



WE WISH TO BE ANONYMOUS: CULT OF THE DEAD COW, 2020

Welcome, I33t haxors, to the Cult of the Dead Cow. As you likely know, we've been on a long hiatus, but the perilous world we live in once again calls for ethical leadership in the technology community. We will be those leaders.

In rebuilding our once-great enterprise, we anticipate fighting monopolistic corporations and "tyrannical" governments to regain the freedom the Internet had in the 80s and 90s – a world that protected free access to information above all else – using whatever tools are at our disposal, technological, political, and otherwise.

Make no mistake. Despite our work in the cyber realm, our duty and actions are not just limited to the internet; they are to the world that we wish to create.

Recently, some of our former (now famous) members have been outed. Make sure to keep your identity safe, even – and most importantly – from other members, and stick to your cDc-provided alias. Those that are caught will be replaced – for the safety of all involved.

Note: Despite the fact that this is committee simulates a hacktivist group, it will have substantial non-technical elements and will not require nor request prior technical knowledge to participate. We would love delegates of all disciplines, who are first and foremost creative and willing to learn.

BACKGROUND GUIDE



ALEX DEAN
CHAIR

Alexander Dean is a fourth year in the College from Los Angeles, CA (somehow still) majoring in Computer Science and Economics. This is Alex's fourth year at ChoMUN – previously he staffed the presidential campaign of Mir-Hossein Mousavi and crisis directed for Halliburton and the Cristero Wars. Additionally, he competes for the travel team and participates in MUNUC, UChicago's high school conference. Aside from doing all things MUN on campus... well actually Alex doesn't really do much aside from MUN. He really hoped to make this section more interesting, but there aren't really any activities in his life aside from International LARPing, as he affectionately calls it from time to time. In the interest of diversifying his passions, one might say that he enjoys improv, arcades, and reading, although he's going to work on those heavily. He's ecstatic to be crisis directing Cult of the Dead Cow 2020, and you should feel free to contact him at alexanderdean@uchicago.edu. He can't wait to see you in the spring with a whole new set of interests!



MICHAEL LYNCH
CRISIS DIRECTOR

Michael is a fourth year student majoring in Economics. He is usually from north of Atlanta, when not dealing with identity crises of being born in Massachusetts, growing up in Georgia, and living in Switzerland. His first UN experience was working at the US Mission to the UN, as a convenience store cashier. His hobbies include running, telling the same story about Russian history for the third time, and reading too much fivethirtyeight.

In the past, Michael has been an Assistant Chair for "It Ain't Easy Being Green: Mousavi 2009," and Crisis Director for "The Fault in Our Tsars: Russian Provisional Government 1917," and "If These Walls Could Talk: Kowloon Walled City 1965," and is unreasonably happy about all those puns.

He is happy to answer questions about ChoMUN or anything else via email at mtlynch@uchicago.edu.

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JAMES SEDDON
CRISIS DIRECTOR

James is a third year majoring in Public Policy and Political Science, making him twice as obnoxious when talking about any aspect of government. Depending on the time, place, his mood, and the direction of the wind, he claims to be from either North Carolina, the UK, Connecticut, or Georgia – like Michael, this makes basic "where are you from?" questions unnecessarily difficult. When not aggressively (and rather professionally) procrastinating, James enjoys pretending he understands how technology works to his long-suffering friends, watching SpaceX launches, and reading an inordinate amount of Politico, though this may transition back to FiveThirtyEight as the 2020 election creeps ever-closer.

In the past, James has been a Crisis Director for "High Society: Cabinet of Prince Rainier III, Monaco 1995" and an Assistant Chair for UFCo. He's very happy about this year's committee URL.

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