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Crisis Committee: Star Wars

Background Guide

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Welcome Letter

Dear Delegates,

Thank you for choosing the Star Wars Crisis Committee! Although we won't be chairing this committee, the crisis story/setup was written by two students. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out! Our contact information is as follows:

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This Committee will be set in the Star Wars universe, starting with the events of *Revenge of the Sith*, beginning immediately after Senator Palpatine is revealed to be a Sith lord. This event creates significant political instability within the Galactic Republic. Opposing the Republic is the Confederacy of Independent Systems, who see this event as an opportunity to further destabilize their enemies.

This Committee is also a crisis committee, meaning it differs from a traditional general assembly (GA) in that it follows a story, with new crises being revealed to delegates in real-time. Each delegate's role will allow them a number of portfolio powers, which can be used to quickly respond to these events, in addition to the passing of resolutions more characteristic of a general assembly committee. The Star Wars Crisis Committee is a fictional crisis specifically, and so while participants are not necessarily expected to act "in-character", it's recommended that delegates still attempt to represent the interests of their character, just as a general assembly delegate is expected to represent the real-life interests of the country they represent.

Because of the immense detail of Star Wars' worldbuilding, only so much can be covered in a single committee. As such, all information and events used for this committee will be based in the Star Wars Canon, rather than Legends. This means that if you have any knowledge of the Star Wars universe that you would like to build into how you represent your character, it must have come **only** from the following sources; *Episodes I-IX, Rogue One, Solo, The Clone Wars, Rebels, Resistance, The Mandalorian, and all books and comics released after 2014*. However, all events relevant to this committee can stand alone, and therefore there is no need for you to know anything about the Star Wars universe. Since this committee's story begins around the movie's middle, and due to the dynamic nature of crisis committees in general, the resolution of this committee will likely be completely different from the original story's end. As such, the Star Wars canon should serve as a source of context, rather than a timeline to closely follow during the committee itself.



Star Wars - Crisis Committee

Mace Windu: In the name of the Galactic Senate of the Republic, you're under arrest, Chancellor.

Supreme Chancellor Palpatine / Darth Sidious: Are you threatening me, Master Jedi?

Mace Windu: The Senate will decide your fate.

Supreme Chancellor Palpatine / Darth Sidious: I am the Senate!

Mace Windu: Not yet.

Supreme Chancellor Palpatine / Darth Sidious: It's treason, then...

Key Background Information and Context:

Our committee's story begins during **19 BBY**, in a galaxy entrenched in war. The Galactic Republic (or "The Republic"), a democratic governing body that has been in control for centuries, has been fighting against a rebellion for three long and difficult years. The Republic governs through a senate, with representatives coming from groups of member planets/moons, known each as a system. At the head of this senate is a Supreme Chancellor, who by **19 BBY** is former senator Sheev Palpatine.

BBY is how years are measured in the Star Wars universe. Just like BC in our universe, 19 BBY means 19 years ago, 24 BBY means 24 years ago



A Clone Trooper from Star Wars Episode II

Before this rebellion, known as the Clone Wars, The Republic was without an army due to lack of previous need – centuries of peaceful rule had left The Republic requiring only small teams for low level threats. But shortly after the war began, The Republic was able to acquire an army made up of clone troopers, cloned soldiers genetically altered for optimization in battle through combat skill and adherence to orders, a process outsourced to a Republic member planet specializing in cloning. This army is led by the Jedi, a group of devotees to the Jedi Order, a group allied with The Republic. Members of the Jedi Order have a sensitivity to a magical

field called the Force, allowing them to harness great power, both in battle and beyond. However, despite their advantages both in organization (ie, established government) and numbers, by 19 BBY, the Republic was deeply in debt. This leaves them partly at the mercy of the banking clan, a group elaborated on later.



The group opposing The Republic is the **Confederacy of Independent Systems**, also known as **the Separatists**, formed in 24 BBY after a political crisis that challenged some systems' faith in their Republic. **Count Dooku**, the Separatist leader, used this opportunity to rally thousands to his cause, citing what he felt were other issues with The Republic government, such as claims of corruption, issues with the mixing of different species, and difference in law on systems in different areas of the galaxy, which differed in socioeconomic class. At first, many separatists had no desire to go through with a military conflict against The Republic. But by 22 BBY, Separatist and Republic armies found themselves in battle, sparking the beginning of the Clone Wars. Contrary to this conflict's name, the Separatists did

not have their own army of clone troopers, instead fighting with military droids, a class of robots built for war. Despite their disadvantage in numbers, the Separatists do have a number of advantageous alliances, including with the Banking Clan and Trade Federation. These are both two important economic bodies, whose influences will be elaborated on in the portfolio powers section.

The conflict that begins our committee is sparked by the Jedi. Although not actively at war like The Republic and the Separatists, the Jedi also have an enemy group. This group, called the Sith, also draws its power from the Force. Around a decade before the committee begins, a group of Jedi identify a living member of the Sith, a group that operates under an apprenticeship system. And so, based on



The Jedi

the role of this discovered Sith, the Jedi are able to conclude that another more powerful Sith lord is also in existence. Since an enemy of the Jedi is an enemy of The Republic, finding this Sith lord is made a priority. In a confrontation still iconic to film and pop-culture at large, this Sith lord is revealed to be Supreme Chancellor Sheev Palpatine himself. This wreaks havoc on The Republic, leaving it in a position of political uncertainty.



The Sith



This committee will involve two parts – one for the subsequent meeting of The Republic Senate, and one for the Separatists. After the chaos caused by the reveal of Chancellor Palpatine as the Sith lord, the already indebted Republic is put in an unstable position, easy for the Separatists to exploit. Conversely, The Republic Senate is tasked with maintaining order and advantage while in a state of more vulnerability than it has found itself in for centuries.

Roles & Portfolio Powers

Image	Name	Info	Powers
	<u>Admiral Wilhuff Tarkin (The Republic)</u>	<p>Wilhuff Tarkin is a respected tactician serving The Republic as an admiral. Tarkin fiercely opposed the Jedi's role in The Republic's military effort and quickly became a favorite of Chancellor Palpatine. He is a member of the Strategic Advisory Cell, the group formed to create and carry out The Republic's efforts against the Separatist Alliance. Tarkin has great respect for Chancellor Palpatine and sees an opportunity to gain power by backing him.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Has access to confidential military information and will be notified of certain events before the rest of the committee. - May send notes to Chancellor Palpatine. - Has access to a small fleet of one Venator class star destroyer, two Arquitens-class light cruisers, and supporting fighter ships.
	<u>Ask Aak (The Republic)</u>	<p>Representing Malastare in the galactic senate, Ask Aak is a strong supporter of Palpatine and defends the ongoing Clone Wars, which have also brought a massive demand for fuel. Ask Aak blames the Jedi for the assassination of his predecessor, Aks Moe, and believes that the Jedi are the reason for many of The Republic's greatest defeats. He hopes that Jedi will be taken out of leadership positions in the Clone army, and replaced with generals.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Malastare is under Republic occupation, but Ask Aak can attempt to sell fuel to either side, demand higher prices, or help the Separatists fighting on Malastare. - Has access to a small army but does not have many ships capable of leaving Malastare.



	<u>Bail Organa</u> <u>(The Republic)</u>	<p>Bail Organa is a close friend of Padme Amidala and worked to de-escalate the Clone Wars. Organa led many efforts to save refugees on both sides of the war and has many connections with major military figures.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - May receive messages about what the Separatist committee plans to do. - Can use his wealth and connections to form a small army loyal to him. (<i>This army would contain troops from both the Republic and CIS, and would not be able to fight for either side</i>)
	<u>Grand Master Yoda</u> <u>(The Republic / Jedi)</u>	<p>Grand Master Yoda is one of the most powerful force users to ever live and leads the Jedi during the Clone Wars. Yoda is greatly respected for his wisdom and dedication to the Jedi, but his connection to the force is greatly reduced by the growing influence of the Sith. Yoda has seen the power of the Jedi weaken as the war takes its toll, and fears that the war is only part of a more sinister plot against The Republic.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - May send crisis notes urging the Jedi to do certain things. He does not have absolute power, so major measures may be refused(<i>Since two of the twelve Jedi council members will be represented as delegates, the final decision will be made by the crisis staff.</i>) - Has complete control of one sector army, made up of 147,456 Clone troopers.
	<u>Mas Amedda</u> <u>(The Republic/ Vice Chair of the Galactic Senate)</u>	<p>Mas Amedda is a respected politician who works closely with Chancellor Palpatine. He has led a long political career serving in countless offices and is respected by many senators as a seasoned individual who speaks for Palpatine in his absence.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - May receive notes from Palpatine and know about certain plans before they unfold. - Can use his position as Vice-Chair to: A) Once, after a caucus or vote has ended, move the committee into a moderated or unmoderated caucus for 4 minutes. <i>If a moderated caucus is chosen, Mas Amedda can choose the topic and speaking time.</i> B) Twice, during a moderated caucus, Mas Amedda can add a speaker from the list. - Mas Amedda's vote counts for two votes



	<u>Nix Card (The Republic)</u>	<p>Nix Card is a member of the InterGalactic Banking Clan and represents them in the Senate. More than happy to let the war continue, it allows him to charge higher interest rates on loans the Republic uses to pay for the Clone Army. Nix is known to have connections with the Separatists, but since the InterGalactic Banking Clan is one of the few groups willing and able to give the large loans the Republic needs, they are forced to continue doing business with him.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can give loans to the republic, totaling no more than ten million credits. - May contact other members of the Banking Clan in the Separatist committee. - Will be invited to all meetings of the Banking clan.
	<u>Orn Free Taa (The Republic)</u>	<p>Representing Ryloth in the Galactic Senate, Orn Free Taa is a politician happy putting his career in front of his people's wellbeing. Taa is loyal to Chancellor Palpatine and amassed a great fortune through bribery and misuse of government funds. Taa is a powerful political figure and controls access to Ryloth's rich natural resources.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - May receive messages from Chancellor Palpatine - May grant or revoke access to Ryloth's resources, changing the speed of military production for a given organization or person.
	<u>Padme Amidala (The Republic)</u>	<p>Padme Amidala represents Naboo in the Galactic Senate and is well known for her advocacy for a peaceful resolution to the clone wars. Padme is one of the leaders of the delegation of 2000, a group wary of Chancellor Palpatine's growing power.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Padme's vote counts three times as much as all other delegates. - May send crisis notes to the separatists
	<u>Shaak Ti (The Republic / Jedi)</u>	<p>Shaak Ti is the Jedi Master who oversees the training of the Clones. She is also a High Jedi general, the most powerful leadership position in the Clone army. Shaak Ti proved to be an able warrior and intelligent general on many occasions. Shaak Ti is determined to keep fighting until the Separatists have been defeated, and believes that The</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Has complete control over two sectors' armies, containing a total of 589,824 Clone troopers. - Controls most of The Republic's production of Clone troopers - Is allowed to send crisis notes ordering the increase, decrease, or halt of Clone production.



		Republic is nearing victory	<i>(These orders can be vetoed by the general committee.)</i>
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	<u>General Grievous</u> <u>(The Separatists)</u>	General Grievous is the leader of the Droid army and a respected member of the Separatist council. After suffering near-fatal injuries Grievous underwent major cybernetic modification, leaving him with a rasping cough and signature robot-like body. Grievous is a feared combatant who has taken the lives of countless Jedi, and a great military strategist who has delivered the Separatists many victories.	- Can command 1 million droids and a large fleet of ships.
	<u>Nute Gunray</u> <u>(The Separatists)</u>	The leader of the Trade Federation, an extremely powerful shipping and trade conglomerate that had blockaded an entire planet in the years leading up to the Clone Wars. He also holds a seat on the Separatist council and funds the creation of a large portion of the Separatist's military. The Trade Federation denies any connection to the Separatists and uses its influence in the Republic to convince other planets to defect. He looks to make money and gain influence through his connection with the Separatists.	- Can make financial donations to the Separatists. - Commands 3 tactical armies, with a total of 654,000 droids and additional supporting forces - Can send notes to senators in the Republic
	<u>Passel Argente</u> <u>(The Separatists)</u>	Passel Argente is the magistrate of the Corporate Alliance, a major commerce guild that consulted and advocated for many of the galaxy's largest companies. As a result Argente was a very wealthy individual with many ties to powerful people, allowing him to spread pro-separatist propaganda and misinformation that greatly increased pro-war sentiment in CIS systems. Passel Argente is a devout	- Can use misinformation and propaganda to change public sentiment towards war efforts, The Republic, or The Separatists. - Can use his ties to major businesses to cause companies to stop doing business in the Republic. Twice in



		<p>supporter of the Separatist alliance, and has dedicated himself to helping the movement to the best of his ability. While he would enjoy the rewards of a separatist victory, he cares more about aiding the movement and spreading their message.</p>	<p>the conference, Argente may cripple specific industries by encouraging major companies to support The Separatists.</p>
	<u>Poggle the Lesser (The Separatists)</u>	<p>The leader of Geonosis and largest producer of battle droids, Poggle the Lesser is one of the few openly Separatist leaders. Poggle the Lesser leads the Geonosians who are capable of mass-producing battle droids and other items for the war effort. Geonosis was the location of two of the largest battles of the Clone Wars and was one of the first meeting places for the Separatist council.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Controls a majority of the Separatist production of battle droids and weapons. - Oversees the defense of Geonosis and can use his factory workers as soldiers.
	<u>San Hill (The Separatists)</u>	<p>A member of the InterGalactic Banking Clan, San Hill helps fund the Separatist Alliance. The banking clan is loyal to the Separatists, so they give favorable loans or even donations, but the clan does aim to eventually make money as a result of their efforts. San is also the leader of the Hyper-Communications Cartel, a communications network used by Separatists to keep their messages from being intercepted by the Republic.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Twice per session (4 total)</i>, may intercept messages sent by or to Separatists. - Can give loans or donations to the republic, totaling no more than 5 million credits - May contact other members of the banking clan in the Republic committee. - Will be invited to all meetings of the Banking clan.
	<u>Shu Mai (The Separatists)</u>	<p>Shu Mai is the leader of the Commerce guild, known for her self-serving nature and history of unethical actions. The Commerce guild was made up of major corporations across the galaxy, and Shu Mai used its extreme wealth to fund and oversee the mining of the raw materials necessary to build the Separatist army. Shu Mai had a</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Has control of a human army with 100,000 troops. - May donate, spend, or loan the Commerce guild's money, totaling no more than 7 million credits. - Will be invited to all meetings of the



		<p>human army at her command, and used it to conquer planets inhospitable for droids.</p>	<p>Banking clan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - May contact other members of the Banking clan in the Republic committee.
	 <p>Tikkes (The Separatists)</p>	<p>Tikkes is a politician from the planet of Quarren who served as a senator in the Republic until he seceded to join the Separatist alliance. After fighting a long war with the Republic loyalists on Quarren, Tikkes was forced to flee with his allies but he continued to aid the Separatists in the war effort. Tikkes and his allies formed the Free Dac Volunteers Engineering Corps. Tikkes used his people's expertise in ship building to produce destroyers, two ships that became staples in the Separatist navy. They also created specialty ships which were responsible for many great Separatist victories.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can choose what ships his people produce, or begin the research and construction of a new specialized ship. - Can use his history as a senator to persuade other leaders to join the Separatists. - May receive information about the Republic's actions from his contacts in the Senate.
	 <p>Wat Tambor (The Separatists)</p>	<p>Wat Tambor leads the Techno Union, a commerce guild composed of technology firms, and the Baktoid Armor Workshop, a design company that produces weapons and droids. Both companies claim to be neutral but produce ships and weapons for the Separatist alliance. He is very dedicated to the Separatist cause and does not work with the Republic at all.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Controls a majority of the Separatists' production of Ships and other vehicles. - Personally commands 436,000 droids.

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