



ALL THE PRESIDENT'S MEN

THE CABINET OF RICHARD NIXON 1969

“Always remember that the crowd that applauds your coronation is the same crowd that will applaud your beheading.”

— Terry Pratchett

Corrupt. Controversial. Pivotal. Machiavellian.

All words used to describe the presidency and legacy of Richard Milhous Nixon, a career politician who inherited a country ravaged by deadly entanglements abroad, anti-war violence, civil rights protests, and mass disaffection with the American political system. When Nixon takes the oath of office in January 1969, he pledges to use his office to bring the nation together to overcome the hurdles of a new decade - but does he even stand a chance at succeeding?

That's where you come in. As his trusted cabinet of advisors, department executives, and other crucial officers, you have the duty and responsibility of guiding President Nixon to a prosperous and peaceful future for this great nation. The road won't be easy: hundreds of citizen-soldiers perish for every day the war in Vietnam rages on, China and Russia pose greater threats than ever before, and a general lack of distrust throughout Washington could force the entire government as we know it to crumble at our feet. To succeed, you'll need to play one of the dirtiest games of politics known to democracy and come out of it with clean hands and a (slightly) clouded conscience. Cover your tracks, watch your back, and, above all, choose your words carefully - you never know who might be listening.

BACKGROUND GUIDE



MARLIESE DALTON

CHAIR

Marliese Dalton is a second year Public Policy and Political Science major. A native of Nashville, Tennessee, Marliese is a fan of any and all country music and spends her time wishing more people would wear cowboy boots in Chicago. Outside of her role as President Nixon, Marliese is the Chair of UNESCO for the University of Chicago's high school conference, MUNUC XXIX. Beyond the excessive number of Model UN meetings she attends, Marliese is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, and she can often be found watching history documentaries for fun or setting off fire alarms with her pathetic attempts to cook. If you have questions, email Marliese at mdalton@uchicago.edu.



MELISSA BOSEM

CRISIS DIRECTOR

Melissa Bosem is a third year in the College studying Political Science and History. Born and raised in sunny South Florida, Melissa takes any (and every) opportunity to remind everyone how cold she is and how much she misses the beach. This is her third time running a committee (after serving as Chair for the Rio Organizing Committee at ChoMUN XIX and Crisis Director for Nicholas II's Cabinet at MUNUC, the University of Chicago's high school conference. Considering how much she and Marliese bonded over their love for Nixon's shenanigans and country music, you know it's gonna be a good time. When she's not doing Model UN things, which seems to be all the time, Melissa has perfected the art of walking backwards as a campus tour guide, helps bring famous musical acts to campus as a member of Major Activities Board, and spends a few too many afternoons napping in the library. If you have questions, email Melissa at melissabosem@uchicago.edu

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