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Area 51:

A green globe showing the continents of North America, South America, Africa, and Australia, with a grid of latitude and longitude lines.

Escape of the  
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# Background Guide

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# Area 51: Escape of the Aliens

TOPIC A: *Intergovernmental Collaboration on Extraterrestrial Research*

TOPIC B: *Public Awareness of Extraterrestrial Life*

## *Current Situation*

The year is 2035, and the world finds itself on the brink of a paradigm shift seen never before. Within the heavily secured terrain of Area 51, news breaks of a breach through the thought to be an impenetrable fortress. What was initially dismissed as a routine security checkup soon escalated into a full-blown crisis as it was revealed that a new variant of extraterrestrial life had broken free from the confinement of Area 51. This discovery has remained contained within a small team of government officials, military personnel, researchers, and influencers, however, it is being reported that this new life form is thought to be more dangerous and intelligent than ever seen before.

As the news of the extraterrestrial escape spreads amongst political elites, chaos ensues between different political ideologies as Republicans and Democrats clash over the best course of action. Each side instigates the issue by blaming each other for the breach in security instead of unifying against the common threat. As these tensions continue, military generals scramble to contain the situation. Being at the forefront of the situation, these military leaders' expertise and training have allowed them to gain immense amounts of information and make groundbreaking decisions in hopes of containing the outbreak. However, due to the high intelligence of these new life forms, the world's forefront innovators are being tasked with the position of researching what makes the extraterrestrial forms so powerful and developing solutions that can contain the threat. Only a select group of innovators have been selected due to their profound intelligence and undeniable heaps of wealth that can heavily assist the US government in subsidization. As we continue to investigate the issue within Nevada, news is beginning to spread and rumors are developing in neighboring states. Containing the physical threat of these life forms is a task in itself, but containing the spread of information and fear throughout the public is going to be a strenuous issue. To combat this a team of the world's most influential press and influencers have been developed and have been briefed on the issue at hand. Their purpose is to alleviate people's fears and reaffirm any action taken by the government to ensure that people's trust remains in the UN, especially during this time of extensive social media usage.

# TOPIC A: Intergovernmental Collaboration on Extraterrestrial Research

With the newfound existence of extraterrestrial life in Area 51, global attention has turned towards the implications of this discovery. Concerns have risen amongst governmental leaders in countries such as Russia and China, who have heard about the classified intel being discovered in Area 51, regarding the potential for collaboration in research on United States soil. Recently, demands for inclusion in developments regarding the issue have intensified, prompting the future establishment of an intergovernmental organization dedicated to studying these aliens. However, the United States maintains clear possession of the alien creatures, leading to complex negotiation and diplomatic tensions as countries navigate the intricacies of collaborative efforts.

With collaboration and international alliances comes its share of difficulties. Giving up information on alien activities or U.S. government operations poses a threat to international security. Yet, space collaboration and global cooperation have also proved a success, especially when considering outer space technology and advancements. Balancing both the negatives and positives of space exploration and international cooperation will come to play an important role to the status of the potential alien invasion as well as the nations involved in this issue. Furthermore, choosing allies that are both technologically advanced as well as trustworthy when dealing with this issue are important factors to consider when attempting to utilize foreign aid. When creating solutions to this pressing issue individuals must consider the implications of foreign aid and the potential benefits associated with it.

The most clear courses of action will come from collaboration between nations to create a committee that can work towards researching the new extraterrestrial life found in Area 51. However, with this comes the conflict of research being conducted on American versus on foreign soil. As of right now the substances found in Area 51 belong to the US government and are not required to be shared in collaborative research with other countries. Possible solutions may include the possibility of a treaty or an outline of rules and regulations that can clarify who is in possession and who has access to the creatures found in Area 51. As well as this there is a strong possibility that some countries such as Russia and China may start to become restless and may resort to violence as a way to get more access to increased amounts of information. How can the US government utilize its facilities to protect Area 51 as well as prevent a future global conflict?

### *Questions to Consider*

1. Would it be beneficial for the United States to extend information to other countries about their findings in Area 51?
2. How can we utilize the team of government officials, researchers, and influencers to expand the collaborative efforts of this process?
3. How can we maintain the security and safety of civilians while spreading the research of extraterrestrial life on a global scale?

# TOPIC B: Public Speculation and Awareness of Extraterrestrial Life

## *Topic Background*

With the extent of the effort that the United States government has put into concealing the existence of aliens, going so far as to start false rumors and confirmations of alien life, it is a pressing concern of national security to publicly announce the existence of the breach. It is completely unknown how the citizens of America are to respond not just to the existence of aliens but also to the immoral and unethical treatment of true sentient lifeforms. The containment and concealment of such pressing issues violate the people's democratic ability to vote on educated grounds. Additionally, it is important to consider the public's reactions to previous rumors that have spread regarding the existence of alien life. There is a large potential for the information to disrupt the daily lives of American citizens. As such the information should not be released unless absolutely necessary for the good of the citizens as well as the government.

Speculation surrounding Area 51 predates the established site itself, with many connecting the area to a government coverup of an alleged UFO crash and extraterrestrial experimentation in 1947. Ever since the beginning of the U-2 tests, reports of spotted and mysterious aircrafts flying around Nevada have been abundant. Naturally, people began to wonder about the coincidental sightings all happening in the same area. The most popular hypothesis is that the government is currently running an active extra-terrestrial test site for Alien vehicles, intelligence, and life. The remote location of Area 51 makes the suspicions of local



civilians all the more powerful, as no one is quite certain of the exact location of the source of all of these seemingly random aircrafts.

An additional conspiracy is that Area 51 is meant to function as a prison for spies against the United States. This theory doesn't stop at humans, as it is also speculated if aliens themselves are tortured and interrogated by the government for information regarding their technological prowess. It is wondered if the government, the CIA specifically, is experimenting with new torture methods such as mind control and needed a remote place to test it out that would be untraceable to the public.

More aggressively, people believe that these aircrafts are actually intended to attack the American people, by spraying poisonous chemicals over neighborhoods. Some even go as far as to suggest that the US government would be capable of utilizing these technologies to capture US citizens for questioning and experimentation purposes. Regardless of how ridiculous these accusations may seem, the more curiosity surrounding our test flights and location, the more of a chance that our actual mission is uncovered and exposed to the Soviets. It is critical that we take all necessary steps to be as cautious as we possibly can.

Managing the spread of propaganda through social media is crucial to the public's opinion on how Area 51 is impacting lives and what is really going on behind the scenes. News reports, podcasts, and VR news play a heavy role in how the public gathers their information, which creates a positive opinion on the operations of Area 51 that for the most part remains a mystery.

Since its creation in 1955, foreign countries have had polarizing views on the legitimacy and the ethicality of Area 51, which is why mitigating controversy is vital to how it is perceived

throughout the world. Political figures in foreign countries have varying views on the goals, execution, and morality of Area 51s which, in turn, sways popular opinion leading to further public disputes. Additionally, with social media being more prevalent than ever in the public's gathering of news and opinions, the mass perspective of Area 51 is constantly fluctuating. All of this is exacerbated by the fact that influencers take it upon themselves to bring exaggerated viewpoints to gain traction on the topic.

The two most clear courses of action are to avoid revealing the escape to the public and instead make an effort to detain the creature, and to slowly let the public in in a calm and calculated manner. Alternatively, the approach of revealing its existence to the public with the goal of inducing as much fear and mass hysteria as possible could be taken, however, it would need to be quickly controlled and utilized as a means to an end. When analyzing the first of the options it is important to recognize the difficulty in detaining the creature, especially considering the limited knowledge possessed of its abilities. The difficulty in capturing it not only involves the detainment itself but also the consequences of the time it takes to capture it. Sightings and rumors spread quickly and if actions to control the view of the public are not taken it could dictate the course humanity has to take in regard to diplomacy with aliens. On the other hand, simply focusing on public opinion without making an attempt to detain the escapee could lead to immense property damage and casualty if the risk posed by the creature is greater than anticipated.

## *Questions to Consider*

1. How can we improve the secrecy of our test flights to avoid more speculation?
2. How can we alter the infrastructure of our current security structure to make our security teams more efficient?
3. What plan should we have in place in the case of a civilian locating our headquarters?
4. How can we adopt more practical crisis management techniques when dealing with the public?
5. How can we keep all current records and documents of our projects as safe and classified as possible?
6. How can we ensure the integrity of future employees at Area 51? In other words, how do we know who to trust?
7. Should influencers be allowed to talk about Area 51?
8. Should the Political Leaders be allowed to comment on Area 51 knowing that it is highly classified?

# Dossier

## The Republicans:

### **Michael Pence**

- Michael Pence was the governor of Indiana and served as vice-president to Donald Trump. He improved access to education during his time as governor and lowered taxes as vice president.

### **Vivek Ramaswamy**

- Vivek Ramaswami is a businessman who ran for the Republican presidential nomination. He founded the company Roivant Sciences, a pharmaceutical company that purchased drug patents from larger companies to resell them.

### **Nikki Haley**

- Nikki Haley served as governor of South Carolina and as U.S. representative to the United Nations. She is currently running for the Republican presidential nomination

### **Ronald DeSantis**

- Ronald DeSantis is a Governor of Florida who ran for the Republican presidential nomination but has dropped out of the race. He has made some controversial laws but is still hugely popular with Republicans.

### **Ryan Binkley**

- Ryan Binkley is a businessman, pastor, and politician. He founded the Generational Equity Group and Create Church; and is running for the Republican presidential nomination.

## The Democrats:

### **Nancy Pelosi**

- Nancy Pelosi served as the speaker of the United States House of Representatives from 2007 to 2011, and 2019 to 2023. She is currently a representative from the state of California and fights for more jobs and human rights.

### **Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez**

- Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is from New York and has served as a Representative in the House of Representatives for five years. She is an activist who has advocated for Free College Tuition and Medicare for All.

### **Bernie Sanders**

- Bernie Sanders is the senior senator from Vermont and has been serving since 1990. He is an independent who is closely affiliated with the Democratic Party and is often called the leader of the U.S. Progressive Movement.

### **Barack Obama**

- Barack Obama was the first African American president and was hugely popular during his two terms. He passed the Affordable Care Act, a federal program to provide healthcare to those without insurance.

### **Hillary Clinton**

- Served as Secretary of State to Barack Obama, and as first lady to Bill Clinton. She worked with The Clinton Foundation to help solve problems around the world, such as Global Health and Climate Change.

### The Generals:

#### **Lloyd J. Austin**

- Lloyd J Austin is the Secretary of Defence and the 200th 4-star general. He served as head of American forces in Iraq becoming the first African American to command a theater of war.

#### **Michael E. Langley**

- Michael E Langley is a general in the U.S. Marine Corps who is commander of the United States Africa Command. He has served in the United States Marine Corps Forces Command and has been raised to 4-star general because of his exploits in Afghanistan.

## **Laura J. Richardson**

- Laura J Richardson is the commander of the United States Southern Command and served as acting Commanding General of United States Army Forces Command from October 2018 through March 2019.

## The Innovators:

### **Anthony Fauci**

- Anthony Stephen Fauci is an American physician-scientist and immunologist who served as the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases from 1984 to 2022, and the chief medical advisor to the president from 2021 to 2022.

### **Neil Degrasse Tyson**

- Neil deGrasse Tyson is an American astrophysicist, author, and science communicator. Tyson studied at Harvard University, the University of Texas at Austin, and Columbia University. From 1991 to 1994, he was a postdoctoral research associate at Princeton University. He has since gained notoriety for his numerous talk shows, podcasts, and relaxed way of teaching astrophysics.

### **Elon Musk**

- Elon Reeve Musk is a businessman and investor. He is the founder, chairman, CEO, and CTO of SpaceX; angel investor, CEO, product architect, and former chairman of Tesla, Inc.; owner, executive chairman, and CTO of X Corp.; co-founder of Neuralink and OpenAI; and president of the Musk Foundation. He is the second wealthiest person in the world, with an estimated net worth of US\$232 billion as of December 2023, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, and \$182.6 billion according to Forbes, primarily from his ownership stakes in Tesla and SpaceX.

### **Mark Zuckerberg**

- Mark Elliot Zuckerberg is an American businessman and philanthropist. He co-founded the social media service Facebook, along with his Harvard roommates in 2004, and its parent company Meta Platforms, of which he is executive chairman, chief executive officer, and controlling shareholder.

## **Jeff Bezos**

- Jeffrey Preston Bezos is an American businessman, media proprietor, and investor. He is the founder, executive chairman, and former president and CEO of Amazon, the world's largest e-commerce and cloud computing company.

## The Press:

### **Carl Azuz**

- Carl Azuz has grown an immense following from his exposure on CNN 10. He holds a bachelor's degree in telecommunication arts production from the 'University of Georgia. In recent years he has grown a large audience of students across the US and has become one of the most followed reporters in the world.

### **Meredith Levein**

- Meredith Kopit Levien is an American media executive who is the chief executive officer of The New York Times Company. She serves as an influential media director and a reputable source of information for a large majority of America.

## The Influencers:

### **Charli D'Amelio**

- Charli D'Amelio is a TikTok star who has over 151 million followers on TikTok and has gained both influence in the TikTok world as well as all of her followers in their everyday lives.

### **Addison Rae**

- Addison Rae Easterling is an American influencer, singer, songwriter, actress, and dancer. Rae rose to fame on the video-sharing app, TikTok. She amassed over 88 million followers, making her the fourth most-followed individual on the platform.

### **Kim Kardashian**

- Kim Kardashian is an American pop culture icon, entrepreneur, and television personality who has become a multi-billionaire and has influenced the media and fashion industry creating a community of followers.

**Taylor Swift**

- Taylor Alison Swift is an American singer-songwriter. Her versatile artistry, songwriting, and entrepreneurship have influenced the music industry, popular culture, and politics, and her life is a subject of widespread media coverage.

**Matty Roberts**

- Founded the Storm Area 51 movement in September of 2019. Although the movement was initially started as a sardonic “mess” post it became a widespread social media phenomenon with substantial backing.



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