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Nova Titan Invitational

OCTOBER 11TH - 12TH



FINAL SCENARIO

The Targeted Justice Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall allocate \$500 billion to eliminate state-sponsored
3 terrorism through the following measures:

4 a) Authorization of special operations forces to conduct targeted capture
5 missions to apprehend the supreme leader of Tren de Aragua and Nicolás
6 Maduro.

7 b) Immediate asset freezes and sanctions on all Venezuelan government
8 officials and entities providing support to Tren de Aragua.

9 c) Establishment of a \$500 million reward program for information leading
10 to the capture of Tren de Aragua leadership.

11 d) Deployment of joint FBI-DHS task forces to dismantle Tren de Aragua
12 operational cells across all 23 states and prevent future attacks on
13 American infrastructure.

14 **SECTION 2.** For the purpose of this bill, the following terms shall be defined:

15 a) "Targeted Capture Operation" shall be defined as a military operation
16 designed to apprehend high-value targets for prosecution, similar to
17 Operation Neptune Spear.

18 b) "State-Sponsored Terrorism" shall be defined as acts of terrorism
19 facilitated or protected by a foreign head of state.

20 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense, with the Central Intelligence Agency, and
21 Department of Justice, shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

22 a) Upon apprehension, targets shall be prosecuted in the United States
23 for terrorism and attacks on critical infrastructure.

24 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.

25 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Adam Alcin, from Nova High School.

The Critical Defense Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall allocate \$100 billion to dismantle transnational
3 cartel networks through the following measures:
4 a) Authorization of operations to destroy drug production facilities and
5 interdict fentanyl trafficking routes throughout Latin America.
6 b) Deployment of advanced surveillance and detection technology at all
7 U.S. ports of entry to prevent cartel operatives and narcotics from
8 entering the country.
9 c) Implementation of aggressive financial warfare to freeze cartel assets,
10 disrupt money laundering networks, and cut off funding sources.
11 d) Establishment of enhanced protection for critical infrastructure
12 vulnerable to cartel attacks, including power grids, water facilities, and
13 transportation hubs.
- 14 **SECTION 2.** For the purpose of this bill, the following terms shall be defined:
15 a) "Financial Warfare" shall be defined as coordinated economic
16 sanctions, asset seizures, and banking restrictions targeting criminal
17 organizations.
18 b) "Critical Infrastructure" shall be defined as essential systems and assets
19 whose incapacity would have a debilitating impact on national security or
20 economic stability.
- 21 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice, in coordination with the Department of
22 Defense and Department of Homeland Security, shall oversee the
23 enforcement of this legislation.
- 24 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.
- 25 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pablo Corado, from Nova High School.

*Guide To **Dueling Legislation***

For finals Instead of having “aff” and “neg” sides. Debaters will be **Affirmative on one of two bills**, we call this ***Dueling Legislation***.

With the concept of dueling legislation, it is not merely enough to simply prove that your side is good, or that the other side is bad. The dueling legislation format makes your ability to effectively lay out a counternarrative of great consequence, as a debater you must not only be able to explain why the other bill is bad, or why your bill is good, but also effectively explain why the world created under your bill is better than under the other bill.

Weighing is ***Critical*** under this format

- For perhaps one side’s impact regarding unemployment is that 4,000,00 jobs are created,

and the other side’s impact is that 200,000 jobs are created. The first side wins on

magnitude because it is more powerful of an impact. Sometimes, it will not be as direct of a comparison. In addition to this one may also mitigate the harm done on their side by proving that the negative impacts coming as a result of their bill are much less severe than those coming from the opposing bill.

Final Appeals

At the conclusion of the final debate round, each bill sponsor will deliver a **90 second Final Appeal speech**. This is your last opportunity to crystallize the debate and convince judges why your bill creates the superior outcome. (Final Appeals will ONLY be in the FINAL ROUND)

Rules for Final Appeals:

- Each sponsor gets exactly 1:30 - no exceptions
- Sponsors should summarize key advantages of their bill and critical weaknesses of the opposing bill
- Focus on comparative weighing - explain why your impacts matter more
- No new arguments or evidence may be introduced during Final Appeals

BRIEFINGS & STATEMENTS

Presidential Message on the Recent Terrorist Attacks

The White House

Over the last five days, our nation has witnessed a series of vicious attacks on our homeland against American communities and critical infrastructure. Perpetrated by the transnational crime organization Tren de Aragua, such attacks have caused loss of life, disruption, and intimidation among American populations.

Tren de Aragua, originating from Venezuela, has evolved from a prison gang into one of the most sophisticated and dangerous criminal enterprises in the Western Hemisphere. With operational cells now confirmed in 23 American states, this organization has brought violence, drug trafficking, human smuggling, and terrorism to our doorstep. Recent attacks on power substations in Texas, a transit hub in New York, and a water treatment facility in Arizona represent a dangerous escalation, from criminal activity to coordinated acts of domestic terrorism.

Intelligence assessments confirm that these operations are directed and coordinated from Venezuela, with the full knowledge and protection of the Maduro regime. For years, Nicolás Maduro has weaponized criminal organizations as instruments of state policy, using them to destabilize neighboring democracies, facilitate narco-trafficking, and now, to attack the United States directly. Our intelligence community has established that Maduro's government provides

safe haven, resources, and operational support to Tren de Aragua leadership in exchange for financial kickbacks and political leverage.

This danger is inseparable from the larger crisis of drug cartels that stretch across the Americas. Tren de Aragua has collaborating partnerships with Mexican cartels, Colombian drug trafficking groups, and others. They all build an entwined network of violence and corruption that overwhelms our communities with deadly fentanyl, fuels gang violence in our cities, and now threatens our crucial infrastructure.

In just one year alone, these organised crime groups were behind more than 100,000 American deaths from drug overdose, billions of dollars' worth of economic losses, and incalculable heartache to families from sea to shining sea. Synthetic opioid epidemic caused by cartel production and trafficking networks is now the most common cause of death among Americans of all ages between 18 and 45.

As Commander-in-Chief, I personally find these threats to be of grave significance. We will do what it takes to protect our citizens and our country. Our military is prepared to defend our citizens and to make a strong and emphatic statement.

The question now is not how we will act, but how we will act to prevent this threat permanently and preserve American lives.

Today, I am asking the United States Congress to move quickly to give our national security officials the authorities they need to disrupt these networks, to neutralize those threats, and to bring to justice those responsible. Congress must give our national security agencies the authorities to engage in legally Targeted action against those persons and entities that support terrorist activities against our nation.

I have already taken decisive action by issuing an executive order designating Tren de Aragua as a terrorist organization under United States law. This designation allows us to pursue these criminals with the full force of our counterterrorism capabilities.

Given the sensitive nature of the operations being proposed and the substantial funding required to execute them effectively, I am requesting that Congress conduct its deliberations and vote on the proposed legislation in a classified setting. The operational details, intelligence sources, and strategic approaches contained within these bills must remain confidential to ensure mission success and protect American personnel. Our adversaries are watching, and operational security demands that we keep our strategies private until execution.

We will not allow transnational organized crime groups to dictate our community's security. America will act with clarity, precision, and force to defend our citizens, our allies, and our democratic values from these attacks.

The American people have a right to know that all of our government's resources are being mobilized to defeat this threat. We're talking about international cooperation through our alliances and our partnerships, hardening our most important infrastructures, and working around the globe to dismantle these networks.

But let us be clear, we must do more than defend against this threat, it must be eradicated where it originates.

To the members of Congress: The American people are watching. They expect action, not deliberation without decision. They expect their government to use every lawful tool available to protect them. I urge you to move swiftly to provide the authorities necessary to defend our nation.

To the people of America: Your government will do no less than root out this threat. We will relentlessly hunt down those guilty of attacking American citizens violently. We will hold accountable any government that harbors terrorism against our citizens. And we will return security to neighborhoods that have long lived under the threat of cartel violence.

To those who would do us harm: America's patience has its limits. Those that come against us, those that harbor those that come against us, and those that profit from attacking Americans will have to contend with all of America's might.

God bless those victims and families, God bless our soldiers and officers that keep us safe day in and day out, and God bless America.

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C.
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE CIA

MEMORANDUM TO: Select Members, 24th Annual Nova Titan Invitational Congress

SUBJECT: Tren de Aragua Terrorist Attacks on United States Soil: Venezuela Government Involvement

Summary of Judgements

1. The CIA assesses with **high confidence** that operatives from **Tren de Aragua** have conducted a series of coordinated violent attacks within the United States over the past 5 days. These incidents targeted critical infrastructure and law-enforcement-related facilities and caused civilian casualties and significant disruption.
2. The CIA has acquired convergent, multi-source intelligence indicating that elements of the Venezuelan security apparatus, acting with the knowledge and approval of senior Venezuelan leadership, including that of **current Venezuelan president Nicolás Maduro Moros**, provided direction, material assistance, and facilitation to the **Tren de Aragua** for selected operations.
3. Available reporting indicates that Venezuelan-aligned elements may employ proxy violent actions to (a) impose domestic political pressure on the United States, (b) deter intensified U.S. measures against the Maduro-aligned leadership, and (c) signal capability while retaining plausible deniability.
4. Absent U.S. intervention, the CIA assesses that Venezuelan-backed Tren de Aragua operations are likely to **escalate in scale and lethality** within the next 90 days.

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