Results from Day 1 Survey

International Conflict
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N=46 responses

Q1: What do you think is the leading cause of war between countries?

<u>Response</u>	N of stu	N of students Other responses		
Resources	16	Authoritarian governments		
Territory	10	Militarization		
Religion	8	Geopolitical interests		
Differences in beliefs/	6	Alliances		
ideologies				
Power imbalances	5	Water		
Money/poverty	4	Terrorism		
Economic tensions	3			
Poor communications	2			

Q2: What do you think is the leading cause of peace between countries?

Response	N of students	Other responses
Trade/economy/interdependence	9	Misperceptions
Democracies	9	US hegemony
Costs of war	4	Trust
Similar interests	4	Balance of power
Negotiations	3	Fear
Cooperation/compromise	3	IGOs/mediators
International courts	2	Altruism/anti-war
Economic prosperity	2	Leaders change

Q3: Which pair of countries is *most likely* to fight a *war* in the next ten years?

<u>Response</u>	N of students	Other responses
USA-Iran	18	Lebanon-Israel
India-Pakistan	6	China-Russia
USA-China	4	North Korea-Japan
Iran-Saudi Arabia	4	China -Japan
USA -North Korea	3	Israel-Syria
USA -Russia	3	Saudi Arabia-Yemen
North Korea-South Korea	2	Ireland-UK (Northern Ireland)
Other responses		Israel-Palestine
USA -Iraq		China -Taiwan
China -India		Israel- Iran Iran vs. neighbors

Q4: Which pair of countries is *least likely* to fight a war in the next ten years?

Australia-New Zealand

Response	N of students	Other responses
USA-Canada	16	Canada-Costa Rica
USA-UK	4	Canada -Peru
USA- China	3	Canada-Mexico
France-Germany	3	Canada-France
Canada-Sweden	2	Canada-Switzerland
USA -Japan	2	Iceland-Switzerland
		Finland-New Zealand
Other responses		Bosnia-Serbia
USA -Switzerland		Australia-Sweden
France-Switzerland		North Korea-South Korea
Australia- EU		India-Mexico

Liechtenstein-Switzerland

Botswana-Papua New Guinea