



Mission Viejo High School Model United Nations
35th Annual Conference
"Veritas Lux Mundi"



News Room Position Paper Format

I. Background

This section should include a background of events that have recently transpired and are currently happening on the world stage. This includes political tension, natural disasters, developing policies and legislation of nations, updates on conflicts currently underway, etc...

Cover points such as: What caused the problem? How has it developed? Why hasn't the problem been solved yet? What impact has this problem made on the world/countries? Who is directly involved? Why is this problem to the world? Where and what is this problem leading towards? Cover at least 2 or three relevant events though points will be awarded based off of breadth of events covered and details included.

II. Agency Position

This section should explore the views that your news agency currently holds or would hold in relation to the events that have transpired on the world stage. This section should be able to describe what kind of bias or views your agency may hold and in reading it one should have a good idea of how the agency may sway to future events and subsequently how it may report on them. Points will be awarded based on detailedness and accuracy on the views and bias of the agency represented.

III. Possible views

This section should provide examples of the current events that have happened recently transpired, such as those mentioned in your background, and a possible reaction or view your agency may have regarding it. This may include reactions to things like, political tension, natural disasters, developing policies/legislation of nations and updates on conflicts currently underway.

Points will be awarded based off of accuracy and detailedness of views presented

IV. Possible questions for witnesses

This section can be done in the format of a bulleted list. It should include possible questions for witnesses that may be encountered for an event listed.

For example:

Natural disaster:

- Victim: How has this disaster affected you and your family?
- Law enforcement official: Has there been a visible increase in crime following this disaster?



- Elected official: What are the plans in response to this disaster? (relief, rebuilding)

Questions should follow this format for the entirety of this section and for each event presented. Points will be awarded based off how many and quality of question presented.

V. **Works Cited - MLA Format**