

PREPMUN 2023

Pre-Conference Training (Crisis)

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Introduction to CRISIS

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Background





What if things did not go in this trajectory?



Crisis: The Re-enacting of ____



What is crisis, exactly?

- Dynamic agenda
- Individual goals within the simulation — a combination of collaboration and competition
- Backroom presence



What makes a crisis BD?

- Frontroom presence
 - Lobbying
 - Content
 - Presence
- Backroom presence
 - Directives – quantity & quality – will be elaborated later!
 - Collaboration with others/the committee
 - Reasoning of stance
 - Adaptiveness
 - Ultimately – backroom presence is assessed by how you have fulfilled your own goal in the crisis



Your crisis starts on
26 February, 1956

All of you will be party officials of the CPSU



Special Rules of Procedure: Brief





1.2.0.2 The Frontroom Staff shall assume the role of Chairmen of the Committee of Party Control (CPC) of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (CPSU). They shall monitor the substantive content contained within debate, grant delegates permission to speak, vet and approve documents prior to circulation, and decide on procedural matters. They shall ensure that debate and discussion will be conducted in an efficient and productive manner.

1.2.0.3 Delegates are to address the Frontroom Staff as "Chairmen". Similarly, delegates are to address each other as "Comrades".

1.2.0.4 The Backroom Staff, together with the Crisis Director, shall determine the direction that the Crisis will take, as well as the impact of any actions undertaken by Comrades within the committee.



2.1.0.1 Comrades that are full members of the Presidium of the 20th Congress of the CPSU will be allowed to vote on all procedural matters and substantive matters relayed to the Presidium.

2.1.0.2 Comrades that are candidate members of the Presidium of the 20th Congress of the CPSU will hold the same powers as the full members, except that they will not be able to vote on substantive matters relayed to the Presidium.

2.1.0.3 All Comrades of the committee are full members of the Central Committee of the 20th Congress of the CPSU. They will be allowed to vote on all procedural matters and substantive matters relayed to the Central Committee.

2.1.0.4 During roll call, only full members of the Presidium will indicate that they are “Present and Voting”, while other Comrades will indicate “Present”.



2.2.0.2 Each Directive requires a title which summarises the purpose of the Directive aptly. The Backroom reserves the rights to not process a Directive should it not have a title, or should the title not match the purpose of the Directive.

2.2.0.3 The title of the Directive should not exceed fifteen (15) words.



2.2.2.2 Joint Directives should have a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of six (6) sponsors, stated explicitly in the Directive. No signatories are required for Joint Directives.

2.2.3.2 Council Directives should have a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of six (6) sponsors, with at least twenty (20) percent of the quorum as signatories, both stated explicitly in the Directive.

2.2.3.3 At least half of the sponsors of a council Directive must be a full or candidate member of the Presidium. This is rounded up to the nearest whole number.



2.2.4.1 Once a council directive is vetted and approved, the Frontroom Staff will send a note to the sponsors. The sponsors may then raise a *Motion to Introduce Council Directive* when the Frontroom Staff call for motions. This motion requires a simple majority to pass.

2.2.4.2 Upon passing such a motion, the committee will be given up to five (5) minutes to peruse the directive, with the specific timing subject to the discretion of the Frontroom Staff. Thereafter, all sponsors may take the floor for a five (5) minute Question and Answer session. Following this segment, the committee would then return to the GSL.

2.2.4.5 Only full members of the Presidium will be able to vote on the council directive. This is a substantive vote in the Presidium, and requires a simple majority to pass the directive. Abstentions are in order and do not negate as votes against.



2.2.4.6 Should the council directive fail, no *Motion to Divide the Question* or *Motion to Divide the House* will be in order. Instead, any member of the Presidium, full or candidate, may raise a *Motion to Relay the Matter to the Central Committee*. This is a procedural motion that requires a simple majority to pass.

2.2.4.7 Upon passing such a motion, the committee will enter into a fifteen (15) minute Unmoderated Caucus for informal discussions. Comrades may ask to elapse the Unmoderated Caucus at any point of time, subject to the Frontroom Staffs' discretion. After the Unmoderated Caucus elapses, the committee will conduct another round of Direct Voting Procedure on the council directive, where all Comrades will be able to vote on the directive. The directive will require a two-thirds majority to pass.



2.3.0.1 Should Comrades wish to discuss issues in a private, informal setting, they may do so by requesting to hold a closed-door meeting.

2.3.0.3 The number of Comrades involved in the meeting should not exceed twenty (20) percent of the quorum, and the duration of the meeting should not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Extensions to the meeting duration will not be in order.

2.3.0.4 Only one (1) closed-door meeting may be active at any given point in time.



3.1.0.2 All substantive matters dealt with at the Presidium level require a simple majority to pass.

3.1.0.3 All substantive matters dealt with at the CC level require a two-thirds majority to pass.

3.2.0.1 The Presidium consists of eleven (11) full members and seven (7) candidate members.

3.2.0.2 Membership of the Presidium is subject to change, provided that full membership of the Presidium is kept at eleven (11) to twelve (12) Comrades, and candidate membership of the Presidium is kept at seven (7) to eight (8) Comrades at all times.



3.3.1.1 Promotion of a Comrade to the Presidium is done through the submission of a joint directive by four (4) full members of the Presidium.

3.3.1.2 If a Comrade is not in the Presidium, such a directive grants the Comrade candidate membership of the Presidium; if they currently hold candidate membership of the Presidium, they will be promoted to a full member.



3.3.2.1 Demotion of a Comrade from the Presidium is done through raising a *Motion of No Confidence against (name of Comrade)*. This is a procedural motion that requires a simple majority to pass.

3.3.2.2 After such a motion passes, the Comrade facing the No-Confidence vote will be given ninety (90) seconds to make a speech. Thereafter, the Central Committee will conduct a substantive vote on whether the Comrade will be demoted. A two-thirds majority in the Central Committee is required for demotion. Abstentions are in order and do not negate as votes against.

3.3.2.3 Demotion of a Comrade results in the immediate loss of their membership in the Presidium. When full members of the Presidium are demoted, they do not retain candidate membership.



Research and Topic Guide Analysis



1. Historical context
2. Research Analysis
3. Kahoot



Historical Context



Yalta & Potsdam Conference (1945)



- End of Great Patriotic War (1945)
- Discussions between the “Big Three”
 - The Soviet Union
 - The United States
 - The United Kingdom
- Agreed on how post-war matters would be handled
 - Germany’s reparations & dissolution
 - Spheres of influence



Berlin Airlift (1948)



- USSR controlled East Berlin, West (France, UK, US) controlled West Berlin
- USSR worried about West Berlin displaying capitalist supremacy
- Blocked off supplies from West Berlin
- 2.3 Million tonnes of supplies flown in by airlift



Doctors' Plot (1948-53)



- Prominent doctors accused of trying to poison Soviet Leaders
- Majority of those accused were Jewish
- Many hospitals & Jewish doctors condemned
 - Increased anti-semitism



The Death of Stalin (1953)



- Died of a cerebral hemorrhage in March 1953
- Doctors too afraid to tend to him because of Doctors' Plot



Warsaw Pact (1955)



- Created as a response to NATO
- Made up of 9 countries
 - USSR & the Eastern Bloc
- Mutual Defence Treaty



Khrushchev's Secret Speech (1956)



- Speech at the end of the 20th Congress, Feb. 25 1956
- Denounced Stalin's Cult of Personality
- Accused Stalin of numerous atrocities
 - The Great Purges



Research Analysis



Research Analysis



- Understand the main issue(s) at hand
- Consider the following
 - Assumptions / biases of the author
 - Consequences & implications
 - Alternative Viewpoints
 - Context



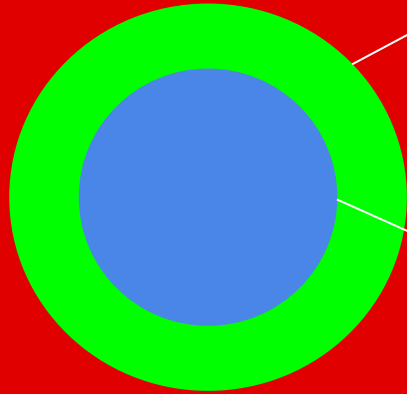
Study Guide VS Crisis Study Guide



| Study Guide | Crisis Study Guide |
|---|---|
| Provides an introduction to the topic at hand | Provides an introduction to the topic at hand |
| <u><i>Scope of Debate</i></u> Covers all issues to be discussed (Scope of Debate) | <u><i>Key Issues</i></u> Covers some issues to be discussed, and some issues that may not be discussed |



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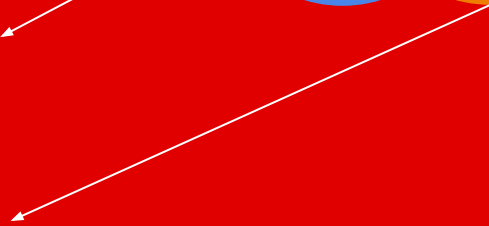
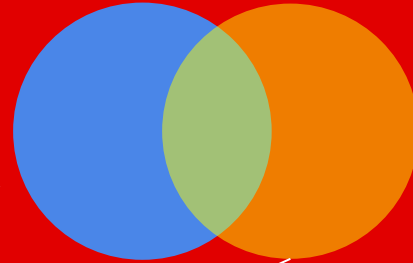


Scope of
Debate

Content
in
council

Key
Issues

Crisis





Crisis Study Guide

- **Economic Development**
- Sino-Soviet Relations
- Nationalism in satellite states

Issues introduced in council (hypothetical)

- **Economic Development**
- Cuban Missile Crisis
- Soviet-US Relations



What should you know?



Scope of Research



- All pertinent issues that the Soviet Union faced in the given time period (~1956)
 - Reading up on historical events that happened after 1956 may not be useful



What would _____ do?



Let's review an excerpt of our Study Guide:



Nuclear policy

"Hiroshima has shaken the whole world... the balance has been destroyed."

- Joseph Stalin

As part of their scramble to catch up to the United States in terms of nuclear capability, the Soviet Union rapidly advanced its nuclear program after the detonation of the nuclear bomb in 1945 (Romei, 2020). The Mayak plant, which produced weapons-grade plutonium, was completed in just 3 years in 1948 (Rabl, 2020).

However, the rapid development of the Soviet Union's nuclear capability came at a cost. Due to a lack of time and sufficient research, several safety standards were either ignored or rolled back (Rabl, 2020). More than 10000 workers at the plant have received radiation overdoses, and dumping of radioactive waste from 1949-1952 into a nearby river caused several villages downstream to suffer from breakouts of radioactive sickness (Rabl, 2020).

In 1953, the Soviet Union constructed a storage facility for nuclear waste produced by the Mayak plant. However, it remains to be seen whether this is a permanent solution, as the liquid nuclear waste is highly volatile and must be cooled at all times (Rabl, 2020)



KEY INFORMATION



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Dossiers & Strategic Planning

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“Know thy self, know thy
enemy. A thousand battles,
a thousand victories.”

—Sun Tzu



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Portfolio, Deconstructed



Explaining Dossiers



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 - b. Picture
 - c. Active Positions
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3. Page 4, Responsibility and Powers
 - a. Abilities of aforementioned positions
 - b. Any additional powers or abilities





Cover Page

Sergo Ordzhonikidze



**Full Member of the 12th CC,
First Secretary of the TSFSR**

Portfolio Name, instead of representing a nation you now act as this single person

Active Positions, used to identify which sector you belong to as well as potential allies

Biography



ABOUT YOU

Born (24 October 1886) and raised in Georgia, a then Tsarist imperial colony, you have always felt strongly about your homeland, and believe that it should be governed by its own people. You were raised in a somewhat wealthy family, where you went to medical school and eventually worked as a medical assistant. You first joined the Russian Social-Democratic Labour Party (RSDLP) in 1903 and worked for them by distributing Bolshevik leaflets. Later on in the 1905 Revolution, you helped in the organisation of strikes, and was arrested in December that year. You were bailed and continued to travel to other imperial colonies to spread revolutionary ideologies. Upon your third arrest in October 1907, you shared a cell with another Georgian revolutionary Iosif Dzugashvili, later on better known as Joseph Stalin. You two became friends after spending time discussing politics and revolutionary ideologies.

In 1911, you went to Longjumeau Party School, a school set up to train the Bolsheviks, and you met Lenin later on when you travelled to Paris. Later on, you were elected to the CC after seeing your commendable attitude towards Marxism. However, under Tsarist reign, you were still frequently arrested and exiled. After the February Revolution broke out, you quickly fled from exile in Yakutsk for Petrograd. You later became a member of the Petrograd Bolshevik Committee and worked closely with Lenin and Stalin.

After successfully suppressing the White Army in the North Caucasus region during the Russian Civil War by rallying the peasants, you were sent to annex the once-colonised South Caucasus states of Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia. Under swift action of the 11th Red Army, these 3 states were easily reclaimed, especially with Armenia and Azerbaijan still in a heated conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh. The entirety of South Caucasus fell on 25 February 1921, where you were awarded the Order of the Red Banner. When attempting to curb Georgian nationalism, you tried to suggest a merger of Georgia and the RSFSR, which Lenin rejected as it seemed "too rushed". You then pushed for the 3 Caucasus states to be merged into one republic - the Transcaucasian Socialist Federative Soviet Republic (TSFSR). This has gotten you a lot of backlash from nationalists from all 3 states, threatening your resignation.

I am getting more and more tired of the Georgian nationalism movement Joseph, while it is my, and yours, hometown, it annoys me to see that these people have not realised what is best for them. I suggest we authorise the 11th Army to control Georgia again, like what we did to Azerbaijan. It is only with terror now that these people will listen to us.

-Your correspondence with Stalin, 11 October 1921

- Biography, providing
- Your entrance into politics
 - How you ended up with certain positions
 - Significant events
 - Motivations and fears
 - Any impulses and insights into a complex personality

Extracts, which help better derive stance nuances



Responsibility and Powers

- If positional power, prefaced with as the [position], you can do [actions]
- Responsibility acts as “mandate”, so while it is not a *must*, you are expected by others to follow it

Exact details to your portfolio powers

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AND POWERS

■ As the First Secretary of the TSFSR, you are entrusted with the responsibility to restore political stability within Transcaucasia, and make sure that the 3 republics come together as one. To fulfil this responsibility, you have the following powers:

- 1. You have a team of GPU agents stationed within Transcaucasia to report any uneliminated Menshevik activities to you.
- 2. You have the ability to request support from the Red Army if political unrest happens.
- 3. You have the ability to allocate and distribute budget for the entirety of Transcaucasia
- 4. You control over all the autonomous governments in the 3 autonomous republics.

Information of this dossier may be fictionalised. You may refer to other sources for research, but this dossier will be the sole source of truth for this portfolio.

Reviewing Powers

Portfolio Powers



Practicality

How realistic is my action that I wish to take, and in what way would I accomplish it?

How complicated is that action, and with my current powers, would I be able to accomplish that task alone?

Interpretation

With my position, what are the likely limits to what I can do?

If my power is vague/did not specify details, what limits would realistically be given to those powers?

What are the steps to your action?

Example



YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AND POWERS

As the chairman of the Moscow Soviet, you have the ability and jurisdiction to govern the Moscow district as long as it did not conflict with national policy, this includes, and is not limited to:

1. Allocating resources to various industries in Moscow,
2. Taking care of the welfare of the Moscovian workers and peasants,
3. Improving the outskirts of the district,
4. Drafting the Moscovian budget, subjected to the Supreme Economic Council's approval
5. Coordinating all trade unions of all industries within Moscow
6. Maintaining social and political stability within Moscow



Allocate mines and steel mills to local steel producers (using point 1)



Invite all trade unions within Moscow to a meeting to discuss welfare concerns (using point 5)



Call upon local police forces to mitigate mass riots occurring throughout Moscow (using point 6)



Mobilising the army for an invasion (not within powers)



Eradicate poverty (no specific powers used, no steps given)



Revitalise Moscow's economy through drafting a good budget (point 4 used but no steps given)

Motivations & Powers



Motivations - Why would you do something

Powers - How would you do something

As stance is very much a fluid concept in crisis (will be explained later), motivations ultimately serve as your **core principle** for engaging others. Powers will give you a **variety of ways** to engage others, of which it is best to choose one that best achieves your goals



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Creating a Masterplan



What motivates people?



Chaos?

The need to watch
the world burn



Revenge?

The need to right
one's wrongs



Power?

The need to be the
leader



Control?

The need to be the
sole
decision-maker



How does history affect motivations



Betrayal

With past conflicts comes unresolved tensions, especially for those who have been wronged



Dominance

Perhaps certain events have taught one that staying in power would be the best course of action





Goals



When planning a course of action, there should be *end-points* and an *end-goal*

- End-points are **the steps** you seek to achieve to reach the end-goal (eg. gain influence, acquire weapons)
- End-goals are the final products to what you wish to achieve (eg. topple the government, become ruler, spark a war)

End-goals are essentially what your motivation wants to achieve

→ you could just desire a certain trend

→ or more specifically a certain position

At any point in time, your end-points should only contribute to one end-goal



End-goals

- End-goals are entirely reliant on a dossier history
- **In general**, judging how close you are to an end-goal, and even what your end-goal wants, can be split up into **control, power and influence**, all 3 still relative to each other in a sense

Desires control in order to maintain stability

You are a ruthless and calculative man, who takes suspicion of power-hungry people within the country. You value the nation's stability the most and will seek to find ways to oust those who seek to take power from themselves.

Desires power to benefit military, some influence to rebuild nation

You are a reserved but calculated man. You do not like to get embroiled in the party's politics but rather focus on developing the Russian military. You have a great disdain for the current state of the economies, languishing the extensive inefficiencies brought upon by the NEP. You have argued in the past alongside with Kamenev for state-centered industrialisation to bring about the means where the workers will be able to seize the means of production. You see societal reform as a necessary means to build the nation and you would try to gather like-minded allies.



Tendencies

- Lack of respect, perhaps from fear of, authority
- Against revolution
- Uses the press as a primary weapon
- Plans ahead a response

no avail. You briefly opposed Lenin's April Theses, thinking that it was too radicalised. By October 1917, you and Zinoviev were openly disagreeing with Lenin's idea of an armed revolution. You and Zinoviev then wrote an open letter in the Pravda appealing to Lenin, which disclosed the idea of a revolution to take place, forcing Lenin to immediately launch an armed revolution. Lenin was upset at you and Zinoviev, forcing the both of you, alongside with a few others, to resign from the Central Committee.

External event (betrayal), which can lead to one of the core motivations being revenge or the characteristic of distrust

spread the visions of the RSDLP. Lenin recognised your commitment to the Bolshevik cause and was recommended to be part of the central committee. However, forged documents by your enemies within the party led to you being a suspected member of the Okhrana, preventing your appointment.

Planning Ahead

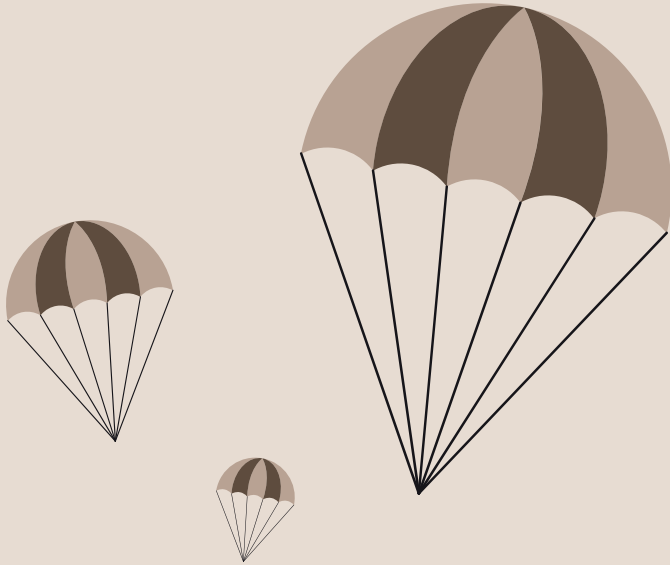


With a team

Determining your allies,
enemies, and how to win
that battle

For the Individual

Keeping yourself alive,
crafting bailout plans and
remaining on top





Planning for a Team

Why find allies?

- A leader is most vulnerable to those he leads, hence determining a friend from a foe is most critical to future teams
- Any plans made in the future can be better executed with those who you trust

How to find allies?

1. Allies are those that have the same **interests** and **end-goal** as you, **not** those with the same **powers** as you
2. Similarly, enemies are those with opposing interests and end-goals
3. If you are *uncertain*, it is better to have a fallback plan rather than to dedicate completely to a group, lest it falls apart and you are fooled by promises of success
4. If you are *certain*, aim to develop loyalty amongst your bloc, meaning sharing resources, coordinating joint efforts, and otherwise redirecting your efforts to either pushing towards your end-goal or to hinder the enemy from reaching theirs



Planning for the Individual

-What provides one with control, power, and influence?

→ Portfolio powers can be either the above, or means to obtain the above, and sometimes both

→ It is better to play it slow and wait for the right moment to strike, rather than to completely show your hand (so always have some spare powers on hand rather than dedicating all resources towards a singular mission)

-Reaching the end-goal

→ End-points keep you on track with every action you do, and ensure you stay relevant to an ongoing event

→ Portfolio powers are not always what they seem, some may have deeper intricacies to them → Not every action should be one to develop your end-goal, but every end-point should



Example

Directly grants power and control

While it may seem shallow, this opens opportunity for funding of personal projects, essentially acting as unlimited wealth if used properly

These could serve as both the end-goals and/or end-points depending on just how dedicated this person is to his country

As the Chairman of the Central ExCo of the All-Russian Congress, you are the representative of the Russian people on the international stage, as well as domestically. You are entrusted with the following:

1. Overseeing the progress of all local Soviets
2. Allocating resources to districts within the RSFSR,
3. Taking care of the welfare of the Russian workers and peasants,
4. Providing assistance to the local Soviets if necessary,
5. Drafting the national budget, subjected to the Supreme Economic Council's approval
6. Coordinating all national trade unions,
7. Maintaining social and political stability in the RSFSR



Portfolio Powers

Portfolio powers, especially positional powers, would specify a subset of actions and responsibilities. If you wish to use them, you would similarly have to **specify how**

You may use this format to draft out plans:

My end-goal is _____, as I am motivated by _____

I will achieve my end-goal through

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

I will keep the following powers/plans as a backup:

1. _____
2. _____



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Executing a Plan





Executing a Plan

How should powers be used to carry out the plan?

- Delegates need to keep their end-point in mind, that being what they want to achieve out of their plan
- Overcommitting to something that has too high risk or too low payout may not be worth it
- Ensuring relevant actions are taken is just as significant

Losing a single battle does not mean losing the war



Directive Responses

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Rejected

Usually indicates that the power is directed wrongly, or you simply do not have the powers to do so

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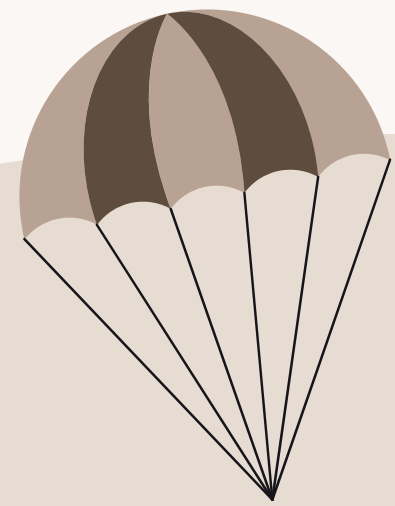
Passed

Shows you are on the right track, and the implications show you potential options to move ahead

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Successful

Means you made the perfect decision and opens doors for you to either push new plans or directly reach your end-goal



Adapting to Changes

For when things go wrong

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What happens when things don't go to plan?

And how would you recover from it?



Your Options

Backup Plans

Sometimes having something run behind the scenes (making new allies, gaining new resources) can be used to either patch up holes with existing plans or can be jumped on as a completely new plan

Alliances

Close allies who you helped once could easily pick up where you left off, or provide you with enough to bridge the gap

Damage Control?

If my team messed up, look back at your fundamentals - why did the team even work together, and in extension, does that value still apply now? From there determine whether to leave the bloc, or to rebuild from where you left off



On Your Own?

Rebuild

There are plenty of alternative pathways to reaching an end-goal, and not all of those require elaborate strengths and connections

Hunker Down

Maybe the entire council is getting bombarded at once, in which the safest move is either not to move and to evaluate your options. This could be an opportunity to build a following, make a breakthrough in a larger effort, or just to plan ahead and wait it out

(NOT RECOMMENDED)

Kamikaze

Sending yourself as the curveball on the enemy team occasionally pays out well, though this doesn't mean more of a "suicide bomber" idea. More of *incurring a further loss* to slow down an opposing team for a greater good (but this is heavily reliant on whether your end-goal allows it)



Leading the Losing Team?

Reputation

Keep your reputation above others. As the leader, you **represent** the team, not dictate the team, ensuring that faith is maintained is above all

Risk Management

Stay risk-free. Involve yourself in all actions that members may do (especially those relevant to the team), both to keep yourself relevant but also to ensure loyalty

Manage Expectations

Don't be desperate. If a team falls apart, luring them back in with false hope could prove fatal in the long term.

Evaluate cracks, determine whether they are worth fixing, and review options



Leading the Losing Team?

Revamp Alliances

An enemy is a potential friend, and vice-versa. Excessive cruelty is not favoured by anyone (even backrooms), and excessive kindness makes you seem desperate for help, but even regardless keeping true to your goals should always be above else

Move Carefully

A team works like an extension to you, moves you make should be those the team makes, allowing you to accomplish further. In essence, ensuring your team's powers are used and interests are met sufficiently is key to a comeback



**But why have
teams in the
first place**



Philosophy behind Alliances

- Choosing a side over remaining neutral, even if your side is losing, as
- If your allies win, you benefit whether or not you have more power than they have
 - If you are more powerful, then your allies are under your command
 - If your allies are stronger, they will always feel a certain obligation to you for your help
 - If your side loses, you still have an ally with the losers
- In addition, staying on task towards a personal end-goal should ideally coincide with that of the team, but if that ever deviates, focus on the personal rather than the team



Keeping a Team Afloat

Keep your team busy,

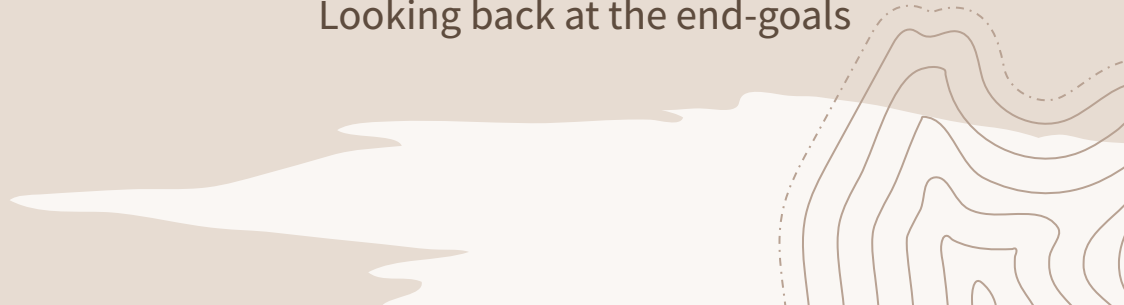
- it stops them from thinking about revolting
- it provides an endless wave of problems for enemies
- if something succeeds you gain credit
- if something fails then just power thru, people start looking up to you, you gain credit
- it keeps your resources replenished
- you can stress-test your team and cut out the weaker/more suspicious ones



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Stance

Looking back at the end-goals





The Fluidity of Stance

- In reality, an end-goal and its respective end-points are always evolving
- The end-goal itself can (and should) always be subject to reinterpretation
 - If I want power, that could range from dictator to small leader
- Even beyond that, stance isn't all that matters at the end of the day
 - Credit can be earned through various means, such as a comeback, planning ahead, victories and overall surviving the crisis
 - There is no specific way to tell when you reach your end-goal, rather it should be the case where you constantly open yourself to new opportunities
 - Don't be afraid of losses or taking risks, opportunities only open up to those who seek it



In Summary

Powers

Your powers provide you with opportunities to reach your goals, as well as the means to execute plans

Goals

Your goals provide you with a endgame for your plan, as well as how to direct your powers

Plans

Your plans are the steps you seek to achieve your goals, and help you organise and use your powers



Your Turn





Activity Brief

Over the next 25 minutes, craft the dossiers a plan, including potential **end-points** and **end-goals**

Reminder:

- End-points consists of planned actions and desired results and are used to reach an end-goal
- End-goals are your desired endgame, where do you want to be by the end of the crisis?
- Remember to keep your actions within reason of your powers



Arcs

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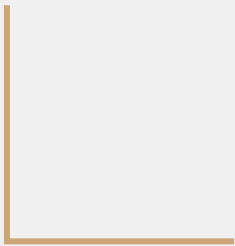
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2. How are Arcs usually presented?

How to React to them

1. How should you prepare for Arcs?
2. What should you do when an Arc is in play?
3. How do you leverage on an Arc?



Arcs: An Introduction



Arcs are...

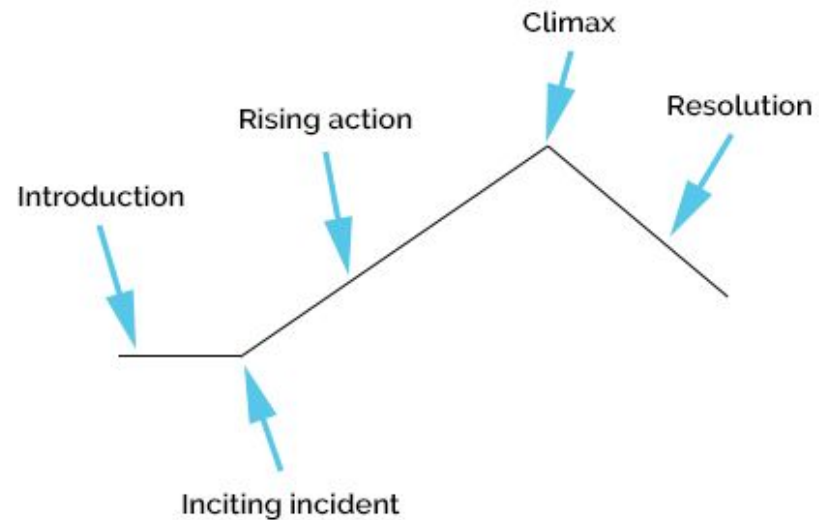
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of a series of
related events





Arc Structure

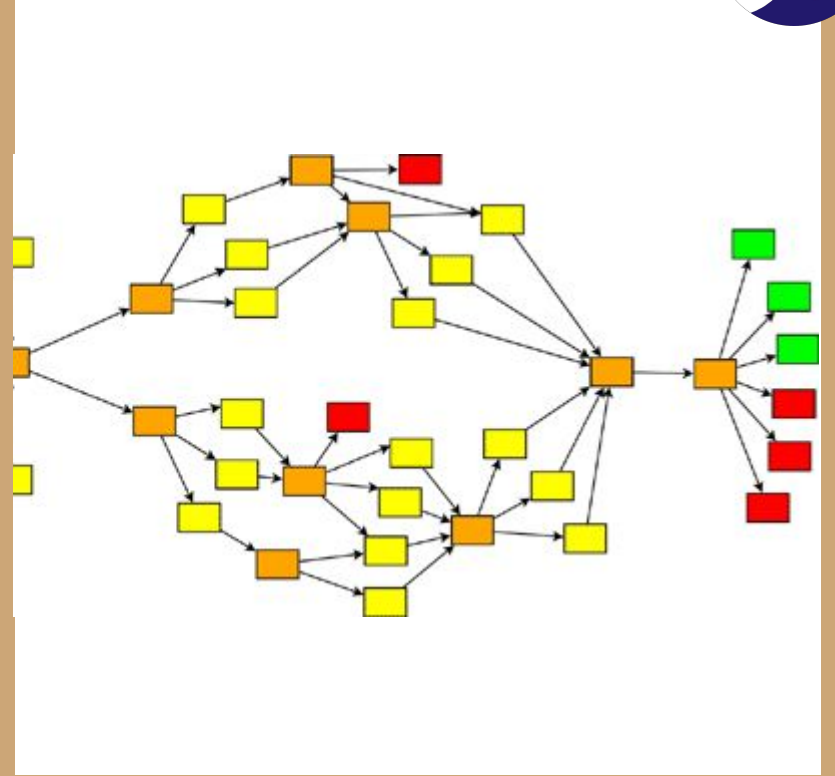
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Arc Structure

Reality





How are Arcs presented?

Council Updates

- News clippings/reports/communications
- Always have a **source** and a **message** to them
- Keeps you **updated** on what is happening

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Border skirmishes

BBC

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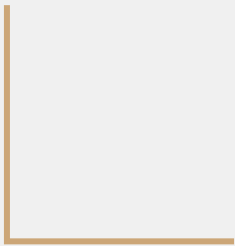


Arcs are

- A series of **interlinked** events that occur
 - That can change **dynamically**
 - Depending on how you **respond** to them
-



Responding to Arcs



Preparation



Individual - Refer to Dossier

- Who are you? What **role** do you play?
- What are your **portfolio powers**?
- What are your **end goals**?

Collective - Refer to Study Guide

- What is happening around the world right now? → Can I **involve myself** in it?
- What can I **expect** to happen (with hindsight)?
- What has my allies done so far, and how can I **continue** to carry out such goals?

Example Update Structure



Mainly just shock value

Either directive or continuation of earlier issue

Aftershock from result, response made with ulterior motive

- Aim to understand the reason for this
- Often necessitates a counter-response

Check for any reporting biases or ulterior motives

[Title]

[Event] has occurred, which caused [result]. This resulted in [response] by [Person-Of-Interest]. [Add. response/effects] occurred.

[Action by POI which needs response]

[Internal response]

[Source]

Immediate effects of event

- Lists out a set of problems
- Gives you insight into current situation

Specific details added

- Analyse the reason for adding such details
- Do they require separate responses?
- Or could they be clues for your response?

Massive to-do list which requires less interpretation

- Does it resolve the issue?
- Is it a trap?
- Or could it be a suggested direction?



Example Update Structure

NPC

group/individual
controlled by
backrooms

- Core character to the arc
- Understand their stake in the event
- Look into their stance, connections - figure out the "why"

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Similar to add details, provides an update to internal situation

- Does this affect the feasibility of my response?
- How would this affect power dynamics?

Sample Deconstruction



- 1 - Armed gunfights
 - Where did they supply weapons from?
 - How can I disarm them? Should I even try to do that?

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- 2 - Casualties
 - Not good
 - How will this affect our stability? → Worry about relations
 - Will this spark future conflicts?

Sample Deconstruction



3 - Motive

- Clues/hints to the desired next move
- Why was this whole paragraph included?
- Are you the cause or target behind the message?

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Call to Action

- Should be the **top priority**
- How can you take advantage of this?
- *Why* was this specifically requested? (Check for underlying issues, eg. lack of clear communication, excessive tensions)



JAPAN STRIKES : DECLARES WAR

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Sample Analysis

- Sudden hostility
- POI (Japan) was originally diplomatic
- Navy harbour attacked → an attempt to weaken early on?
- Officially declares war as well → attack was fully intended
- Immediate response is defence → what next?
- Add. detail of parachute troops → speed of attack

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Foundations to An Arc

>Arcs begin with a starting event, usually

incited by backrooms

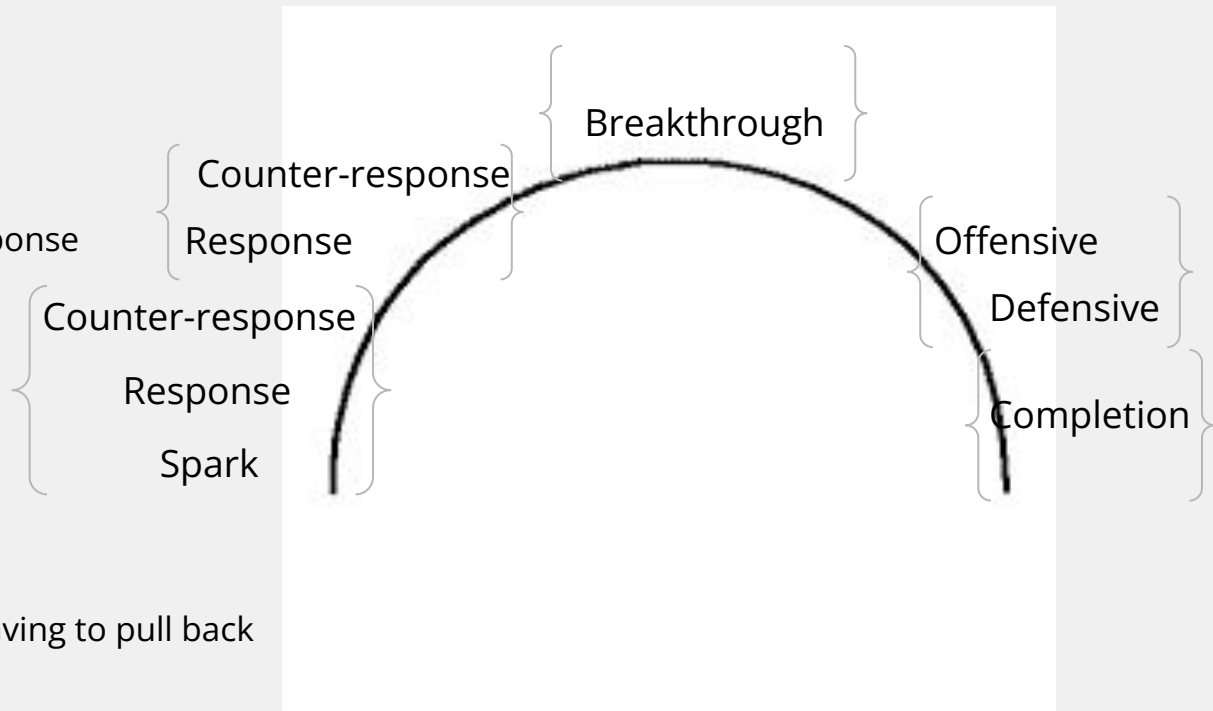
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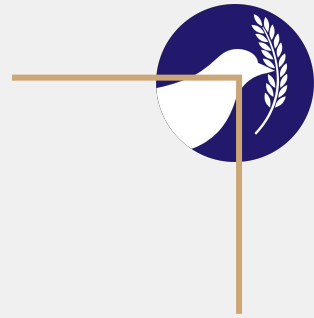
-which will then be met with a counter-response

>this cycle then loops until either the

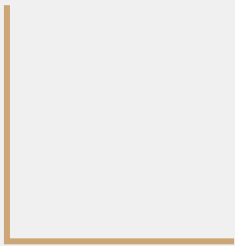
opponent messes up or you mess up

>which afterwards will result in one side having to pull back





Leveraging an Arc



Review Your Options



Where are you right now?

- What are your end goals and end points?
- How far have you achieved them?

- What are your current losses and wins?
- How can this arc minimize your material losses?

- What is my reputation?
- Can this arc improve it?



The “main character” paradox

- “You are always the main character, and everyone but you is always the side character”
- The mindset of the “protagonist” is nothing more than the illusion behind participation → **everyone** has the chance to lead council

The “main character” paradox



If you find yourself not leading council, *dedicate* to resolving the ongoing arc

>provides opportunity to **gain influence**

>**attacks** status quo (conflicting opinions)

>forces everyone to **stay relevant to you**

-But during moments where you *cannot* lead

>stay **updated**

>prepare a **backup plan** in case you get targeted



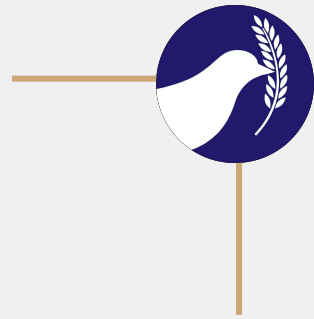
Ways to Benefit

Defensive

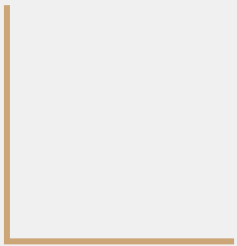
1. Increase your portfolio powers
 - a. Attempt to gain access to certain items/groups
 - b. Give yourself more options
2. Grow your influence
 - a. Bond or increase your team size
 - b. Maintain team loyalty

Offensive

1. Take a shot at an opponent
 - a. Angle the arc to slam into them
 - b. Undermine their legitimacy to dissolve their team
 - c. Remove opportunities for them to benefit



Hands On!



Instructions



1. Refer back to your plans
2. You will be flashed a series of updates, amend your plans accordingly to leverage the arcs to your benefit
3. Draft it out with as many steps as necessary, focus on benefitting your dossier and any long term plans you might have



Arc 1

How do you want to develop
the Arc?

Update 1: Goodbye RSFSR

17th October 1924

From Ukki Talvela, Spokesperson of Karelian Forest Guerrillas

Dear RSFSR, we are extremely disappointed in your "attempts" to negotiate with us. From you only willing to "temporarily" support us financially to your apparent lack of generosity, you clearly show no regard for our wellbeing.

As a result, our council has voted in favour of secession from the RSFSR, and we have decided to start our own autonomous republic.

From today onwards, our forces will be claiming the land which is rightfully ours, taking military action if required. Stand in our way and face the might of our people and our indomitable spirit! Finland Best Land.

10 Minutes



Arc 2

How do you want to develop
the Arc?

Update 2: We Are Finished

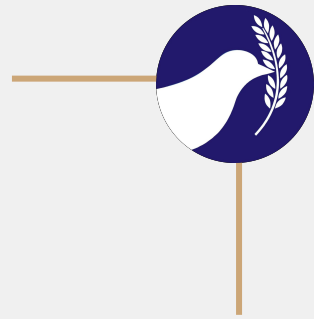
11 November 1924

- Soviet 3rd Militia Division Intelligence Report -

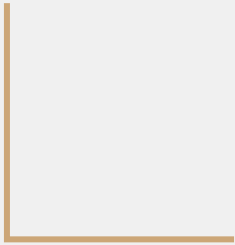
Comrades, it is unfortunate that this conflict has escalated to such a scale. The Karelian Forest Guerrillas have arrived in our territory and started a massive forest fire. Thankfully, the forest fires are occurring a distance away from us, giving us ample time to prepare ourselves.

However, there have been reports that they are planning to execute anyone who is suspected of being a Bolshevik. This is no laughing matter. We have to settle this problem or we are truly finished.

10 Minutes



In Summary





3 THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. How an Arc ends is not fixed , **you decide it**
2. Be clear of your **end goals**
3. **Everyone** is important to shaping an arc

PREPMUN PRE-CONFERENCE TRAINING: MODULE 4

What makes a good directive?





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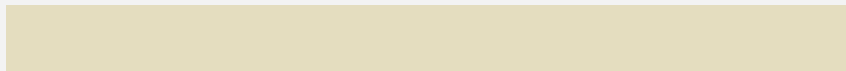
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DIRECTIVES

ALL ABOUT DIRECTIVES

(A detailed Guide to Directives)





WHAT ARE DIRECTIVES?

- A feature of Crisis
- Separates crisis from normal councils
- Issue instructions, fulfill goals, get something done 'behind the scenes'
- Revolves around portfolio powers tagged to a portfolio assigned to an individual delegate



PORTFOLIO

- Often a real-life historical character
- Issued to an **individual** delegate
- Comes with helpful information, such as personal history, useful excerpts and **portfolio powers**



PORTFOLIO POWERS

- Actions able to be taken and resources able to be utilised by a portfolio
- The actions and resources used in a directive **MUST** be within the portfolio powers assigned to the delegate's portfolio



TYPES OF DIRECTIVES

- Personal
- Joint
- Council



PERSONAL DIRECTIVES

- Used by the **individual** delegate
- Used to get something done as clandestinely as possible
- Used to fulfill a goal that can be accomplished solely with the portfolio powers of the **individual** portfolio



JOINT DIRECTIVES

- When an individual portfolio cannot pass a directive due to insufficient or unrelated portfolio powers
- Hence, an action requires the **combined** portfolio powers of **multiple** portfolios to be taken
- Multiple - **2 to 6** (fyi)



COUNCIL DIRECTIVES

- Requires the portfolio powers of the **entire council**
- Used when the council seeks to achieve a resolution or conduct a large-scale action to achieve an end goal
- (Somewhat) akin to **resolutions** in normal councils



A GOOD DIRECTIVE...

- Detailed and specific
- Be reasonable
- Explain and outline your actions and intentions
- Respects and conforms to the portfolio powers assigned to delegate's portfolio



...OR A BAD ONE

- One-liners or otherwise too simple/vague
- Too detailed and long-winded
- Outlandish requests (eg. nuke XYZ country)
- Delegate's portfolio powers do not allow action to be taken



USING A DIRECTIVE

- A directive should be well-written and concise
- Make effective use of your portfolio powers
- Have a concrete goal



HOW TO PASS A DIRECTIVE

- All directives will be vetted and passed (or not) by backroom
- Help us to help you, put your best effort into your directives



SUBMITTING DIRECTIVES

2.2 Directives and Submission Procedures

2.2.0.1 Directives are submissions which provide instruction to the Backroom on actions to be undertaken by Comrades, within reasonable limits of the portfolio power(s) and assets of Comrades.

2.2.0.2 Each Directive requires a title which summarises the purpose of the Directive aptly. The Backroom reserves the rights to not process a Directive should it not have a title, or should the title not match the purpose of the Directive.

2.2.0.3 The title of the Directive should not exceed fifteen (15) words.



SUBMITTING PERSONAL DIRECTIVES

2.2.1 Personal Directives

2.2.1.1 Personal Directives describe the actions to be undertaken by individual Comrades, within reasonable limits of the portfolio power(s) and assets of the Comrade issuing the Personal Directive.

2.2.1.2 Personal Directives are to be submitted through the Google Forms link distributed to Comrades during the conference.

2.2.1.3 Personal Directives are strictly to be submitted in text. No links to documents will be accepted in the Personal Directive submission form.

2.2.1.4 Directive PINs will be released to Comrades via email, which they are required to key in when they submit Personal Directives. This is to prevent one Comrade from abusing the portfolio of another to submit Personal Directives.



PERSONAL DIRECTIVE EXAMPLES

Example of a Good Personal Directive by Mikhail Frunze:

"I heard that the Mongolian Reds have mutinied, and are not disbanded and no longer under Trotsky's control. Send a trusted and competent officer of the FER 1st Army to meet the Mongolian Reds in Zabaikalsk. Tell them that the leadership of the other Russian generals have not led them to a good place, now that they have lost their homeland, and that a general of the Far Eastern Republic, Mikhail Frunze, is willing to lead them to take back their homeland. The officer must make sure to distinguish between me and the other military commanders when making the pitch - the other military commanders are in the RSFSR's army, while I am in the FER's army, so I was not in any way or part responsible for Trotsky's mistake, and at the same time make my military record clear: I have no suffered any major military losses before, and in fact just crushed the White Army at Kharkovsk. Thus, give the Mongolian Reds an offer to take back their homeland through another Bolshevik commander. We don't want to look too desperate, so just make an offer, and if they don't accept the offer, it's fine - my officer should remain nonchalant and return back to the 1st FER Army. "

PERSONAL DIRECTIVE EXAMPLES



Example of a Bad Personal Directive by Mikhail Frunze:

"Begin sending small, 4-man squads from the 3rd Army to the border with the Provisional Government of the Far East. The intention is to scout the strength of the White Army on the border, as well as the strength of the Japanese troops in the area."

Comrade Frunze,

Your troops have been sent to the border.

Backroom



DIRECTIVE WRITING EXERCISE

TRY OUT DIRECTIVE
WRITING!

Time: 7 minutes





DIRECTIVE WRITING PROMPT

White Army remnants found in the Far East, Comrades should still remain vigilant

In what's said to be the curtain call of the Russian Civil War, the Whites have now retreated to the Far East district of Khabarovsk, forming the Provisional Government of the Far East. However, as comrades may now know, we recently lost Yakutia on 23 March, where the White Army killed our very own garrison. This is unacceptable. The civil war has been dragging too long for anyone's good and comrades need to curb anti-Bolshevik activity as soon as possible. That being said, the city of Omsk has seen some of the worst revolts from the Green Army in what's called Siberian Revolt. While disorganised, the Greens comprises of peasants, which we still have to rely on. When peace talks do not work, terror does, one way or the other. Comrades, we have no time to lose at all, the whole party awaits to congratulate the 11th CC, and with our utmost communist wishes, we wish the 11th CC all the best.

A map of present-day RSFSR is attached below:





DIRECTIVE WRITING PROMPT

Write a directive responding to the presence of
White Army Remnants

(Get creative - use any logical approach)



JOINT DIRECTIVES

ALL ABOUT DIRECTIVES

(A detailed Guide to Personal Directives)





WHAT IF YOU WANT TO COLLABORATE WITH SOMEONE ON SOMETHING?

If you want to go fast,
GO ALONE.

If you want to go far,
GO TOGETHER.

AFRICAN PROVERB



JOINT DIRECTIVES

Think Personal Directives but...

- Written by and uses the portfolio powers of 2-6 sponsors
- Means of Submission: Email



JOINT DIRECTIVE EXAMPLE

Topic: Sending of aid to Third Rifle Corps in Kharkovsk

By: Mikhail Frunze and Janis Rudzutaks

- Janis will use her powers as Chairman of the Central Asian Bureau to acquire:
 - of the Central Asian Bureau to provide the Third Rifle Corps in Kharkovsk
 - 1000 bottles of vodka
 - 1000 handkerchiefs
- Janis will deliver the 500 bottles of vodka and 500 handkerchiefs to the 3rd rifle Corp under Mikhail Frunze fighting in Kharkovsk
- The delivery will be done through the Trans-Siberian Railway as Kharkhovsk is along the railway



JOINT DIRECTIVE EXAMPLE

- The 3rd rifle corp will be instructed on how to make “Frunze Cocktails”, weapons which are made by:
 - Opening the Bottle of Vodka
 - Stuffing the cloth into the bottle of Vodka such that one half of the length is sticking inside, and the other half of the length is sticking outside of the bottle
 - When a soldier is ready to use it, light one end of the cloth on fire, and throw it.
 - The bottle will break, splashing flammable vodka all over the enemy, which will immediately catch on fire.
 - The soldier that ignited the vodka will immediately retreat to safety to avoid getting caught in the explosion.
- Dedicate 200 of the “Frunze Cocktails” to training 100 men in the 3rd rifle corp on how to use the “Frunze Cocktail”. Each squad will have 1 soldier who will learn and know how to use this new wonderful weapon.
- The 3rd rifle corp is to then use the “Frunze Cocktails” in the fighting in Kharkovsk

JOINT DIRECTIVE EXAMPLE



Janis will also:

- Deliver 2,000 first aid kits to the 3rd Rifle Corp
- Deliver 2000 pieces of bread to supply the 3rd Rifle Corp
- Deliver 200 advanced first aid kits to the 3rd rifle corp, these kits are specially for treating burns up to 3rd degrees and gunshot wounds suffered



JOINT DIRECTIVE WRITING EXERCISE

Time: 7 minutes





JOINT DIRECTIVE WRITING PROMPT

Achoo for Christmas

25 December 1923

As the cities of Petrograd and Moscow swell, the spread of infectious diseases such as cholera and spotted fever owing to the mass of corpses becomes another major hassle for the Bolsheviks. With hospitals being overwhelmed by patients and the low efficiency of medical facilities, or the lack thereof, thousands of people have been left to die on the streets, in hunger or in pain. People are starting to doubt the competency of the 11th CC in handling this issue.



JOINT DIRECTIVE WRITING PROMPT

Write a directive responding to the spread of infectious diseases

Once again, get creative and use any logical approach!



SUMMARY



SUMMARY: ON DIRECTIVES

- Personal Directives - One guy acting
- Joint Directives - Multiple people acting
- Council Directives - The whole council acting
- Questions: Refer to the SROp or ask your crisis staff if you have any doubts

- Be specific and reasonable
- Use your portfolio powers well



THANK YOU!

We're done!



finale

Simulation —
Werewolf!



Instructions

- 5 nights 5 days — begin with night 0, end with day 5
- Each night lasts for 10 minutes for backroom to process your directives. By the end of the night, you will be notified of your directive outcome either through updates or email. You will use night time as your unmod, where you can discuss amongst yourselves for 10 minutes.
- Each day lasts for 20 minutes for you to debate and figure out who to ally with, frontroom will be facilitating this. By the end of each day, you have to send in your directives for it to be processed at night.
- You are allowed to send joint directives.



Roles

- There are 26 of you
 - 7 Wolves — Your goal is to infect more than half of the good guys by the end of the game (11)
 - 5 Spies — You have very high agility and can move silently at night, like Gs in lasagna
 - 3 Witches/wizards — You are able to make 1 potion per night and give it to someone, which will slow down his movements
 - 3 Blacksmith — You can make weapons for the good guys to protect themselves/build traps
 - 3 Scavengers — You can go into the forest and search for raw materials for the blacksmith — only you and the wolves can visit the forest
 - 5 Villagers — No special powers
- You will not know each others' roles. Lying is allowed.



Roles (Continued)

- If you are infected, we will not inform you, but your directives will not pass through (no matter how well-written they are)



Plot twist...

- While portfolio powers come into play, the quality of the directive also matters.
- Eg. the spy cannot just send “I want to spy on Serene”. It is very likely that we will fail this, and pass a normal villager’s directive that is more detailed than that.
- We want to train your ability to write directives and balance frontroom at the same time, so make sure you put your skills from the directive writing module into good use!
- Joint Directives are allowed, please follow the SROP instructions on how to send JDs



So... what do I do in the day?

- Frontroom will then facilitate debate GSL-like for 20 minutes. This means that not all of you get to speak in the day.
- Every speech is 60 seconds, no yielding.





Thank you for coming!

Please submit your position papers by 02 December!