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***Clausis: The Council***

***“Some people are made to be a  
burden.”***



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*Dear Delegates,*

Our names are Ekim Bagree and Jasnoor Jodhka we are the co-directors for the upcoming crisis committee, GATTACA~ Clausis: We are pleased to have you as part of our council. This committee raises awareness of the concept of eugenics, and the possible problematic effects it may have on society in the near future. As a crisis committee, different situations and events may arise at any time during the conference.

During this conference, Abitha Arumugalingam, Ekim Bagree, Divya Rana, and Jasnoor Jodhka, will be running the committee for all attending delegates.

Clausis is a council assigned with the responsibility to make all decisions regarding the functioning of North America. As members of Clausis, your task is to resolve the issues surrounding eugenics in North America. Each attending delegate will be assigned a role as a member of the council, and will be either a valid or invalid. As members of this council, it is your duty to serve the people of North America, and come up with practical solutions that satisfy all citizens.

Devices are permitted in this committee, but for research purposes *only*. Along with this, a background guide will be provided to all delegates, as well as information on your respective roles.

We wish you the best of luck!

Regards,

Ekim Bagree and Jasnoor Jodhka

Co-Directors of GATTACA- *Clausis*:The Council

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## Introduction

Welcome, if you are reading this, you have been accepted into Clausis. Your admission was either based on merit, your dynasty or your *genes*\*. As a member of Clausis you are probably familiar with basic sciences. You have most likely heard of the term DNA- the blueprint for all life. If you have not already realized, DNA\* is composed of nucleotides: Guanine, Adenine, Thymine and Cytosine. Rearrange the letters and you get the coined term GATTACA.

The study of genetics and heredity is not a new field. Since the days of Gregor Mendel, humans have been obsessed with this wondrous concept. Many scientists have since experimented with manipulating the human gene code to artificially select the *best* traits\*. Some may argue that this interferes with Darwin's *\*idea of natural selection\**, one that allows for harmonious continuity of human life. Others completely disagree and believe that if possible, humans have the right to choose their genes and design babies with traits they see best fit.

The year is now 2070; there is no differentiation based on the amount of melanin in your skin, your race, ethnicity or gender. All that matters now is how perfect your genetic code is, judged based on the guidelines set by Treaty du Clausis. People have been divided into two classes; the Valids and Invalids. There are growing tensions between the two groups. Clausis the Council must help eliminate the growing hate in the world and figure out a way to eliminate the apprehensions. If you fail, the world as we know it will all collapse.

*\*Members: you may want to get familiar with the terminology marked with an asterisk. Refer to [page 11](#) for further information on where to begin your research.*



## The Story of the New World

*Eclipse is the chosen name for the continent that was once called North America.*

In Eclipse one's social standing depends entirely on their genetic makeup. It just so happens that the rich are able to afford the use of reproductive technologies and so can choose the *necessary* modifications needed to thrive. Those who have the amiable traits are known as the Valids. Those who rely on natural selection are the Invalids. It is not possible to tell the Valids apart from the Invalids. The differences are not so physical, hence not limited to appearance but are rather synonymous to factors such as immunity to sickness~ *good health*.

The 2030s was the time when genetic modification and artificial reproduction went mainstream. At that time the Hufftons were an influential and wealthy family, thus they decided to create a council that would oversee that harmony is kept between *all* people. They chose to name the council **The Clausis**. Only members of the Huffton family can take on the position of President of Clausius. The current President, Analeise Huffton is the youngest ever to be in power and she took on the role after her father's retirement.

The council is not at all happy with the new President, as she is having trouble controlling the chaos happening within the council and the citizens who are protesting against eugenics. It is in the hands of the council to keep the citizens of North America in control and help them understand of the benefits of artificial reproduction. The council needs to decide whether they want to keep the current President and give her a second opportunity. Otherwise, the council may decide on choosing another member of the Clausis to take on the position of President.



## Issues of Concern

### Regarding Current Affairs

Eclipse, formerly known as North America, has been under the power of Clausis for the past 50 years. During this time, Clausis has taken a more totalitarian approach and replaced many of its previous democratic policies. Although this approach was posed successful in the past, in recent years it has caused controversy. Many have become unhappy with the government's control, and their approach to recent events. Clausis was originally established to promote a problem-free society, in which all citizens prospered based on their ability. The council formed strict laws to ensure citizens maintained order in society, and kept it a peaceful state. Genetic registries using biometrics are used to classify citizens as invalids or valids. Genotype profiling is used to identify a person's ranking. The council keeps everyone under constant surveillance, conducts numerous blood and urine tests, and regular skin and hair analysis. All citizens accept their position in society, no questions asked, this is one rule they *must* obey.

However, the so-called "peace" of the council is being threatened. Some citizens believe that the promises of unity and success promised by the council has been replaced by oppression and judgement. People have begun to question the real motives of the council, and believe they are not doing enough to keep a "perfect" world. Some citizens have gone as far enough to go against the system. The council is learning of citizens who have assumed different identities in order to take action. If citizens continue to do this, it can largely threaten the position and power the council currently holds.

### **Additional Political Parties:**

#### Laskens:

The Lasken, an opposing political party, is looking to overthrow the Clausis. They desire to create a world where all the invalids are killed, and a world where the children are only allowed to be conceived with the use of genetic selection. Clausis must act fast, as the Laskens, are slowly starting to rise to power with many followers. Other social minorities, which mostly consist of invalids have started to rebel and are creating a social movement.



### Regarding Socio-Economic Class

For the past 50 years, the rich have taken advantage of the reproductive technologies, as they are extremely costly, despite the fact that the government has highly encouraged all citizens to use these technologies. Those in a lower class who cannot afford these technologies are forced to conceive without the aid of genetic selection, which is undermined by society.

The invalid minority has been largely discriminated against on the basis of their genetic code. They are treated as second class citizens; restricted in their ability to choose their occupation, and forced to settle working menial jobs. The invalids are placed in various ghettos across the continent, because of their low social standing. The conditions in these ghettos are extremely poor, it is extremely overcrowded, lacks electrical and sanitary infrastructure, and insufficient food rations. To make matters worse, there are several hate messages left by the valids throughout the ghetto. In recent cases, there have been violent outbursts between both parties. Although in the past, the invalids accepted their role and did not question the ethics of the council, this has widely changed. Several of the invalids have expressed their disapproval of the council, some of these statements include:

*“We have been treated like worthless peasants for several years, and the council has done absolutely nothing”*

*“Huffton must go, this council must go!”*

*“I may have the best test score in my class, but that does not matter because I do not have the blood to go with it. Tell me is that fair?”*

In response to these statements, President Huffton has stated “ *It upsets me deeply that they feel that way. However, they should remember that is simply the way the world works. Our skills are measured through our DNA, the way it should be.*” The council's disregard to the minority has caused several protests, despite civil disobedience being illegal.

The social unrest between the valids and invalids continues to spur. Rumour has it that some of the invalids are planning on spreading a deadly virus which will wipe out the entire valid population, the only information we have on this virus is that it works rapidly. As per the *laws* of evolution, the valids lack of genetic variation may cause for the artificial virus to spread rapidly.



### Regarding the Aboriginals

The Aboriginals of North America feel attacked by the influence of the Clausis in the modern society. The Aboriginals have many traditions, values and customs which they believe in and would like the people around them to respect them for who they are. However, certain members of the Council are making an attempt to suppress natural reproduction and convince Aboriginal communities in practicing artificial reproduction. It is expected that artificial reproduction will begin to gradually diminish all the dominate illnesses in Aboriginal communities. For instance, diabetes is a common disease in the First Nations community. Consequently, the factors that result in diabetes for the First Nations lead to various forms of heart disease. Both diseases are genetically transferred, thus through artificial reproduction, diseases like such can slowly be wiped out. The possibility of a child being born with potential heart disease will gradually fade away in the first nations community, and outside of the community, even if the first nations were to reproduce outside of their community.

Aboriginals during the time of the 2030s migrated to more urban places for a modern lifestyle however, there are still few Aboriginals founds in places including Saskatchewan and Northwest Territories from Canada. These Aboriginals still have a very traditional mindset, where they believe artificial selection is not the way to cure sicknesses. They believe in nature being the cure to sickness, and herbal medicine which has been passed by through generation.





## Guiding Questions

Delegates in this committee are encouraged to read over the following topics of discussion and form opinions and solutions.

1. Concerning Aboriginals
  - a. Does the council want to convince all Aboriginals in practicing artificial reproduction? If so, How will you get them to trust artificial reproduction over their traditional methods and what will the Claussis do if the Aboriginals choose to only practice natural reproduction.
2. Government Approach:
  - a. Does the council want to come to an agreement with the Laskens where there is mutual power between both parties? If so, how is the council is going to separate responsibilities and positions? If the council wants to remain as the only party in power, how are they going to prevent the Laskens from rising to power? What are appropriate methods of dealing with the Laskens, where no harm is done to the public?
3. The Minority
  - a. How is the Clausis going to cope with the minority groups consisting of invalids wanting to abolish all the valids? How can Clausis ensure they get the Invalids support? Delegates must choose an appropriate method to deal with minorities, thus using verbal communication instead of violence to come to peace with minorities.
4. Regarding the New President
  - a. The new president Analeise Huffton is having difficulties acting as a leader to solve the issues regarding aboriginals, Laskens' party and the minorities against valids. Does the Claussis want to remove the new president out of power and replace her with another experienced council member? How will this be done since the only people can take on the position of President must be from the Huffton family?



## Characters

*\*Each delegate will be provided with a more specific character profile with private information via their PDSB emails\**

We advise all delegates to not disclose any information about their character from the private character profile to other delegates unless your profile suggests to do so.

### **President of Clausis (Analeise Huffton)**

Analeise has been a member of Clausis since 2050. She was the heir of this position, being the daughter of previous President, Bob Huffton. Huffton knows she was born to be president, *literally*- it ran in her blood. Her father, Bob was responsible for introducing these technologies to North America. Bob was also the leader of the “Save our World” rebellion, which led to the end of the former government, and the introduction of Clausis.

### **Vice-president of Clausis (Victor Brook)**

Victor Brook has been a member of the Clausis since 2050. Victor Brook knew he was going to be part of The Council due to all the power he has. The only reason he did not run for president is because he was not part of the bloodline. However, his colleagues acknowledge that he is a much better fit for president than Analeise Huffton, but. He has made promises to always work for the good of the people...but promises can easily be broken.

### **Secretary of State (Raj Ghai)**

Raj Ghai has been a dedicated member of Clausis since 2045. He was appointed by the current president based on his diplomacy skills. Ghai is liked by the public and is considered an influential personality. After having proven his skills at the office, president Huffton found that it would be best to allow Ghai to handle affairs that require dealing with other parties including but not limited to the Invalids. Even though liked by the public and considered loyal to the President, many Governors have their doubts about Ghai and consider him to be *mysterious*- to say the least.

### **Governor of Midwest (Henry Wei)**

Henry Wei has been a member of Clausis since 2046. Henry Wei is biracial and comes from a modest family. He is the first in his family to partake in political affairs. He was elected as people could relate to him. Wei also has a sense of responsibility towards his state of governance. He believes that the Invalids should also have equal say in the political decisions made. Wei is loved by the general public, but not so much by the extremists who believe that everything should be controlled by the Valids.



### **Governor of Pacific Coast (Steve Johnson)**

Steve Johnson has been a member of Clausius since 2050. Steve Johnson is born in a family who supports 21st-century customs and beliefs. Thus, he grew up believing that artificial selections is the way to maximum life expectancy giving every baby a chance to be born with no disabilities. Johnson knew as a child himself, he wanted to work in the Biotechnology field, but he never pictured himself working in a lab. However, Johnson always had a passion for bringing awareness to technology improving healthy living, thus he found himself join the council where he was able to pursue his passion.

### **Governor of New England (Veronica Heights)**

Veronica Heights has been a member of Clausius since 2053. 'Keep your eye on the prize'; Veronica's moto since the day she entered The Council. The other members do not think much of her, she simply does what she is told and does not create issues. She is a trusted member of the council, but is the trust in the right place? Veronica's history and past is very hidden. When questioned she keeps things short and becomes cold. Why? Nobody but Veronica knows. Her past is a secret and her future plans could be destructive. What could be the cause of her anger?

### **Governor of Appalachian Highlands (Indira Puri)**

Indira Puri has been a member of Clausius since 2067. She is a women of colour, and comes from a famous family of lawyers. It is expected that if The Council is ever involved in any legal problems Indira would be able to help. But she believes that everyone should be equal in society, or in other words the invalids should be equal to the valids. Though she seems like an ideal Governor, the general public is sceptic of her true beliefs.

### **Governor of Southwest (Kim Ji-woo)**

Kim Ji-Woo has recently joined The Council after the suspicious death of the previous governor. The investigation done on finding the cause of death of the previous Governor of Southwest is suspected to have not been conducted properly. It is not as if, Kim Ji-Woo could had anything to do with it...*right?*

### **Governor of Mountainous Region (George Dufferin)**

George has been a member of Clausius since 2063, he was born into a family of who strongly believed in artificial reproduction, which has lead him to strongly believe in eugenics. He intends to change the mind of all those who still participate in natural reproduction. He plans to insure not a single Invalid is born in the future generations.



**Governor of Mid-Atlantic (Jessica “JJ” Huffton)**

Jessica has been a member of Clausius since 2062, she is actually the first cousin of the current President. She has a PhD in eugenics, and strongly believes in artificial reproduction. She is very skilled, and believes she would be a much better President, and it seems many other members do too.

**Governor of the Prairies (Zofia Kowalczyk)**

Zofia has been a member of Clausius since 2062, nobody on the council knows much about her. Except for the fact that she is extremely educated, and has pride in herself. Though many members accuse her of siding a bit too much with the Invalids.

**Governor of the Territories (Boris Kuznetsov)**

Boris has been a member of Clausius since 2062, he was given his position by the former President who believed he would be an asset in convincing the aboriginals to use artificial reproduction.

**Governor of the Lowlands (Samuel Diego)**

Samuel has been a member of Clausis since 2060, he is a typical idealistic Valid. Or so he says, he has not been linked to any suspicious behaviour. Though it is slightly weird how seriously he believes all the values of the Valids- almost like an extremist.

**Governor of the Quebecois (Adalene Noble)**

Adalene Noble has been a member of the Clausis since 2065. She is prominent member of the committee as she is fluent in french, which allows the council to connect with the francophone in Eclipse. Adalene Noble is also a public speaker, who speaks passionately about genetic modification. She has travelled all around Eclipse to bring awareness in the topic of eugenics.

**General Member: Loren Vase**

Loren has been a member of Clausis since 2067, she is simple and well educated in political science. She is well aware of how Clausis works, and its ideals.

**General Member: Jon Li**



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Jon Li has been a member of Clausis since 2065, he is very well knowledgeable on eugenics and the functioning of Clausis. He was chosen to be part of the council based on his understanding and his potential.

### **General Member : Jenna Riggs**

Jenna Riggs has been a member of Clausis since 2068. She is the newest member of the council and is still trying to find her position in the council. Every day Jenna works towards the best of her abilities to impress the council with her knowledge in eugenics. She hopes to one day take on the position of a governor.

### **General Member: True Webster**

True Webster has been a member of the Clausis since 2066. True Webster is one of the youngest members of the council. When she first joined the council she was hesitant upon expressing her opinions and thoughts in eugenics as she was insecure about her intelligence. However, as she continued to work with the council to do more research in genetic modification, she became more passionate about this topic.



## Additional Links

For further information or research you may use the links below:

<https://statutory-law.knoji.com/eugenics-the-most-atrocious-form-of-human-rights-violation/>

<http://knowgenetics.org/history-of-eugenics/>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Germinal\\_choice\\_technology](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Germinal_choice_technology)

You do not require in depth knowledge on the topic of eugenics, but we encourage you to get familiar with basic terminology such as: genetics, genome, artificial/ natural selection, viruses, genetic continuity, and any of the words with asterisks on page four not included in the list above.

## Disclaimer

This guide is inspired by the movie, 'Gattaca' and current topic of conversation on the future of uses of technology in the future. The committee itself is not based on any of the events seen in the movie.

The guide was created to inspire debate and critical thinking by way of using a topic known to many.

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*~ Good Luck Council ~*