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*The Justice League*

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## *Background Analysis*

Until most recently, United States citizens with extraordinary “mutations” have had access to the equal liberties granted to every U.S. citizen under the Bill of Rights. However, tension has begun to grow between the government, with its desire to maintain control over its citizens, and the mutants- hereby known as superheroes or super villains (also generically referred to as “Supers”), who possess seemingly unremitted capacities to eradicate any form of establishment that could provide oversight. The relationship between supers and the government has deteriorated even more with the passage of the Superhero Registration Act by the US government, which views all forms of unsanctioned organized justice fighting as vigilantism; moreover, the act requires all superheroes (note: this act affects only superheroes because super villains remain rogue agents) to reveal their human alter ego and report an exhaustive list of their powers for the purpose of government oversight.

As expected, the very mention of this act has caused uproar in the nation. Superheroes and constituent motivated governmental officials have factionalized into supporting and opposing parties. To aggregate the deep emotional appeals behind each respective party, many super villains have teamed together to form the Crime Syndicate of America (CSA). This emergence has factored into many views behind the registration act.

The Justice League works as a superhero organized crime fighting force that aims to administer justice through the use of their powers. Members of the league have been perplexed as to how to respond to the recent emergence of the registration act in the midst of a coalition of super villains, such as the CSA. The superheroes have in turn factionalized amongst themselves. Some superheroes support the registration act, as it will foster governmental trust and heal the relationship between the two groups. Others vehemently protest the idea of a registration act. All these factors play into the course of action these Superheroes will take in the wake of an organized super villain threat. Members of the justice league are split upon ideological lines. The question of whether to compromise with the government or work against it has posed many ethical dilemmas amongst the league.

## *Committee Procedure- Justice League Committee*

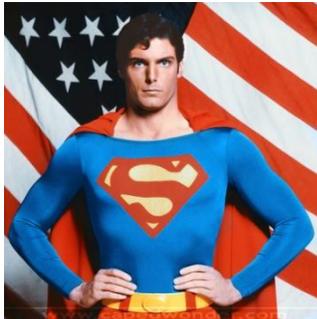
This committee will proceed much like a normal crisis committee, with minor differences. Each member of the committee will embody a different superhero that is either in the Justice League or connected to the league in some way. While each member does not necessarily have portfolio powers, per se, they will have certain functions that they add to the league. Each member plays a vital role to course of action in the committee. Even though each member is an autonomous superhero, the committee functions at its best when there is consensus among the group for a course of action. It is also important to take note that each delegate embodies an alter

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ego (when applicable). Each delegate in this committee will have the ability to send private or public communiqués and directives. Any group action will require a 2/3 majority vote.

## *Justice League Committee Members*



*Superman/ Clark Kent*

Superman functions in the same fashion as a president. He is from the planet krypton, but Earth is his home. He is a clear and defined leader within the committee and is in many ways the face of the committee. He has authority in the government because he is seen as the chief. He maintains a strict honor code that generally gives him a lot of trust amongst the national Security Council (NSC). Superman also has many ties to various members in the NSC. The Vice President and the Joint Chief of Staff are aware of his alter ego, but they have not revealed it. In his desire for government and superhero unification, Superman supports the registration act because he thinks it will create more trust between the NSC and the superheroes. His only clear weakness is kryptonite, which the government may or may not be able to use against him.



*Batman/ Bruce Wayne*

Although Batman does not have any traditional super powers, his alter ego Bruce Wayne is one of the wealthiest men in America. Within the committee, Batman has the resources to work as an implementer of costly campaigns that the committee would like to enact. He is a staunch proponent of superhero rights, so he refuses to sign the act. He does not have any particular super powers, but he has capabilities in intel. He does not get along with Princess Diana (Wonder Woman) because of her strong feminist agenda. In a lot of ways he keeps the committee in check because of his financial leverage. The government generally distrusts Batman, but Batman does not have as many scruples as Superman does. Batman may not be the clear leader of the League, but the lack of his support is definitely felt.



*Aquaman/ Orin*

Aquaman is the king of the four oceans, so he is internationally known. He has much sway over international actors that may cause pressure on the NSC. He has the power to control marine life and mildly influence human life. He is somewhat detached from the problems of the superheroes and the government because he lives under the ocean for much of

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his time, and he also has no secret identity; therefore, he does not have strong leanings towards one side of the registration act.



*Wonder Woman/ Princess Diana*

She is the warrior princess of Themyscira. Her agenda is for support of women's rights. She values peace, love, and sexual equality. She sees the occurring events as a foothold to advance her agenda. She does not have a human counterpart, so she will probably want to side with Superman since her relationship is strained with Batman. Her powers include: flight, super strength, master battle strategist, and heightened speed. She has great intelligence, and she can speak all languages, including some alien languages. She also wields two indestructible bracelets, a Lasso of Truth, which forces anyone to tell the truth when bound by it, and her tiara that has mystical powers making it sharp enough to cut even Superman. In the committee, she can do a lot of investigative work. She is probably most helpful as a strategist, as her Lasso makes her less discreet in investigating, but apart from government intel, she can investigate the CSA since she has expert battling abilities, the lasso of truth, and she can speak all languages. She is a strong leader and activist for causes. This could possibly help in getting public support.



*Flash/Barry Allen*

He is the public relations expert of the group. He has super speed and can get from place to place most efficiently. He is essential to the committee because he has close relationships with everyone in the League. Personally he would not support the act. He loves the limelight, but only in his superhero counterpart. He has personal relationships with Amanda Waller who is in charge of the superhero database. Amanda only knows Flash as Barry Allen.



*Martian Man Hunter*

He is a telepath which sometimes makes people weary of him. He would be most valuable working in Intel during the committee. The government would really like to work with him because they could do studies on him, and he can be useful in their intel. He is working in direct opposition to the checkmate program that seeks to uncover intelligence on superheroes covertly. He tends to work alone in a lot of instances, but his knowledge of the checkmate program might make him an important agent in relaying undercover information.

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*Green Lantern/ Kyle Rayner*

He is a tactical genius, so he will play a vital role in formulating strategies to comb at the CSA. He is also useful in the realm of counterintelligence with the NSC because he is familiar with the tactics used by the government. As far as the registration act, he will do what is necessary to maintain peace.



*Green Arrow/ Oliver Queen*

He is a huge advocate for the underdogs. He does not have a super power, so he can relate well with Batman. His important to the committee is defined by the money he has. Along with Batman Green Arrow can implement some of campaigns that justice league decides on as well as helping to purchase anything the Justice League might need. He cares about the people most of all, especially in the small towns. He will do whatever it takes to do what is best for the people.



*Hawk Girl*

She is from a warrior planet, and she possesses a mace that disrupts magic. She has past relations with green lantern, but now their relationship is strained. She is a strong character, but she is not a huge leader in the debate. She does not have a secret identity, but she is more willing to pursue the NSC to find out ways she can help them out. She does not have a human counterpart.



*Spiderman/ Peter Parker*

Spiderman is not an original part of the justice league, but he has recently decided to team up with them to deal with the pressing matter of the CSA and the registration act. He is a main supporter of super hero rights, so he will fight for privacy like Batman, but he is more popular and better liked than Batman. He has also dealt with a lot of the villains in the coalition, so he can provide a lot of background knowledge to who they are dealing with.

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## *Crime Syndicate America*

The criminal syndicate America is a coalition of Super Villains that have teamed up to annihilate the Justice League. They seek total world domination as their end game, and only the Justice League stand in their way. They do not consider the National Security Council to be a formidable opponent against their will. They do, however, see the straining relationship between the super heroes and the government as potentially advantageous to their motives. The Crime Syndicate consists of:

### *Lex Luther*

He is Super Man's arch-nemesis, and he is the leader of the Crime Syndicate. Shrewd, cunning, calculating, and ruthless are words that define this man. He has no formal super powers, but he is a genius for lack of better words. Most of his power lies in his clout. He has the ability to influence and access almost anything by the revenue that comes from his company LexCorp. Lex Luther's political and financial reach makes him a tough competitor to Bruce Wayne.

### *Johnny Quick*

He has the power of super speed which obviously places him in opposition of Flash. His power does not come naturally. He has access to a speed inducing synthetic that gives him his power.

### *Parallax*

He is Hal Jordan, the green lantern before there was Kyle Rayner. He defected over to the dark side after he had disagreement with the Guardians. He has all the same powers of the current Green Lantern, and he has a lot of personal knowledge on Kyle. He is also an expert on battle strategies and counterinsurgencies.

### *Superwoman*

Her powers consist of heat vision, flight, superhuman strength, and she has a lasso that makes people release their inhibitions and reveal secrets. She is especially against all the virtues that Green Arrow champions. Her aim is to wreak havoc and promote anarchy amongst the people.

### *Doctor Psycho*

He has the power to make people do his will by hypnosis. He can also take the ectoplasm from his hypnosis victims and use it to his will (Ectoplasm is a substance found in the spirit world). This ectoplasm can give him the extra abilities, like the flight. Psycho has a problem with women. He particularly has a grudge on Wonder Woman. He also hates Hawkgirl. Psycho's ability also makes him influential in much the same way as Martian Man Hunter. His influence is deadly, but

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his reservations with Wonder Woman and Hawkgirl could possibly affect what he chooses to do if he were ever to influence someone in the NSC.

## *Black Manta*

He is a hybrid of the black manta fish and human. This makes him completely at one with water. He will be actively thwarting a lot of the international peace that Aquaman is trying to promote.

## *National Security Council*

The United States National Security Council (NSC) is the primary and most important forum used by the President in the consideration of national security and foreign policy matters. The NSC is made up of senior national security advisors and Cabinet officials. It is part of the Executive Office of the President and will exact executive decision throughout this joint crisis. The NSC will be working to pursue their best interests simultaneously as this committee is working. Typically the Superheroes and the government have been able to achieve their means without butting heads, but, since the Registration act, the NSC stands to question everything the superheroes stand for. If they fight against the government, it would make them criminals, but, if they do nothing, what does that gain?

The NSC will actively be passing directives and debating while the Justice League Committee is commencing. The implementation of bills, directives, or resolution from the NSC have the potential to positively or negatively affect the committee, depending on the contents of those aforementioned bills, directives, or resolutions. The Justice League Committee should be prepared to develop a common goal as a committee and deal with the government accordingly.

Members of the NSC include: President of the US Lex Luthor, Vice President of the US Pete Ross, Secretary of State Thomas Weston, Secretary of Defense, General Wade Eiling, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Sam Lane, Director of National Intelligence Harry Stein, National Security Advisor Derek Tolliver, White House Chief of Staff Lydia Mason, Secretary of the Treasury Frank Curtis, Secretary of Homeland Security Sarge Steel, Attorney General Cameron Chase, and Director of the National Superhero Policy Amanda Waller.

## *Additional Committee Resources*

*Advocates for Superhero Privacy Rights (ASPR)* – Nonprofit, nongovernmental, nonpartisan group committed to ensure that those with superpowers enjoy the same privacy and civil rights as the rest of the country. Often superheroes that would be reluctant to meet with the federal government will be willing sit down with ASPR members.

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*Citizens for Superhero Control (CSC)* – Nonprofit, nongovernmental, nonpartisan group whose mission is to tighten regulation of superheroes. CSC is a big supporter of the current administration’s policies and is greatly mistrusted by the superhero population.

*Superhero Registration Act* – an Act that would require all those with superpowers to be registered in a national database. This Act is controversial for obvious reasons; such an act would infringe on the liberties of the superheroes, impose restrictions on a minority group whose position in the group is innate, as well as such government surveillance bringing about unfavorable 1984-type comparisons. This Act is currently being debated in Congress and has not achieved unanimous support.

*International Superheroes Council* – This is the primary international body for superheroes to work together on global issues. This council serves as a discussion forum for superheroes as well as a launching point for working together on humanitarian projects. The ISC’s scope is limited due to the variations in laws regarding superheroes worldwide and by the personal interests of the superheroes. If seeking to discuss issues with superheroes internationally, this is a good place to start.

## *Suggestions and other information about the committee*

### *Research*

Due to the many different “universes” and story arcs of the Justice League comic books, this background guide should be your primary source for character information. The nature of this committee has required substantial creative editing to the Justice League world, and some characters (particularly those of the National Security Council) are new creations for the purposes of this committee. While having some additional knowledge of the comic book characters may be useful, it is not essential, as all pertinent information for characters has been included within the background guide.

### *Portfolio Powers*

The direction of this committee depends not only on the actions taken by delegates collectively but also on what delegates do individually. This is where portfolio powers come into play. Each delegate has a specific position that allows for unique skills; for instance, the Director of National Intelligence has substantial abilities to acquire and (if he or she chooses to do so) disseminate information, while the Secretary of Homeland Security may tighten border security on his or her own initiative. If you have questions about your specific portfolio powers, feel free to send a note to the chair or to staff.

### *Advice*

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Although RTC is a training conference, this committee was selected through an application process. The rule concerning awards only being given to members who have not traveled has been waived for this one committee. Do not hesitate to be competitive.

This committee is unique in that it is dealing with a completely fictional scenario largely made up by the chairs and in that half of the committee possesses superpowers. The best advice I can offer for this type of committee is *have fun!* This is a committee involving superheroes, take the topic and run with it! The more creative you are (within a relatively realistic framework: this is a world with superheroes, not unicorns and fairies) the more interesting and entertaining the committee will be.

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