amedda** - Mas Amedda is not a senator but rather the Vice Chancellor of the Senate, acting as Speaker for the Senate and holding a position next to the Chancellor himself. As such he holds sway over what is presented during sessions and is not afraid to use shady means to threaten or silence opposing Senators. He is not only close with Chancellor Palpatine but also knows he is a Sith Lord and has agreed to aid in his plans. Acting on behalf of the Chancellor, he often takes on more jingoistic and harsh stances towards the Separatists, while promoting military expansion and blaming military failures on the Jedi. In return, the Chancellor offers him insights into events unfolding under the Senate's radar at Mas Amedda's request. He is also not afraid to use shady means to silence opposition and anyone threatening his plans.

- **Jar Jar Binks** - Representative Binks is well accomplished as both a senator and decorated military commander for his people, the Gungans. He has access to a private Gungan military which, while not as powerful as clones, excels at fighting in swampy and underwater settings. Jar Jar's power, however, lies in his strange talent to avoid death, often survives and even accidentally helps in combat situations and during meetings of diplomacy. He does not have a lot of strong beliefs, but will do what is best for the Gungan people and Naboo as a whole. He is close with Chancellor Palpatine, having proposed giving emergency powers to him during the Separatist Crisis. He also greatly supports his planet's fellow senator, Padme Amedala, as well as Senator Bail Organa.
- **Riyo Chuchi** - Senator Chuchi of Pantora finds herself in a unique position. Unlike the majority of non-human planets, Pantorans are well respected across the galaxy and hold a great deal of power and wealth across their planets, all of which the Senator has at her disposal. The Senator herself is a centrist but strongly believes in every planet and people's right to self-determination. As such, while she is neutral towards the war, she is anti-occupation and in favor of Separatist rehabilitation. Equally, she is skeptical of the Chancellor and the already high power of the Senate. She is friends and allies with Padme Amedala, aligned with Senator Organa, and friends with Ahsoka Tano. She is also supportive of the rights of clones and acts as their voice in the Senate.
- **Halle Burtoni** - Halle Burtoni is the Senator of the planet Kamino. This is an important role being that her planet is responsible for the production of Clones for the Galactic Army. As such, she has a vested interest in continuing the war and expanding the military, as she and her people are monetarily benefiting. However, the idea of Clone rights and those advocating against them being considered property threaten her position. As leverage, or just to further her own goals, she could potentially use her connections to tamper with the production of Clones. Regardless, having dealt directly with the Chancellor, she supports his efforts to expand executive powers.
- **Lott Dod** - Lott Dott is the representative of the Trade Federation within the Galactic Senate. While not formally a senator, he is given the same privileges in the Senate. However, his superior within the Trade Federation is Nute Gunray, a member of the Separatist Council. This puts Dod in a scrupulous position, having to publicly denounce Gunray lest he lose credibility in the Republic. However, secretly the two conspire to take advantage of the war, meaning Dod can request insight into separatist plans, and has access to the vast wealth of the federation. He aligns with pro-military and free-trade Senators and those who are also looking to exploit the war for financial gain.
- **R2D2 and C3PO** - While not Senators or representatives, R2D2 and C3PO have been given a single seat and vote in this committee as they are frequently sent on missions for the Republic and both effectively hold free will. C3PO's main skill involves being a translator, able to speak nearly every language in the galaxy, even ancient Jedi and Sith.

R2D2 is able to hack into computer systems, like security, and reprogram and control small numbers of other droids, such as battle droids. Both are easily able to go undercover, as droids are often unsuspecting. Their positions are purely logical and often vary. While 3PO usually prefers diplomacy, R2 is more in favor of war. Being that droids are property, they will address the committee on behalf of the Galaxy's droids. They are owned by Padme Amedala and Anakin Skywalker but can act as they please.

Military and Navy Staff

- **Admiral Wullf Yularen** - Admiral Yularin is part of the officer corps within the Republic's navy. He and many other officers feel strongly about the Jedi being given more power over the navy than them, however, is supportive of Jedi leading troops on the ground. Yularin is pro-military and supports giving power to the Chancellor, but wants the Republic to rehabilitate the Outer Rim instead of suppressing it. Above all, he stands firmly against corruption in the Senate and is not afraid to step in or investigate whenever necessary. He is a capable naval commander whose fleet is often assigned to work with Jedi Knight Anakin Skywalker and his 501st Legion headed by Captain Rex. Politically he shares a few opinions with other military personnel.
- **Admiral Willhuf Tarkin** - Admiral Tarkin's background distinguishes him due to his mentality that power should be earned, representing a radical wing of republic officers who are opposed to any Jedi involvement in the military or navy. He views the Clones as expendable property and is not afraid to use fear, military force, or any means necessary to maintain order. He is pro-military, harsh on the Separatists, and overall supportive of whomever he views worthy. He is a skilled commander with a sizable fleet under his control. His prowess and dedication have earned him the dedicated support of the Chancellor, whose office he believes in strengthening. Likewise, he does not respect Senators and takes orders from Palpatine directly. But, unlike the rest of the Jedi, Skywalker and Tarkin also share a mutual respect for one another. He also aligns with Vice Chancellor Mas Amedda.
- **Captain Rex** - Being a captain in the 501st Legion, Rex has quickly ascended to one of the most knowledgeable and skilled figures in the Grand Army. He is a capable fighter equally skilled in improvisation and head-on assaults. His thoughts on the war are mixed, not afraid of fighting but okay with diplomacy. He has also become wary of the Chancellor's power and while supportive of democracy, is not afraid to question his superiors. He remains loyal to his Clone brothers above all else and has control over the 501st Clones who are skilled in reconnaissance and naval warfare. Anakin Skywalker, who serves as his general, is close with the Captain, and Rex considers his Padawan, Ahsoka Tano, as a sister.
- **Commander Cody** - Cody is a clone Commander for the 212th Clone unit. While sharing Rex's levels of knowledge and skill, Cody is more tactical and cautious with his troops. He values his clone brothers but is loyal to the Republic, especially Chancellor Palpatine, above all else. This trust has led him to become pro-war, believing combat is necessary for the benefit of the planets they occupy. While not outwardly in favor, he has

become accepting of the Chancellor's increased power and Separatist suppression to maintain order in the Galaxy. He is in command of the 212th Army specializing in ground combat. He and his clone brother Rex share mutual respect and trust for their Jedi General, Obi-Wan Kenobi.

- **Sergeant Hunter** - Hunter is a unique clone being that he is a part of the advanced reconnaissance group Clone Force 99. This "Bad Batch" of clones has desirable mutations, such as Hunter's advanced senses, Tech's mastery of technology, Wrecker's brute strength, and Crosshair's sniper and stealth ability. This difference has caused Hunter and his crew to be more free-spirited and skeptical of any authority, both that of the Separatists and Republic. Being the de facto leader of the Bad Batch, Hunter can use his team's skills as he pleases. While mostly looking out for his squad, Hunter does respect Cody, Rex, Gerra, and Skywalker, but will extend respect to anyone who can prove their worth to his team.
- **ARC Trooper Fives** - Originally a part of the ill-fated Domino Squad, the then fresh out of training Fives would join the 501st legion after a Separatist attack on the Republic's Rishi Moon outpost would leave all but himself and fellow Domino Squad member Echo alive. Their later bravery in the defense of Kamino would see Fives and Echo promoted to the rank of Advanced Recon Commando. Given better armor and weapons than standard troops, ARC Troopers are typically given harder assignments that couldn't be completed by the rank and file. ARC Troopers are considered the best of the best, and Fives is no exception to this. Fives is highly respected and trusted by his comrades in the 501st, and is close with Captain Rex and ARC trooper Echo.
- **Commander Fox** - Dedicated and fiercely loyal, Commander Fox has become a prime example of what the Clones were bred to become; highly capable fighters who never question orders. Head of the Coruscant Guard, the Galactic Republic's capital garrison and military police force, Fox has eyes on Courasant's dealings. He may use his troops as he pleases, which specialize in gaining information and spying across the planet. His positions are pro-military, pro-war, and in favor of centralization, willing to do whatever he is asked to achieve these goals. His dedication has strained his relations with most clones, but he often finds agreement with Cody and among other military officers and pro-war senators, including the Chancellor.
- **Saw Gerra** - While not an official in the Republic's military, Saw Gerra is an extremely skilled Guerilla fighter who excels at sabotage, infiltration, and combat in harsh terrain. His planet's king chose neutrality in the Clone Wars, but was overthrown by a Separatist-backed coup. Should he liberate his planet, his king would offer up the planet's resources, army, and political connections upon his request. Personally, Saw is an extremist who hates the Separatists but does not trust the Republic's Chancellor or the Jedi. Still, he wants to defeat the Separatists by any means necessary and believes in harshly suppressing their planets. He was trained by Ahsoka Tano and Captain Rex, and knows of Sergeant Hunter.

Jedi

- **Grandmaster Yoda** - Being several centuries old, Master Yoda has spent his years dedicated to the Jedi Order. The Separatist Crisis hit Yoda especially hard as his former apprentice, Count Dooku, revealed himself to have joined the Sith. This has made Yoda dedicated to resolving the Clone Wars by any means necessary, even if it means taking less than Jedi-like actions like expanding the military and having Jedi act as Generals. Still, he is wary of the Chancellor's growing power and Senate corruption. Despite his small size and aging appearance, Yoda is a quick and agile fighter with powers in the Force so strong he could explore the Force itself should he choose. He is close with fellow council members Mace Windu, Plo Koon, and Obi-Wan Kenobi, as well as Anakin Skywalker and Ahsoka Tano.
- **Mace Windu** - Master Windu finds himself in a powerful position in the Jedi Order, being second in command only to Grandmaster Yoda. He follows the Jedi Council unconditionally and, while not a fan of the Chancellor, he knows the Jedi will be blamed for any failures in the war. He has adapted his political views to remain mostly neutral and even pro-war and pro-military, letting the Senate and military do as they please so long as it does not endanger the Jedi. Should they cross that line, he would be first to advocate the Jedi launching a coup. His unique fighting style harnesses the Dark Side of the Force without bending to it, making Windu a formidable opponent and the most qualified to defeat a Sith in combat, as well as giving him the potential to explore the Force. He and Yoda agree on most matters and while not a fan of Skywalker and Ahsoka, Windu does respect Kenobi and Plo Koon.
- **Obi-Wan Kenobi** - Obi-Wan Kenobi is often seen as a poster child for the war. His loyalties are foremost to the Jedi council but he supports democracy in the senate. However, Kenobi is the only Jedi aware the Senate could be under the control of the Sith after being told so by Count Dooku. Nonetheless, he is primarily supportive of a diplomatic solution to the war, but is not afraid to fight for it either, with tricks and out-maneuvering opponents being his preferred tactics. He has romantic feelings for the Duchess of the neutral planet Mandalore, Satine Kryz, but refuses to act on them due to his adherence to the Jedi Code. He is loyal to his fellow Jedi Council members Mace Windu and Yoda, and his former padawan Anakin Skywalker. He often works alongside Commander Cody, Padme Amedala, and Bail Organa.
- **Anakin Skywalker** - The "chosen one," Anakin Skywalker is a Jedi Knight and general in the Grand Army of the Republic. His immense power in the Force makes him formidable in combat and grants potential access to a variety of Force abilities. Anakin himself sees value in experience and respects the Republic's officer core, even if he often ignores them. He is aggressively against the Separatists and, while not jingoistic, believes fighting is the only way to end the conflict. Yet despite these opinions, Skywalker's loyalties lie most with his friends and family. His foremost concern is with his wife Padme Amedala, though their relationship must be kept a secret. Skywalker sees the Chancellor as a mentor figure but considers Obi-Wan

Kenobi and Asoka Tano as family. Skywalker works with Captain Rex as well as Admirals Yularin and Tarkin.

- **Ahsoka Tano** - Like her master, Anakin Skywalker, Ahsoka has grown to also be rebellious and unpredictable, especially by Jedi standards. Being a Padawan, she is not as skilled in using the Force, but does have the highest potential to learn new Force abilities. Despite this, she is quite skilled in lightsaber combat, both in duels, against droids, and against other potential foes. She is not a fan of Chancellor Palpatine and centralization but believes in the Senate, even knowing its flaws. Likewise she is friends with many of the clones, but is not pro-military. However, she is pro-war and believes the Separatists are pure evil and must be stopped. She is close with Anakin Skywalker, Obi-Wan Kenobi, and Plo Koon, as well as friends with Padme Amedala, Riyo Chuchi, and Captain Rex.
- **Kiadi Mundi** - Master Kiadi Mundi is the most prominent and high-ranking member of the Jedi Order's more reactionary wing. While vehemently against the Separatists, these members are not dedicated to the Republic, often looking down on Senators, the Military, Clones, and sometimes even other Jedi. He and others like him are pro-war, pro-military, and pro-suppression, not above using any means necessary to end the Separatist Crisis. Mundi himself views many Separatist-aligned peoples as barbaric, despite being non-human himself. He is strong with a lightsaber, though not as powerful in the Force as Masters Windu, Yoda, or Anakin Skywalker. While a part of the Jedi, his beliefs and superiority complex tend to isolate him from others, meaning Mundi will have to make compromises and take sides to get what he wants.
- **Plo Koon** - Being from a species naturally gifted with the Force, Plo Koon is likely the closest Jedi Master to the original Jedi Order. He has even mastered the ability of Force Judgment that lets him shoot lightning from his fingers, making him a formidable foe, especially against foes without lightsabers. While loyal to the Jedi Order, Plo disapproves of the new role the Order has taken in serving the government as Generals in the Clone Wars rather than serving as peacekeepers across the galaxy as the Jedi had done historically. He is skeptical of the Chancellor and Senate, anti-war, anti-military expansion, and believes in peacefully rehabilitating the Outer Rim. He is close with all members of the Jedi, especially Skywalker and Ahsoka whom he acted as mentor for.
- **Shaak Ti** - Hailed by Clones as the most nurturing of the Jedi, Master Shaak Ti is the Jedi's emissary to the planet Kamino. There she oversees Clone production and training, giving her a close relationship with both the Kaminoans and Clones. While not pro-war and against military expansion, she cares deeply for the Clones and their rights. Additionally, while loyal to the Republic, she does not trust the Chancellor and will explicitly call out anything she or the Jedi disagree with. She is not exceptional with a lightsaber, but holds strong potential for defensive and passive Force abilities, like Force Heal. She is close with her fellow Jedi Council Members and anti-war Senators, especially Riyo Chuchi.
- **Jocasta Nu** - Jocasta Nu is a very important person within the Jedi Order, the keeper of the Jedi Temple Library. This collection has information on everything in the galaxy from Force techniques to insights on the old Sith Order. While Jocasta Nu can interact with this information freely, her age has made effectively harnessing many of these techniques and

skills difficult. However, the full library is available to her, and she can freely distribute the information held in it to whoever she wants to. Personally, the continuation of the Order is her first priority, and she often is willing to take well-thought-out yet radical steps to ensure such. Jocasta Nu also has a very strong connection with Master Yoda and Obi-Wan Kenobi.



Challenges

War Situation

The most obvious challenge the committee will have to overcome is the war itself, but that does not make this purely a war committee. Though fighting has begun, it is not too late for diplomacy to save the Republic. Even if it alone cannot end the war, it is possible for diplomacy to impact the war. Some battles and enemies can be avoided should diplomacy be used to defuse situations. The war will also take a massive toll upon the galaxy, especially on frontline planets. Using diplomatic means to aid planets can be used to draw in neutral and even separatist planets.

Status of the Military and Navy

The fighting itself brings into question many individual challenges. One of the largest questions is what the Republic will do with its military. The Separatists use overwhelming tactics with their droid army and the Republic implementing a similar strategy may prove beneficial to quickly ending the war. Should the fighting be drawn out, continued clone production may also prove necessary. Campaigns and expansion, however, are also costly. Not only will many lives, clones and civilian, be lost, but the Republic will have to fund the war too. This funding will be in addition to the funding required by other actions the committee takes. Having a large military may also harm relations with planets across the galaxy, both impairing diplomatic efforts and sparking more anti-Republic sentiments.

The Government and Reoccupying Outer Rim

The geopolitics of the Republic have led to much of the galaxy's wealth being concentrated in the Core Worlds with the rest of the galaxy being exploited and unable to develop. These challenges are some of the primary appeals of the Separatist Movement. Because of this, reoccupation of Separatist planets may prove difficult should the inhabitants see the Republic as invaders and not liberators. The Clone Wars are not just a war over territory, but of ideas and genuine grievances, and the council will need to address these inequalities. The main debate is about whether it should be done through government decentralization or centralization, and through rehabilitating Separatist planets or suppressing them.

The Dark Side

While purely a Jedi concern, the Dark Side may nonetheless play a role in the committee. The Jedi believe the Force controls everything and while the Jedi use the Light Side of the Force, the Sith manipulate it into the Dark Side and are always trying to use it to seize power over the Galaxy. Recently, just prior to the outbreak of the Clone Wars, there has been a noticeable increase in the influence of the Dark Side on the Jedi. The Order remains split on the issue, with some believing it is a result of the Sith gaining power, while others dismissing it as a result of the death and corruption that led to the Clone War. Nonetheless, it is the purpose of the Jedi to eliminate the Dark Side as much as possible, including in Separatist leader and Sith Lord Count Dooku.