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Good morning fellow delegates. I am representing Qatar, and today we will be discussing article number 45, titled "Humanities Core Values," by Wendell Bell. While the discussion of UN, or international involvement in Civil Wars is important is key, it is merely putting a band-aid on the problem. To truly be effective members of the world community, we must look deeper than any one state, or any one conflict. We must analyze the way in which the world interacts, and the reasons civil wars and international involvement in them is a point of contention in the first place.

One argument for the reason people cannot get a long is that of religion. Some analysts cite the vastly different religious beliefs of the world, and state that due to these differences people will never be able to get along. The main issue with religion is that people are very likely to do things they wouldn't normally do, in the name of their religion. Some are willing to die for they feel their higher power wants them to do. However, Bell points out, and Qatar agrees, that in actuality many religions have very similar moral codes. These morals are related to their followers in different ways, but they all have the same general set of moral codes. For example, most religions have some form of the golden rule. Bell states that if people were to realize that other religions have similar codes, and that humanity as a whole needed a unifying code, the world would be much better off. Qatar would like to pause here for a moment to point out that it is also very possible for people of different origins and different religions to live in harmony. In Qatar the largest

religious group, Muslims, represent 77% of the population. While this is a large percentage, it is certainly not 100%, and there are still many other practicing religions. Similarly, the largest ethnic group, Arabs, only account for 40% of the population. Citing the fact that Qatar has never had a civil war, and since the withdrawal of the British has only had peaceful transitions of power, Qatar would make the point that it is more than possible for different groups of people, to live together in very close proximity.

Qatar would like to make it clear to all nations that change is a gradual process. This article makes many suggestions to the world community, most of which are very big transitions. The article suggests having a world government of types. Regardless of whether or not this is a good idea; it is a process that will take time. Qatar has only been an independent nation since 1971. The average life expectancy, 78 years, is older than the nation's independence. However, while Qatar is a young nation, it has been able to affect massive amounts of change within its own borders. The first elections for parliamentary positions were held within the past five years. Thus, no matter what the world stage recommends as important, Qatar urges the world to be patient. Change does not happen over night, and when it does, it does not stick. Some of the most recent changes are outlined on map 56f, which points out all of the Arab spring revolutions.

It is also important to recognize the setting in which a nation is operating. Map 106 points out the differences in the outlooks on the world different nations have. Qatar has made most of its wealth off exporting oil and natural gas, while the US imports most of its usage.