

Example Editorial:

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Al Jazeera is a Middle Eastern news outlet based in Qatar. As the location of the newspaper, itself suggests, the News outlet specializes in international relations, particularly Middle Eastern conflicts and socio-economic policies. Notably, Al Jazeera had a United States branch of its news organization, however it closed its doors in 2016, as it wasn't able to sustain enough revenue. This is telling of not only Al Jazeera, but also news organizations around the world; print media is a declining industry, and Al Jazeera has to deal with the issue of whether to continue providing hard-hitting, critical, and analytical stories, or switch to a more modern, sensationalized news. Al Jazeera covers the United Nations as one of the most reliable Middle Eastern newspapers, even being read by Western Nations. The news outlet is slightly left leaning, however for the most part cares about the issues, not partisan ideals.

As a reporter for Al Jazeera, I will be covering Topic A in DISEC, the topic of Reduction of Military Budget. Al Jazeera is concerned about global military budgets, particularly in the Middle East. Whether it be Pakistan fighting with India over Kashmir (causing a small arms and nuclear arms buildup), or Israel and Palestine fighting in the West Bank, violence in the Middle East has been rising since the 1960s. Notably, Al Jazeera has covered the situation in Iraq, particularly the difficulties of living in a nation with Kurdish forces that claim to be a separate and sovereign state in the Northern mountains. This has caused the nation to build up its arms. The root of the problem, and something to observe in the committee, is the example being set by

the United States of America, Russian Federation, and the other P5 Nations. Their constant and continual build up of arms troubles the world, causing panic, and a need to “keep up” with them.

Al Jazeera will seek to report on, find quotes, and observe this committee on the first day of the conference. During that time, we will focus on fact-finding, creating an article with a clear thesis, and with a driving questions that will interest readers. Particularly, this reporter plans on creating an article centered around arms buildup against terrorist groups, the economic benefits, and potential growth of Middle Eastern GDP as a result. A major economic factor is OPEC, the coalition of nations that sets oil prices, largely at the discretion of Saudi Arabia. It's our goal to look at the progress in the committee being made by Middle Eastern Nations, and also the P5 to ensure that a framework is being made that embodies mutual trust in a reduction of arms. This reporter will end this editorial by asking: what is the harm of a proportional reduction of the military budget?